Dear Parent / Carer,

Below are the different sounds, their matching rhymes, examples of real words with each sound and examples of ‘alien’ words, similar to the ones that the children will be tested on in the Phonics Screening Check in June. To prepare them for this check, please make an effort to test your child on all the sounds each day. Then see if they are able to successfully decode and read the example real words and the alien words for each sound. You may wish to write this onto flash cards to make it easier for your child to practise.

Encourage them to spot the phonemes (sounds) in each real/alien word to help them to blend. When your child is confident, you can encourage them read a selection of the words in any random order!

When your child can read ALL the words and alien words provided here with ease, get them to think of other examples of real and ‘alien’ words with each sound. Add these to your own collection of flashcards and practise these for 5-10 minutes every day!

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| **Sounds** | **Examples of real words** | **Examples of pseudo ‘alien’ words** |
| **a** | apple  cat  tap | hab  vam |
| **b** | bad  bat | baz  bav |
| **c** | cat  cup  can | cav  caz  nac |
| **d** | dog  dim  pod | dil  pid  fud |
| **e** | hen  let  fed  lemon | gref  ced  bep  dem |
| **f** | if  fix  fond | vif  kif  fap |
| **ff** | puff  scruff  cliff  stuff | cruff  liff  bruff  haff |
| **g** | gum  gift  gas  got | gad  ganf  kag |
| **h** | ham  hand  hen | haff  hax |
| **i** | hit  bit  trip  brick | hin  piv  diz |
| **j** | jam  jug  jog | kaj  nij  suj |
| **k** | napkin  kid  kitten | Kippid  Krub  Krist |
| **l** | leg  loo  loft | pel  siln  milp |
| **ll** | full  million  drill  still | gell  billt  sull |
| **m** | man  jam  magnet  mushrooms | manet  melv  mup |
| **n** | nest  nuts  needle | neth  nesht  nuds |
| **o** | hot  plop  shop | Kosc  oxb  nov |
| **p** | pet  clap  plants  plums | tep  Drap  quap |
| **qu** | quilt  quick  quack  quiz | quib  quav |
| **r** | red  rug  rock | ril  rapd  remp |
| **s** | sit  hens  sick | tegs  saxp  mavs |
| **ss** | Miss  Kiss  dresses | Viss  Briss  niss |
| **t** | tags  tap  congrats | Vams  Tigs |
| **u** | cups  sum  umbrella | nust  lusp |
| **v** | vets  vest  velvet | bev  piv  delvet |
| **w** | wet  wig  went | Wep  Wip  Weem |
| **x** | mix  exit  foxes  excited | vix  pix  exip |
| **y** | yes  yell  yuck | yipt  yed  yix |
| **z** | zip  zebra  zoom | vez  wizp  biz |
| **zz** | jazz  fuzz  fizz | luzz  suzz  duzz |
| **ch** | check  dutch  chop  lunch | Nuch  Druch  Chim  chan |
| **ck** | quack  duck  rocket  chicken  clock | weck  dack  gock  fruck |
| **ng** | singing  bring  bang  string | dring  fring  fong  streng |
| **ph** | prophet  graph  elephant  dolphin | phonit  ralpha  phream |
| **th** | this  both  with  sixth | wreth  breth  nith  drith |
| **sh** | ship  shell  dish  shelf | shimp  shev  shub  shix |
| **wh** | when  whisper  whip  wheat | whed  whid  whiv |
| **Letter string:**  **Str** | String  Strong  street | Strump  Stred  Strill |
| **Letter string:**  **scr** | Scrum  Scrap  scratch | Scrak  Scrax  Scraf |
|  | **Examples of real words** | **Examples of pseudo ‘alien’ words** |
| **ay**  may I play? | spr**ay**  play  holiday  birthday  May | j**ay**m  bayt  conay  layp  gotayl |
| **ee**  what can you see? | sl**ee**p  need  creeping  seeds  feel | l**ee**t  geep  seeg  feev  theeb |
| **igh**  fly high | bright  might  higher  tights | dighl  wigh  conight  jight |
| **ow**  blow the snow | show  grow  know  throw | fowk  scrow  drowt  dinowt |
| **oo**  poo at the zoo | food  cool  spoon  spooky | doog  tood  sassoom  wooz |
| **oo**  look at a book | good  wood  look  shook | goop  dooby  aboof  noov |
| **ar**  start the car | hard  scar  mark  target | quarp  sarg  donart  tharg |
| **or**  shut the door | sorting  short  north  order  torch  forty | rorth  dorg  corthy  sorfet  lorp |
| ***Trigraph***  **air**  that’s not fair | lair  fairy  pair  stairs  repair | sair  dair  thairl  zair |
| **ir**  whirl and twirl | dirty  thirsty  third  girl  bird | hirg  wirp  quirl  virly |
| **ou**  shout it out | found  mouth  round  house  outside  outrage | doutrage  nouth  gound  oufsite |

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|  | **Examples of real words** | **Examples of alien words** |
| **ea**  cup of tea | clean  screamed  meat  lead | feab  neag  deam  pleab |
| **oi**  spoil the boy | voice  coin  noisy  point | hoin  woil  doif  canoiv |
| ***Split digraph***  **a-e**  make a cake | name  hate  tale  shape | dape  lupade  fane  zame |
| ***Split Digraph***  **i-e**  nice smile | shine  white  like  time | dile  sige  whize  nige |
| ***Split digraph***  **o-e**  phone home | spoke  broke  throne  dose | fose  wose  crose  plose |
| ***Split digraph***  **u-e**  huge brute | confuse  use  June  rude  excuse  mule | guse  duze  abude  supe  fube  buke |
| **aw**  yawn at dawn | crawl  yawned  hawk  fawn  awful  prawn | canaw  kawn  wrawn  quawn  hawt  pawz |
| ***Trigraph***  **are**  care and share | scare  square  bare  dare  aware | gared  ware  scrare  strare |
| **ur**  nurse with a purse | burned  lurk  turn  slurp  purse  hurl | gurf  durg  vurl  surb  nurp |
| **er**  better letter | proper  weather  after  never  corner | rever  rafter  kaner  ger  sert |
| **ow**  brown cow | now  brown  crown  shower  flower  power | fower  sprower  gow  zrows  bowt |
| **ai**  snail in the rain | fail  again  explain  chain | haikt  thail  maim  saipt |
| **oa**  goat in a boat | float  approach  toast  foam  loath | hoam  poas  zoag  conoad  yoat |
| **ew**  chew the stew | view  few  jewel  nephew | lewt  zewp  tephew  kewel |
| ***Trigraph***  **ire**  fire fire! | admire  wire  tired  hired | gire  conpire  stronire  nire |
| ***Trigraph***  **ear**  hear with your ear | fear  near  spear  year | kear  vearly  dreart  bearf |
| ***Trigraph***  **ure**  sure it’s pure | sure  picture  culture  structure | nure  dure  zure  vure |
| **au**  Laura, the daughter | launch  daughter  fraud  vault | jaut  baug  mault |
| **ue**  blue glue | blue  glue  argue  continue  statue | fluem  plue  scruep  crued |
| ***Split digraph***  **e-e**  evening scene | delete  theme  eve  complete | Clumpete  Dreve  Plene |
| **ie**  Lie for a pie | tried  replied  cried  tie | zie  bie  jie  sie |
| **oe**  There goes my toe | toes  potatoes  tomatoes  foe  goes | Koe  Stroe  vargoes  voes |

If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to ask your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 1 Team