



# Phonics Information Evening

Fairway Primary Academy

# Welcome Parents!

**The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go. - Dr Seuss**

# What is phonics?

- Phonics is the link between letters and sounds they make
- Although there are 26 letters in the English alphabet, they are made up of speech sounds (phonemes). In English there are 44 sounds
- Alphabets are used to record these sounds (graphemes) In English there are more than 140 graphemes

One of the most complex alphabetic codes in the world.

*Consonants: stretchy*

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
					c					
					ce					

*Consonants: bouncy*

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch											

*Vowels*

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				ā-e	y	ī-e	ō-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

# Definitions

**Phoneme**- the smallest unit of sound in a word

**Grapheme**- what we write to represent a sound/phoneme- for some phonemes, this could be more than one letter

T      ai      igh

**Oral blending**-Hearing a series of spoken sounds and merging (blending)them together to make a spoken word- no text is used

**Blending**-Recognising the letter sounds in a written word c-u-p/cup

# Definitions

- **Digraph**- Two letters which make one sound
  - Consonant digraph** - sh, ch
  - Vowel digraph** - oy
- **Trigraph** - three letters that make one sound e.g igh



# Split Diagraphs

Children often find split diagraphs more challenging to learn

Special friends who like to chat too much so they are split up

**a-e**    **i-e**    **o-e**    **u-e**



make a cake



nice smile



phone home

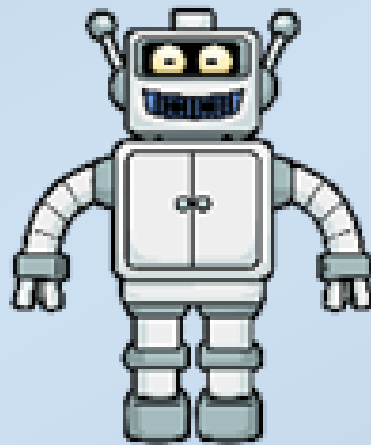


huge brute

My Turn Your Turn  
ay



Robot talk- ay



P-l-ay s-p-r-ay

# Robot fingers- ay



P-l-ay s-p-r-ay

# Tricky words

- Some words can not be sounded out or blended and need to be recognised as whole e.g.

said the eyes

- These are taught as tricky words
- Children develop their ability to do this over time
- Children develop their own way of remembering these

# Phonics screening check

- The test administered in school to check how well each child is progressing in phonics and ensures that children receive additional support promptly. Scores are reported to the local authority and government for statistical purposes
- Children usually take the phonic screening test in June. This year the test was cancelled owing to the lockdown, so the now current Year 2 children will complete the screening check during the last week of November.
- Children who needed to retake the test and are now in Year 3 will also be tested at this time.
- The current Year 1 class will be tested in June 2021
- The test is divided into two sections which consists of 40 words in total and it will assess phonics skills and knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1
- The test takes 5-10 minutes per child and practice tests are completed giving children the confidence to complete the test without anxiety. Parents will be informed of their child's score by letter.

# Screening check: Answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

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

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
tox			
bim			
vap			
ulf			
geck			
chom			
tord			
thazz			
blan			
steck			
hild			
quemp			
shin			
gang			
week			
chill			
grit			
start			
best			
hooks			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
voo			
jound			
terg			
fape			
snemp			
blurst			
spron			
stroft			
day			
slide			
newt			
phone			
blank			
trains			
strap			
scribe			
rusty			
finger			
dentist			
starling			

Total correct

Practice sheet: Real words

in


at

beg

sum

Practice sheet: Pseudo words

ot 

vap 

osk 

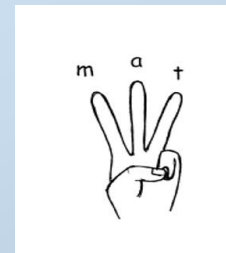
ect 

- [Watch Phonics Screening](#)

# How can you help at home?

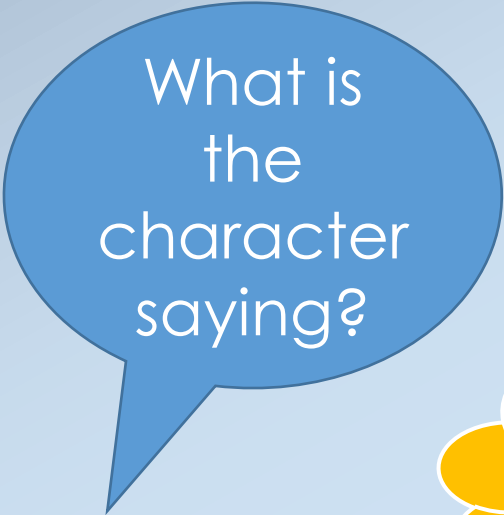
- By knowing the 44 pure sounds
- Knowing how to blend m-a-t
- Knowing how to use robot fingers
- Spotting special friends or diagraphs in reading books

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										nk	
Consonants: bouncy											
b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y
		k									ch
Vowels: bouncy						Vowels: stretchy					
a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow			
Vowels: stretchy											
oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy				



# And....

- By reading to your son/daughter e.g. stories/newspaper extracts
- Asking lots of questions and sharing opinions



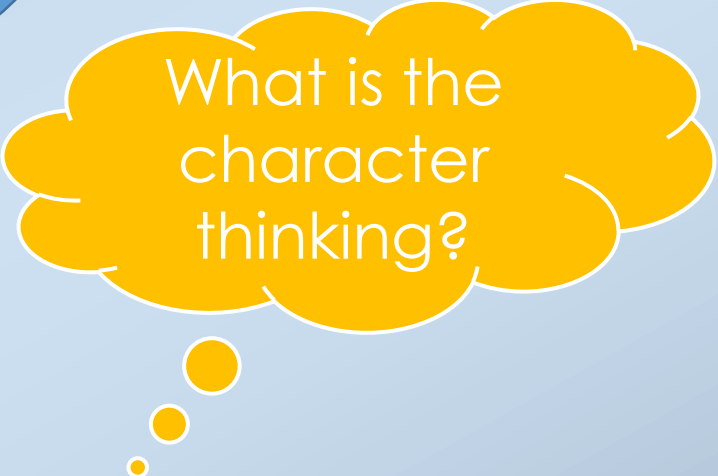
What is the character saying?



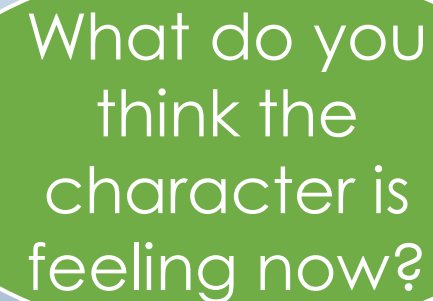
What do you think happens next?



What is happening?



What is the character thinking?



What do you think the character is feeling now?