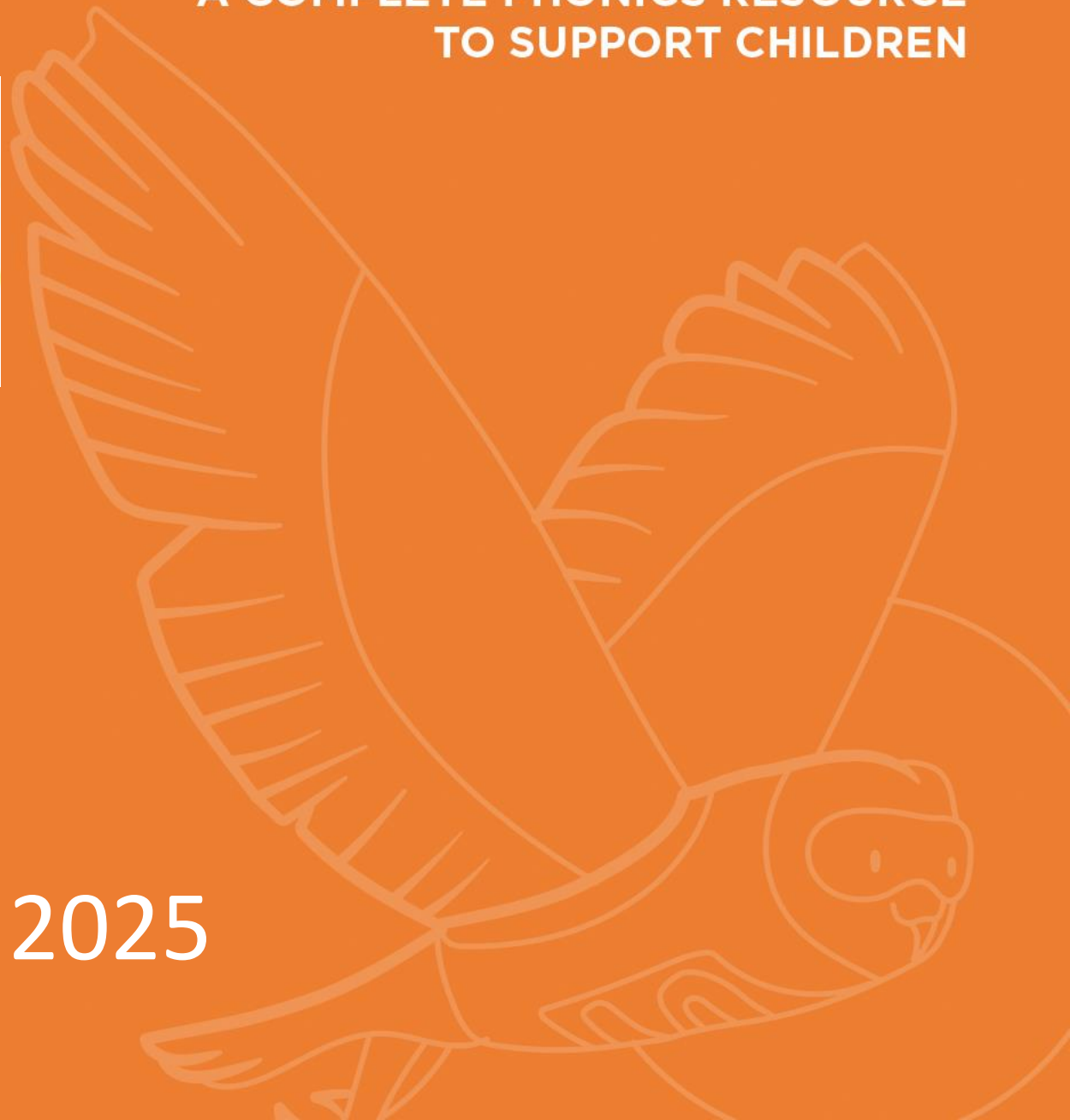




A COMPLETE PHONICS RESOURCE
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

Parent workshop: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2025



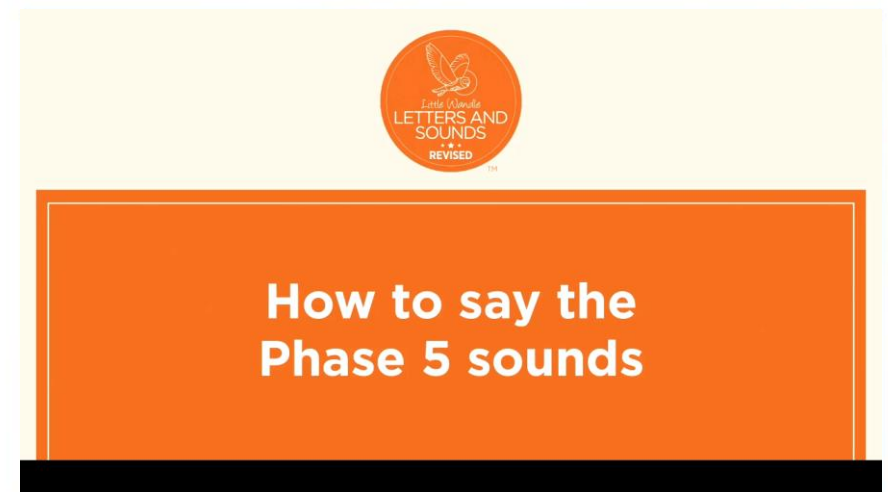
What your child has been taught so far...



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.
- Little Wandle has prepared our children well.

The 'Grow the code' lessons support children with reading and spelling alternative sounds within words



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

WC 9th June 2025

This term we are preparing for the Phonics Screening Check

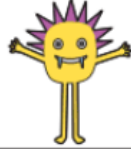





What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- It is a quick check of your child's phonics knowledge.
- It is **not** designed to create any stress or anxiety for your child. They have already had lots of experience of completing these from Reception to Year 1.
- It assesses decoding skills using phonics.
- It consists of 40 words (20 real words, 20 'alien words').
- It is a Government requirement.

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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How does the check work?

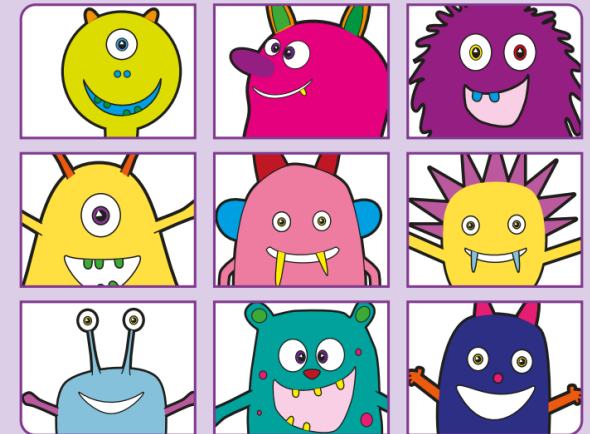
- Your child will sit with a member of staff that they know.
- They will be asked to read 40 words aloud.
- This takes just a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit.
- If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop.
- It has been carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

2023 national curriculum assessments

Key stage 1

Phonics screening check

Pupils' materials



What are alien words?



Why we teach alien words
for Phonics Screening Check



A quick guide to alien words

'Alien words' recap



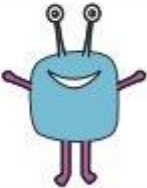



- The check will contain 20 'alien words'.
- The children will be familiar with alien words and will start to read them this term.
- Alien words assess children's decoding skills and are used in lessons for the purpose of preparing for the Phonics Screening Check **only**.
- Children cannot read these 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.

Top tips...

- Practice before they start – reminded to blend each word.
- Take your time!
- Clear and concise – explain that the child needs to read the words aloud.
- Sound buttons can be used by the children if they want to add them onto their sheet.
- Real or nonsense words – teacher will inform which one it is on every page.

Practice sheet: pseudo-words

ot	
vap	
osk	
ect	

After the check...

Documents sent off to LA

- Marks published and schools notified.
- Tick box on end of year reports will indicate if they have met or not met the required standard.
- If a child has not met the expected standard (usually 32 out of 40) they will gain further support in phonics in year 2 and undertake another phonics screening check at the end of Year 2.

Screening check: answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

Screening check responses: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
bem			
dax			
kig			
eld			
besh			
quab			
barp			
chell			
grux			
smung			
nesk			
foint			
thud			
hang			
coin			
shell			
twig			
flick			
vest			
horns			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
vair			
cloat			
tirt			
whike			
plunt			
flards			
spran			
splew			
globe			
teams			
bowl			
chase			
print			
clouds			
spree			
stroke			
visit			
fabric			
trapeze			
concrete			

Total correct

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What can you do at home?

Resources to use at home...



- ***Visit the school website & go to:*** School information – Curriculum – Phonics and Early Reading
- All information discussed is on the school website
- Example papers are on the website
- Pronunciation Videos are on the website

Games

- Phonics play (Buried Treasure and Picnic on Pluto)

- Monster phonics



Supporting your child with phonics – see school website



Videos



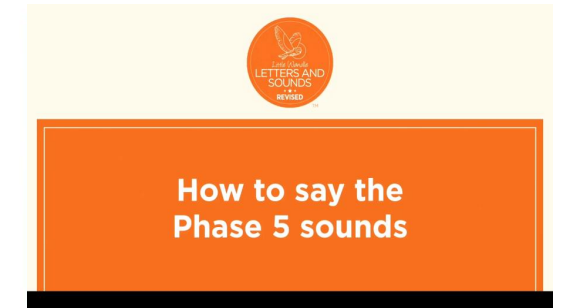
Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2



Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1



How to say Phase 5 sounds



Thank you

