

Phonics in Year 1

Reading using phonics

The children:

- ▶ learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts
- ▶ learn to read words using Fred talk and sound blending
- ▶ read from a range of storybooks and non-fiction books matched to their phonic knowledge

Picture phrases

ay



may I play?

2. day, play, may, way, lay, say, tray, spray

aw



yawn at dawn

3. saw, raw, law, straw, dawn, paw,
crawl, jaw, claw, yawn

We teach children sounds using a picture phrases to help them remember, e.g. ay, may I play?
aw, yawn at dawn.

Many sounds have two or more letters making one sound. We call these ‘Special Friends’.

Speed Sounds Set 2



Speed Sounds Set 3



After learning the Set 2 sounds, your child will have learnt one way in which each long vowel sound is written. When learning their Set 3 speed sounds, they will be taught that there are more ways in which the same sounds are written, e.g. ee as in tree, and ea as in tea.

ay



may I play?

ai



snail in the rain

a-e



make a cake

When a sound has two letters, which work as a pair to make one sound, but are separated with the word e.g. 'a-e' (cake), we call it a 'split digraph'.

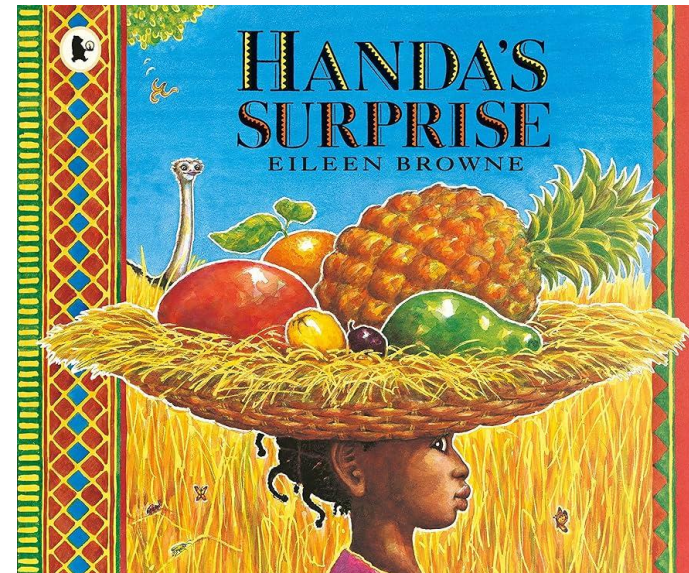
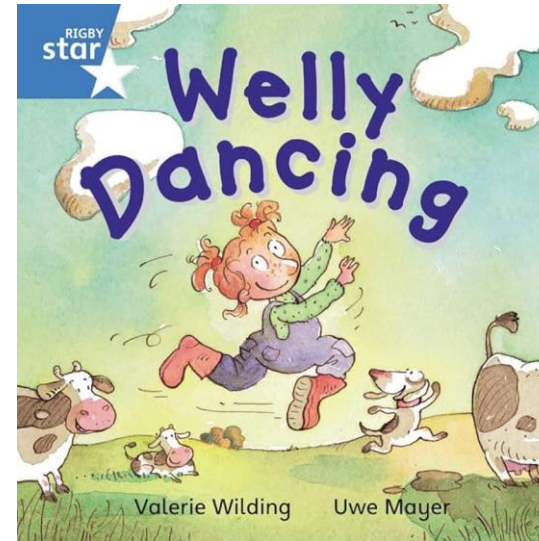
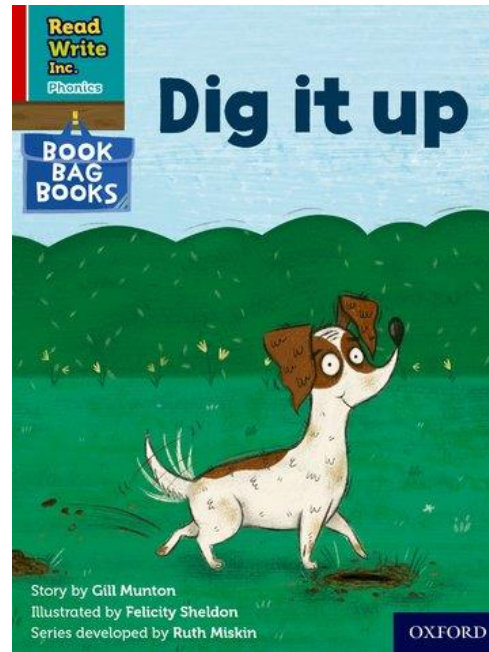
Reading books



Alongside learning sounds, children read phonetically decodable books to practise what they have learnt. We use books in school and send home corresponding 'Book Bag' books.

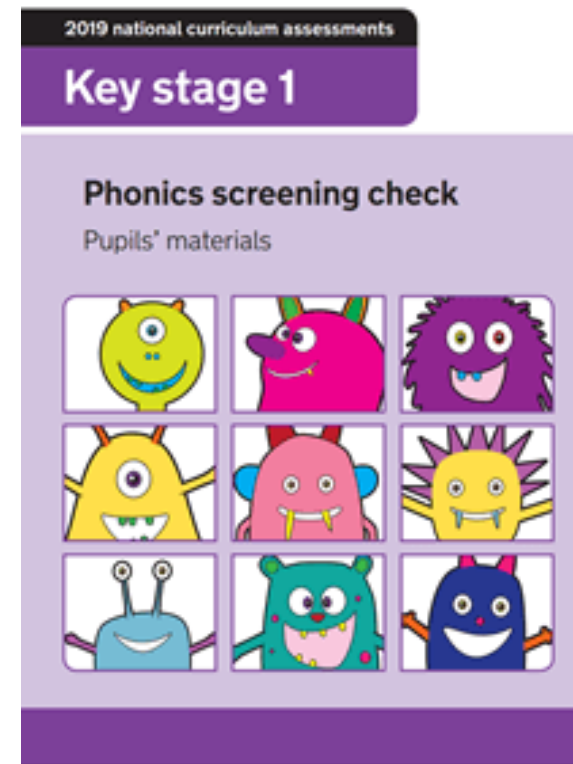
Reading Books

- ▶ Phonics book
- ▶ Sticker book (colour band)
- ▶ Bug Club ebooks
- ▶ Library book



What is the phonics screening check?

- ▶ A word reading test at the end of Year 1
- ▶ Children read 40 words
- ▶ Monday 10th - Friday 14th June
- ▶ Results are sent home with the end-of-year report



What do the children have to do?

Practice sheet: Real words	Practice sheet: Pseudo words
in	ot 
at	vap 
beg	osk 
sum	ect 

Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word



We teach children to read the words using the routine 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk', read the word'.
Children spot the 'Special Friends' (two letters that make one sound), Fred talk the word, and then read the word as a whole.

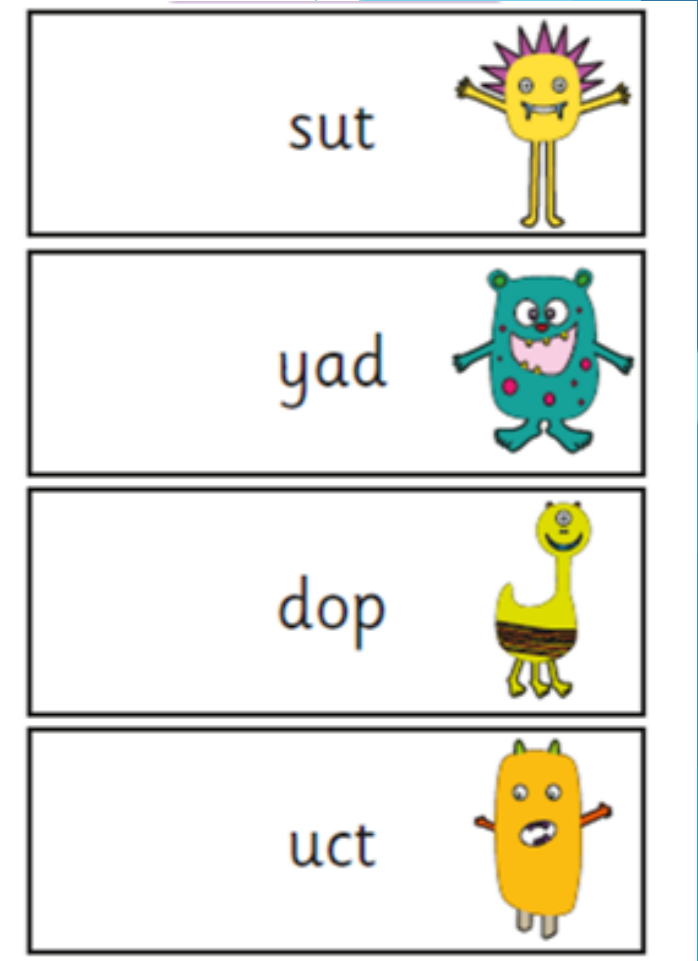
Nonsense (alien) words

Half of the words in the check are real words.

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There is a picture of an alien next to each word to remind the children that it isn't a real word.

Nonsense words check that children will be able to read sounds they know in unfamiliar words.



Helping at home

- ▶ Lots of reading
- ▶ Practise looking for digraphs in words
- ▶ <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/#set3ssps>

