

Reading Progression Document

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Decoding	Phonics and Decoding	Phonics and Decoding	Phonics and Decoding	Phonics and Decoding	Phonics and Decoding	Phonics and Decoding
 (Age 3-4) Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes count or clap syllables in words recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother (Reception) Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter- sound correspondences. Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter- sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. (ELG) Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. 	To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. To blend sounds in unfamiliar wordsusing the GPCs that they have been taught. To respond speedily, giving the correctsound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes. To read words containing taught GPCs. To read words containing - s, -es, -ing, -ed and -est endings. To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.	To continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. To read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. To accurately read most words of two or more syllables. To read most words containing common suffixes.	To use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words). To apply their growing knowledge of root words and prefixes, including in-, im-, il-, ir-, dis-, mis-, un-, re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti-and auto-to begin to read aloud. To apply their growing knowledge of root words and suffixes/word endings, including-ation, -ly, -ous, -ture, -sure, -sion, -tion, -ssion and -cian, to begin to read aloud.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/ word endings, including -sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, -ant/-ance/-ancy, -ent/- ence/-ency, -able/-ably and - ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.	To read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/ Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings* and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.

Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words. Common Exception Words (Reception) Read a few	Common Exception Words To read Y1 common	Common Exception Words To read most Y1 and Y2	Common Exception Words To begin to read Y3/Y4	Common Exception Words To read all Y3/Y4 exception	Common Exception Words To read most Y5/ Y6	Common Exception Words
common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. (ELG)To read some common irregular words.	exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.	common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	exception words.	words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and these occur in the word.	exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	
Fluency (Age 3-4) Understand the	Fluency To accurately read texts	Fluency To read aloud books	Fluency At this stage, teaching	Fluency At this stage, teaching	Fluency At this stage, teaching	Fluency At this stage, teaching
 five key concepts about print: print has meaning the names of different parts of a book print can have different purposes page sequencing we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom (Reception) Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondences. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter- sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment. 	that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge, that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words. To reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.	 (closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge), sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation. To reread these books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. To read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words per minute, in age-appropriate texts. 	comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.	comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.	comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.	comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.
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including some common						
exception words.	I had a wate or all the second	I had a wate in diversion of	the densities after a cond	the density of the stand	the density of the stand	the develop of the second
Understanding and	Understanding and	Understanding and	Understanding and	Understanding and	Understanding and	Understanding and
Correcting Inaccuracies	Correcting Inaccuracies	Correcting Inaccuracies	Correcting Inaccuracies	Correcting Inaccuracies	Correcting Inaccuracies	Correcting Inaccuracies
(Age 3-4) Enjoy listening to	To check that a text makes	To show understanding by				
longer stories and can	sense to them as they read	drawing on what they				
remember much of what	and to self- correct.	already know or on				
happens.		background information				
Understand 'why' questions,		and vocabulary provided by				
like: "Why do you think the		the teacher.				
caterpillar got so fat?"						
Be able to express a point of		To check that the text				
view and debate when they		makes sense to them as				
disagree with an adult or a		they read and to correct				
friend, using words as well		inaccurate reading.				
as actions.						
(Reception) Listen to and						
talk about stories to build						
familiarity and						
understanding.						
Listen to and talk about						
selected non-fiction to						
develop a deep familiarity						
with new knowledge and						
vocabulary.						
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(ELG) Demonstrate understanding of what has						
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been read to them by						
retelling stories and						
narratives using their own						
words and recently introduced vocabulary.						
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Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting	Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting	Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting	Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting	Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting	and Commenting	Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting
(Age3-4) Be able to express	To listen to and discuss a	To participate in discussion	To recognise, listen to and	To discuss and compare	To read a wide range of	To read for pleasure,
a point of view and debate	wide range of fiction, non-	about books, poems and	discuss a wide range of	texts from a wide variety	genres, identifying the	discussing, comparing and
when they disagree with	fiction and poetry at a level	other works that are read	fiction, poetry, plays, non-	of genres and writers.	characteristics of text types	evaluating in depth across
an adult or a friend, using	beyond that at which they	to them	fiction and	-	(such as the use of the first	a wide range of genres,
words as well as actions.	can read independently.	(at a level beyond at which	reference books or	To read for a range of	person in writing diaries	including myths, legends,
(Reception) Compare and		they can read	textbooks.	purposes.	and autobiographies) and	traditional stories, modern
contrast characters from	To link what they have	independently) and those			differences between text	fiction, fiction from our
stories, including figures	readorhavereadtothem to	that they can read for	To use appropriate	To identify themes and	types.	literary heritage and books
from the past.	their own experiences.	themselves, explaining	terminology when	conventions in a wide		from other cultures and
				range of books.		traditions.

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Retell the story, once they have developed a deep	To retell familiar stories in	their understanding and expressing their views.	discussing texts (plot, character, setting).	To refer to authorial style, overall themes (e.g.	To participate in discussions about books	To recognise more complex themes in what
familiarity with the text;	increasing detail.	expressing their views.	character, setting).	triumph of good over evil)	that are read to them and	they read (such as loss or
some as exact repetition	To join in with discussions	To become increasingly		and features (e.g. greeting	those they can read for	heroism).
and some in their own	about a text, taking turns	familiar with and to retell a		in letters, a diary written in	themselves, building on	neroising.
words.	and listening to what	wide range of stories, fairy		the first person or the use	their own and others' ideas	To explain and discuss their
words.	others say.	stories and traditional		of presentational devices	and challenging views	understanding of what
(FLC) Liston attentively and	others say.	tales.		-		-
(ELG) Listen attentively and respond to what they hear	To discuss the significance	tales.		such as numbering and headings).	courteously.	they have read, including through formal
with relevant questions,	of titles and events.	To discuss the sequence of		neaungs).	To identify main ideas	presentations and debates,
comments and actions	of titles and events.	events in books and how		To identify how language,	drawn from more than one	maintaining a focus on the
when being read to and		items of information are		structure and presentation	paragraph and to	topic and using notes
during whole class		related.		-	summarise these.	where necessary.
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group interactions.		To recognise simple		To identify main ideas drawn from more than one		To listen to guidance and foodback on the guality of
Offer explanations for why		recurring literarylanguage in			peers based on personal choice.	feedback on the quality of their explanations and
things might happen,		stories and poetry.		paragraph and summarise these.	choice.	contributions to
making use of recently		To ask and answer		these.		discussions and to make
introduced vocabulary		questions about atext.				improvements when
from stories, non-fiction,		questions about atext.				
rhymes and poems when		Tomakelinksbetween the				participating in discussions.
, ,		texttheyare reading and				To draw out key
appropriate.		other texts they have read (in				information and to
Anticipate (where		texts that they can read				summarise the main ideas
		independently).				in a text.
appropriate) key events in stories.		independentiy).				III a text.
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Demonstrate						independently between
understanding of what has						statements of fact
been read to them by						and opinion, providing
retelling stories and						reasoned justifications for
narratives using their own						their views.
words and recently						then views.
introduced vocabulary.						To compare characters,
						settings and themes within
						a text and across more
						than one text.
Words in Context and	Words in Context and	Words in Context and	Words in Context and	Words in Context and	Words in Context and	Words in Context and
Authorial Choice	Authorial Choice	Authorial Choice	Authorial Choice	Authorial Choice	Authorial Choice	Authorial Choice
(Year 3-4) Use a wider	To discuss word meaning	To discuss and clarify the	To check that the text	Discuss vocabulary used to	To discuss vocabulary used	To analyse and evaluate
range of vocabulary.	and link new meanings to	meanings of words, linking	makes sense to them,	capture readers' interest	by the author to create	the use of language,
Engage in extended	those already known.	new meanings to known	discussing their	and imagination.	effect including figurative	including figurative
conversations about	·	vocabulary.	understanding and	, č	language.	language and how it is
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stories, learning new			explaining the meaning of			used for effect, using
stories, learning new vocabulary.		To discuss their favourite	explaining the meaning of words in context.		To evaluate the use of	used for effect, using technical terminology such
vocabulary. (Reception) Learn new		To discuss their favourite words and phrases.	explaining the meaning of words in context.		To evaluate the use of authors' language and	used for effect, using technical terminology such as metaphor, simile,

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Use new vocabulary			To discuss authors' choice		explain how it has created	analogy, imagery, style and
throughout the day.			of words and phrases for		an impact on	effect.
Retell the story, once they			effect.		the reader.	
have developed a deep						
familiarity with the text;						
some as exact repetition						
and some in their own						
words.						
Use new vocabulary in						
different contexts.						
Listen to and talk about						
selected non-fiction to						
develop a deep familiarity						
with new knowledge and						
vocabulary.						
(ELC) Offer evaluations						
(ELG) Offer explanations						
for why things might						
happen, making use of						
recently introduced						
vocabulary from stories,						
non-fiction, rhymes and						
poems when appropriate.						
Demonstrate						
understanding of what has						
been read to them by						
retelling stories and						
narratives using their own						
words and recently						
introduced vocabulary.						
Use and understand						
recently introduced						
vocabulary during						
discussions about stories,						
non-fiction, rhymes and						
poems and during role						
play.						
Inference and Prediction	Inference and Prediction	Inference and Prediction	Inference and Prediction	Inference and Prediction	Inference and Prediction	Inference and Prediction
(Age 3-4) Understand 'why'	To begin to make simple	To make inferences on the	To ask and answer	To draw inferences from	To draw inferences from	To consider different
questions, like: "Why do	inferences.	basis of what is being said	questions appropriately,	characters' feelings,	characters' feelings,	accounts of the same
you think the caterpillar	incrences.	and done.	including some simple	thoughts and motives that	thoughts and motives.	event and to discuss
	To prodict what might				thoughts and motives.	
got so fat?"	To predict what might	To prodict what wight	inference questions based	justifies their actions,	To make prodictions have a	viewpoints (both of
(ELG) Offer explanations	happen on the basis of	To predict what might	on characters' feelings,	supporting their views with	To make predictions based	authors and of fictional
for why things might	what has been read so far.	happen on the basis of	thoughts and motives.	evidence from the text.	on details stated and	characters).
happen, making use of		what has been read so far			implied, justifying them in	
recently introduced		in a text.	To justify predictions using	To justify predictions from	detail with evidence from	To discuss how characters
vocabulary from stories,			evidence from the text.	details stated and implied.	the text.	change and develop

non-fiction, rhymes and						through texts by drawing
poems when appropriate.						inferences based on
Anticipate (where						indirect clues.
appropriate) key events in						
stories.						
Poetry and Performance	Poetry and Performance	Poetry and Performance	Poetry and Performance	Poetry and Performance	Poetry and Performance	Poetry and Performance
(Age3-4) Sing a large	To recite simple poems by	To continue to build up a	To prepare and perform	To recognise and discuss	To continually show an	To confidently perform
repertoire of songs.	heart.	repertoire of poems learnt	poems and play scripts	some different forms of	awareness of audience	texts (including poems
Know many rhymes, be		by heart, appreciating	that show some awareness	poetry (e.g. free verse or	when reading out loud	learnt by heart) using a
able to talk about familiar		these and reciting some	of the audience when	narrative poetry).	using intonation, tone,	wide range of devices to
books, and be able to tell a		with appropriate	reading aloud.	harrative poetry).	volume and action.	engage the audience and
long story.		intonation to make the		To prepare and perform		for effect.
Take part in simple		meaning clear.	To begin to use	poems and play scripts		for encet.
pretend play, using an			appropriate intonation and	with appropriate		
object to represent			volume when reading	techniques (intonation,		
something else even			aloud.	tone, volume and action)		
though they are not				to show awareness of the		
similar.				audience when reading		
Begin to develop complex				aloud.		
stories using small world						
equipment like animal sets,						
dolls and dolls houses, etc.						
Remember and sing entire						
songs.						
Sing the melodic shape						
(moving melody, such as						
up and down and down						
and up) of familiar songs.						
Create their own songs, or						
improvise a song around						
one they know.						
(Reception) Engage in story						
times.						
Retell the story, once they						
have developed a deep						
familiarity with the text;						
some as exact repetition						
and some in their own						
words.						
Learn rhymes, poems and						
songs.						
Sing in a group or on their						
own, increasingly matching						
the pitch and following the						
melody.						
Develop storylines in their						
pretend play.						

(ELG) Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with their peers and their teacher. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time to music. Non-Fiction	Non-Fiction	Non-Fiction	Non-Fiction	Non-Fiction	Non-Fiction	Non-Fiction
 (Age 3-4)Engage in non-fiction books. Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. (ELG) Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play. 		To recognise that non- fiction books are often structured in different ways.	To retrieve and record information from non- fiction texts.	To use all of the organisational devices available within a non- fiction text to retrieve, record and discuss information. To use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.	To use knowledge of texts and organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and non-fiction texts.	To retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts. To use non-fiction materials for purposeful information retrieval (e.g. in reading history, geography and science textbooks) and in contexts where pupils are genuinely motivated to find out information (e.g. reading information leaflets before a gallery or museum visit or reading a theatre programme or review).