

# Pear Tree Class Phonics Screening Meeting

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024



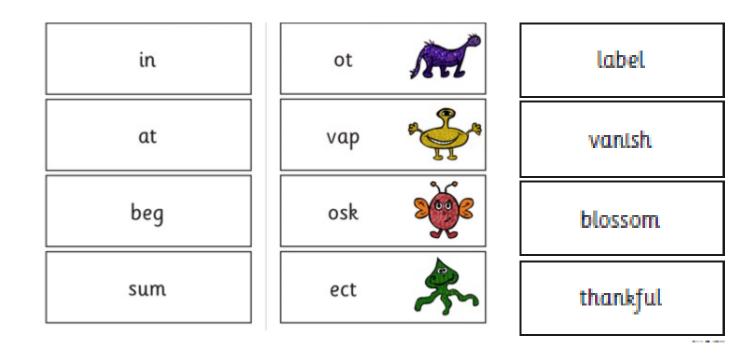
What do I need to know about the Phonics Screening?

- \* It takes place in June for all Year One children and those that didn't pass in Year Two.
- \* It isn't scary, the children sit with a known and familiar adult and do some 1:1 reading of a total of 40 real and nonsense words, for 10mins.
- \* The scores will be shared with you in their final year report (pass mark has previously always been 32).
- \* We have already begun to prepare your children for the assessment.



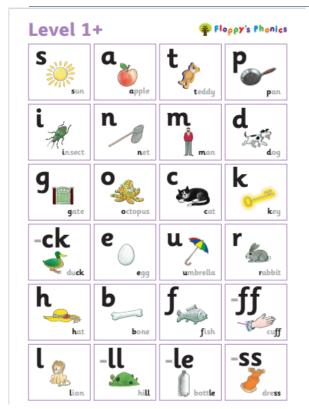
### Example

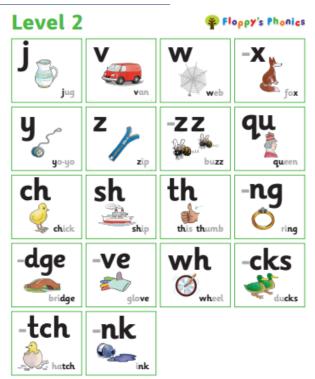
- \* The assessment begins with simple CVC words, real and nonsense and then gradually builds complexity.
- \* The past papers are available online to practice with.

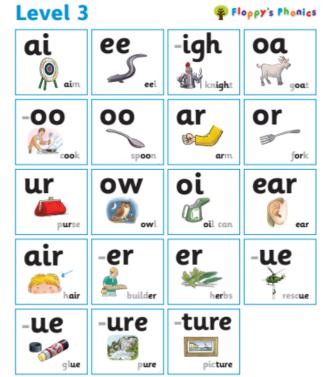




### Sounds within the assessment











How can I support my child at home?

- \* Daily reading anything!
- \* Using their phonics bookmarks to support knowledge and recapping of sounds previously taught.
- \* Encouraging your child to search for digraphs, trigraphs and split digraphs in words before attempting to read.
- \* Where they can, encourage your child to dot and dash words as this is allowed within the assessment, if the child chooses to.



### What is the alphabetic code?

Allotting letter symbols for the smallest sounds of speech is the basis for creating a spelling code - enabling us to communicate through writing.

Translating the letter symbols into sounds is the basis for reading.

Graphemes or spelling alternatives

#### Sounds

 down the left columns as there are fewer sounds than graphemes





### Phonics Terminology

\* Graphemes (spelling alternatives) are letters or letter groups that are code for the sounds:

e.g. sound /ai/ acorn, aid, play, cake, grey, sleigh, straight

\* The 'sounds' are the 'phonemes', these are the smallest sounds of speech that change the meaning of a word:

e.g. /b/ /oa/ /t/



### **Useful Websites**

- \* BBC Iplayer Alphablocks
- \* Mr Thorne's Phonics (YouTube)
- \* www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- \* www.oxfordowl.co.uk (using your class login to access books online)
- \* www.topmarks.co.uk



Questions

