Information about the National Phonics Screening Check

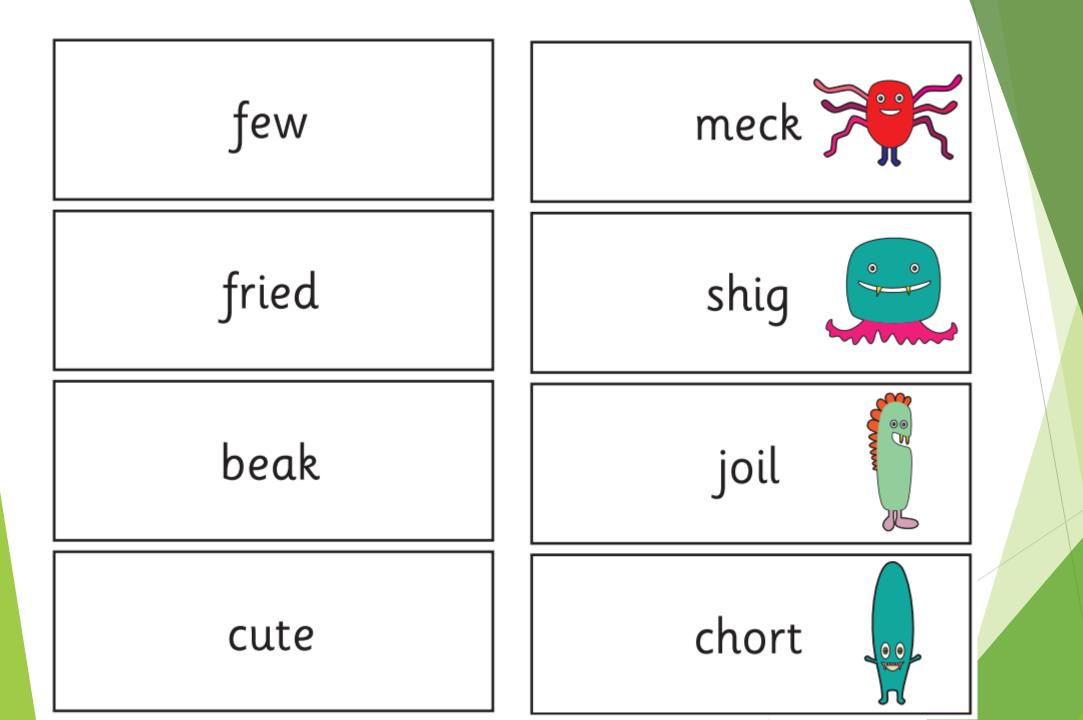
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What is phonics?

- Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully.
- * They are taught how to recognise the sounds that each phoneme makes.
- Children are taught to read by breaking down words into separate sounds or phonemes. They are then taught how to blend these sounds together to read the whole word.
- Children have a phonics lesson each day and are encouraged to use these strategies to read and write in other lessons.
- There are around 40 different sounds to learn.

What will the children be expected to do in the Phonics Screening Check?

- •Children will be asked to read 40 words 20 real words and 20 nonsense words.
- •These words will increase in difficulty as the screening goes on.
- •Children will be able to sound out the words and blend the sounds together to be able to read them.
- •They will be able to add sound buttons to each of the words if they need to.



When will the screening take place?

The screening will take place throughout the week beginning *Monday 6th June 2022*.

The children <u>cannot retake</u> the test at any other time so it is very important your child is in school during this week.

How does the screening take place?

- Children will work one to one with their class teacher to complete the screening.
- We will work in a quiet area of school to allow children to concentrate.
- The screening will take around 5-10 minutes.

What are we doing in school to prepare the children for the screening?

- Daily phonics lesson
- Practise screenings
- Daily opportunities when 'learning around the room'

What can you do to help?

Please continue to read with your child every night and encourage them to:

- Sound out words as they need to
- Look for different sound that are in the words
- Re-read after sounding out to each that it makes sense
- Play some simple games to practise decoding real and nonsense words.

What happens after the screening?

- Results will be reported to DfE.
- Results sent to parents.

Thank you

