Today I want to help you understand more about the Phonics Screening Check – a word reading test that all Year 1s undertake in June.

This year's test will take place in the week commencing Monday 8th June.

Accurate word-reading at six is a good predictor of future reading success.

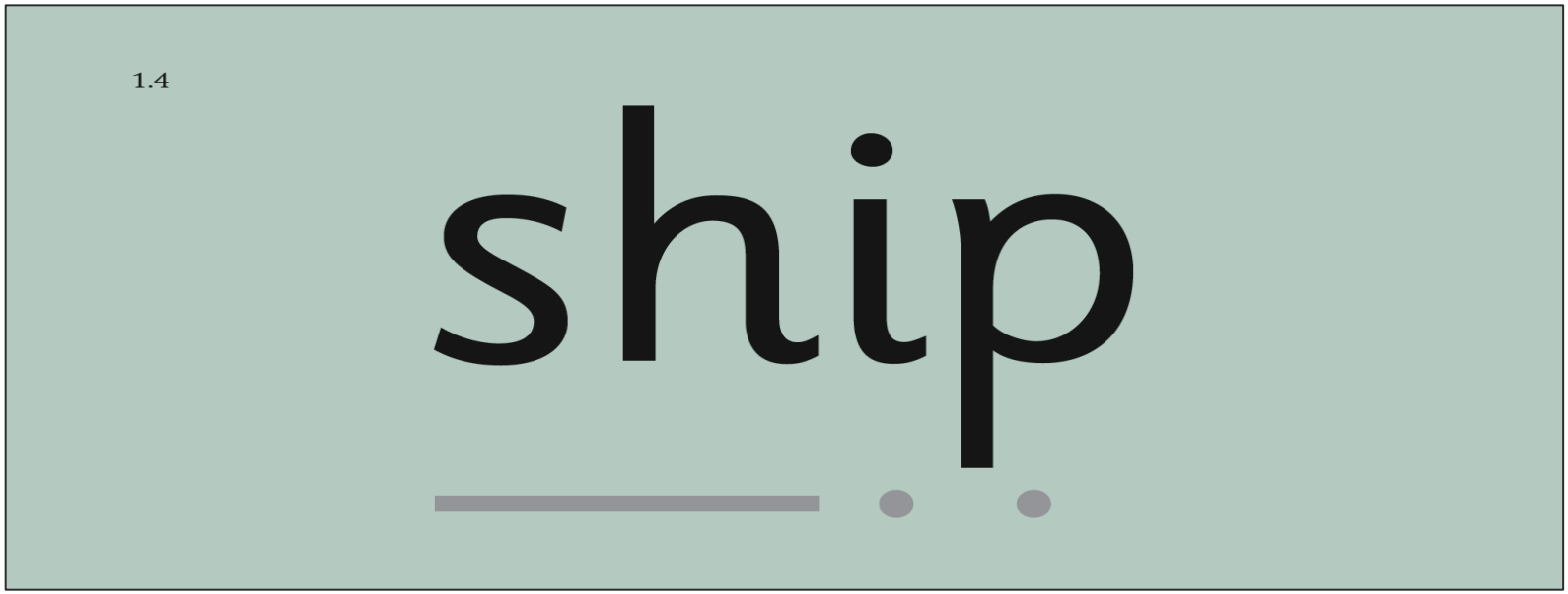
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What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- A word-reading test at the end of Year 1
- Children read 40 words
- The test is not timed, and children will read to a teacher that they know.
- The pass mark is currently 32 words. If children do not meet this standard, they will continue to receive extra support and will retake the test in Year 2.

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‘Special Friends’, ‘Fred Talk’, read the word



We teach children to read both real and nonsense 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.

For example, ‘sh’, sh-i-p, ship.

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Nonsense words



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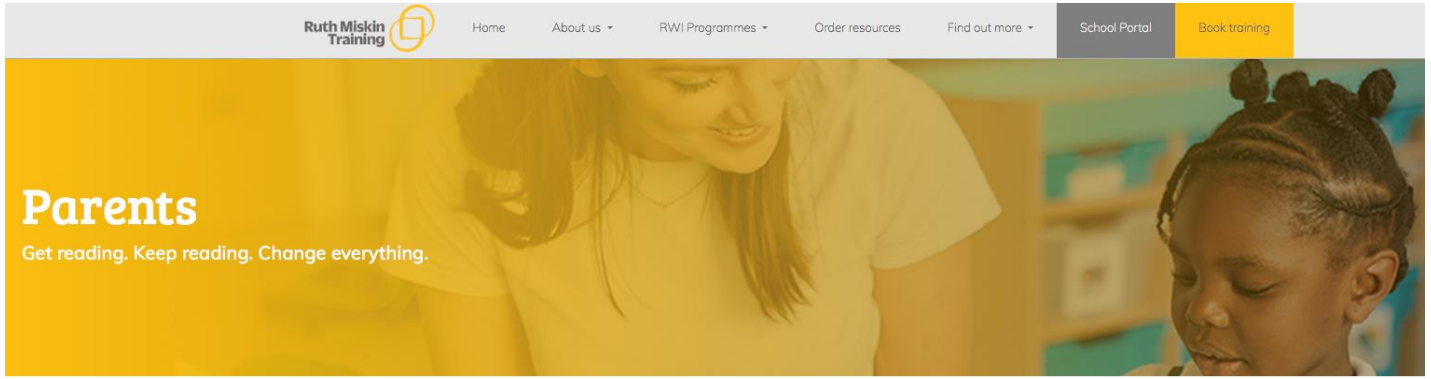


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Half of the words in the check are real words. Half the words are alien words. There is a picture of an alien next to each word to remind the children that it isn't a real word.

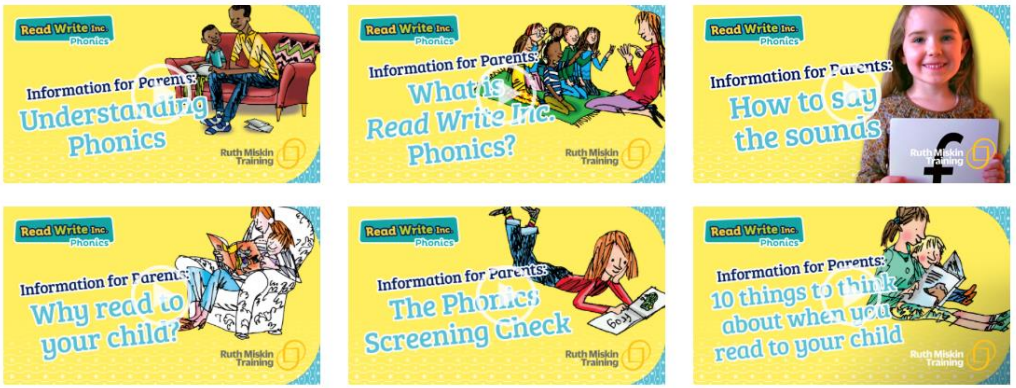
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What can you do?

1. Use ‘Special Friends’, ‘Fred Talk’, read the word’ to read words
2. Practise reading sounds speedily - ‘review, review, review’
3. Listen to your child read their Storybook every day

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Online resources available

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http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/

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Reading changes everything

Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson

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Any other questions

