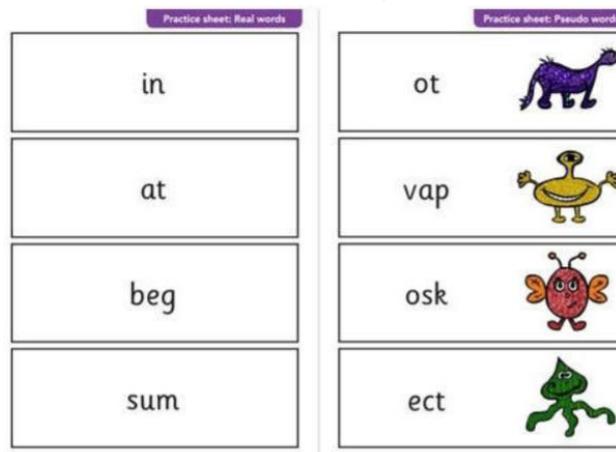


Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

At the end of Year 1, children will complete the Phonics Screening Check (a Government Assessment Tool). This check is to ensure that children are on track to become fluent readers and that they are making sufficient progress with their phonic skills. It also enables teachers to identify children who may need further consolidation in Year 2. The children are assessed individually by their teacher. It takes place in a quiet area and there is no time limit. The dates are set by the Government, but it is usually around the second week of June. If any child is absent during the specified week, they are allowed to take the test the following week, If however, a child does not take it during this two week window, they must be recorded as absent. We will make the children feel as comfortable as possible and remember your children are all stars in our eyes and with all that we do at The Ellis, we simply ask the children to do their best.

Key Information

- The children are asked to read 40 words in total. 20 are real words and 20 are alien, nonsense words. They will know which are the alien words as they have a picture of an alien next to them!
- Children can sound out the words aloud, but they have to then blend the word fully and correctly to receive a mark. If they self-correct their answer, they are still awarded a mark.
- Here is an example of the first page of a check. The subsequent pages increase in difficulty, but are all based around the Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 Read Write Inc sounds.



- The results are issued to parents before the end of the school year.
- The pass mark has historically been 32/40 however, the threshold is always released shortly after the phonics screening has taken place.
- If any child does not reach the standard threshold, they will sit the screening test at the end of Year 2 and we will ensure they receive continued additional intervention support to develop their phonic skills.

The children will do lots of practise on these in school, but you can also support your child by reading regularly at home and practising the sounds in the front of their Read Write Inc Book Bag books. The more that children read at home, the more fluent and confident they become.

Little and often can really make a difference and help your child to become confident with phonics!

