

# Welcome to Saint Augustine's Phonics Workshop



# Aims of the session

- ▶ To become familiar with vocabulary related to phonics
- ▶ To understand the importance of pronouncing sounds correctly
- ▶ To understand the process of blending for reading
- ▶ To explore a range of activities that support your child's reading
- ▶ To explain the Phonics Screening Check that happens in June in Year One



# Phonics



# Terminology

**Phoneme**

**Blend**

**Grapheme**

**Segment**

**Digraph**

**Adjacent consonant**

**Trigraph**

**Split digraph**

# Terminology

- ▶ **Phoneme** The smallest unit of sound that can be identified in words. We sometimes simply call this a 'sound'
- ▶ **Grapheme** A letter or group of letters used to represent a particular phoneme when writing. With children, we sometimes call this 'a sound written down' e.g. the phoneme 'f' can be written as f (fun), ff (huff) or ph (photo)
- ▶ **Segmenting** To identify each of the individual phonemes in a word, working all the way through from left to right.
- ▶ **Blending** To combine individual phonemes into a whole word, working all the way through from left to right.
- ▶ **Digraph** A grapheme using two letters to represent one phoneme '*two letters, one sound*'.
- ▶ **Trigraph** A grapheme using three letters to represent one phoneme '*three letters, one sound*'.
- ▶ **Split digraph** A digraph representing a vowel sound where its two letters are split by an intervening consonant (for example, 'a\_e' in 'take').

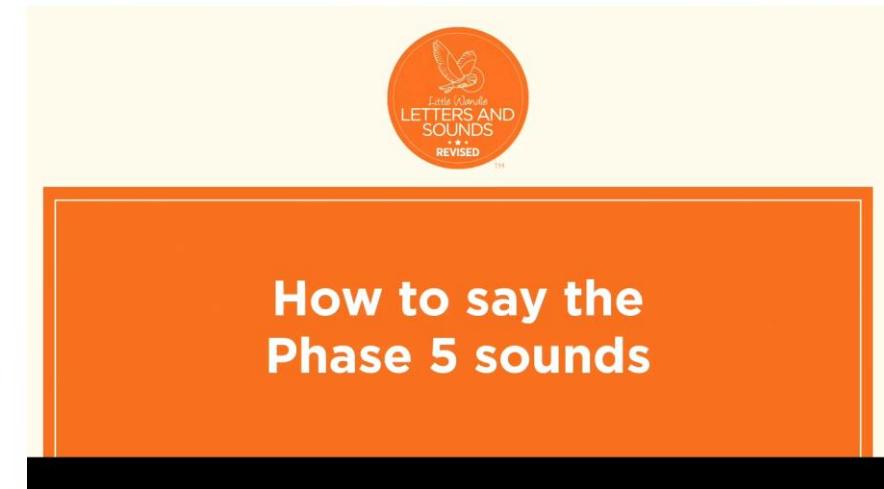


# What your child been taught so far

Your child has been taught most of Phase 5, they know:

- new graphemes for the Phase 2 and 3 sounds
- that the same grapheme can have alternative pronunciations.

The 'Grow the code' lessons support children with reading and spelling these alternative spellings.



**How we teach Phase 5**

# Reading words

Children will be able to:

- blend independently
- blend in their heads with increasing fluency and confidence
- start to distinguish between different phonemes/graphemes.





# Phonics Screening Check

# In June, Year One take part in a Phonics Screening Check



## What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- It is a quick check of your child's phonics knowledge.
- It is **not** designed to create any stress or anxiety for your child.
- It assesses decoding skills using phonics.
- It consists of 40 words (20 real words, 20 'alien words').

If children do not achieve the required score in Year 1, they will retake the screening at the end of Year 2.

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sut	shop
yad	yell
dop	peel
uct	check

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# How does the check work?

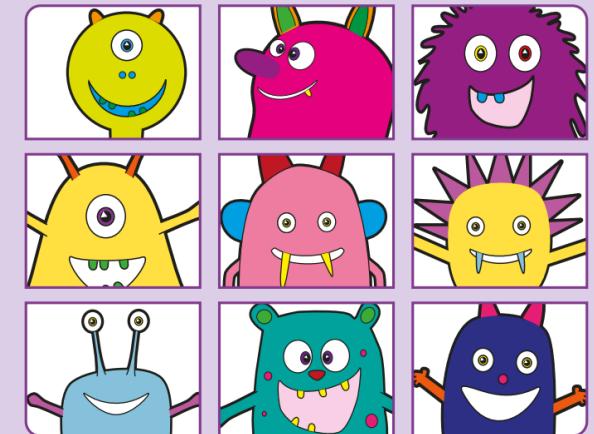
- Your child will sit with a member of staff that they know.
- They will be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- This takes just a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit.
- If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop.
- It has been carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

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## Key stage 1

### Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



# What are 'alien words'?



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## Why we teach alien words for Phonics Screening Check

### A quick guide to alien words

- Watch up to 1 minute 30.

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# 'Alien words' recap



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- The check will contain 20 'alien words'.
- The children will be familiar with alien words and will start to read them.
- Alien words assess children's decoding skills and are used in lessons for the purpose of preparing for the Phonics Screening Check.
- Children cannot read these words by using their memory or known vocabulary, so they have to use their decoding skills. This is a fair way to assess their ability to decode.
- The Phonics Screening Check will be administered in June.

# Now you will have the opportunity to carry out some phonics activities with your child



## Activities

Read and Race

Real and Alien words (Trash and Treasure)

Obb (Alien) and Bob (real) words

Phoneme detectives – can you add the sound buttons?

Football - Real & nonsense words

iPads – Phonics play website (All phase 3 words level)

# Questions

- ▶ Feel free to ask any question regarding phonics or reading as this may help other parents.
- ▶ If you would like to ask a question at a later date then please do not hesitate to ask Miss Saddington.