

| | EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Attitudes | Enjoy listening to a range of texts that are age appropriate and beyond. | Enjoy listening to a range of texts that are age appropriate and beyond | Enjoy listening to and discuss a range of texts including contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction that are age appropriate and beyond. | Enjoy listening to and discuss a wide range of texts including fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction which are age appropriate and beyond. | Enjoy listening to and discuss a wide range of texts including fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction which are age appropriate and beyond. | Enjoy listening to a range of texts that are age appropriate and beyond. | Enjoy listening to a range of texts that are age appropriate and beyond. |
| | Has favourite books and rhymes and can talk about them. | Discuss books they like and give reasons for choices. | Justify their choice of books and their preferences from the books they have read or have had read to them. | Discuss with others why they like particular books or authors, giving reasons. | Discuss with others their feelings and opinions about different authors, books, genres and poetry. | Talk about a range of book and author preferences referring to details and examples in the text. | Discuss their personal reading with others and their personal response to their reading, challenging the views of others and supporting their ideas with evidence. |
| | Chooses to engage in book related activities or play. E.g choosing a book to read for story time, asking an adult to read a particular book to them. | Read and listen to whole books, making choices for their personal reading. | Select books for personal reading and give reasons for choices. | Sustain their reading for enjoyment and to identify their personal preferences. | Sustain their reading for enjoyment and to give a reason when identifying their personal preferences. | Share authors and book choices with their peers, offering recommendations and giving reasons why. | Share enthusiasm and new finds. |
| | Begins to use story language and/or common story patterns in play or activities. | Become familiar with and retell fairy stories and traditional tales. | Become increasingly familiar with and retell a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales. | In age-appropriate texts, begin to read for a range of purposes. Increase familiarity with a range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends. | In age-appropriate texts, begin to read for a range of purposes. Increase familiarity with a range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends. | In age-appropriate texts, read for a range of purposes. Increase familiarity with a wide range of books including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions. | In age-appropriate texts, read for a range of purposes. Increase familiarity with a wide range of books including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions. |
| Fluency | Begin to read some common regular/irregular words by sight recognition without sounding out. | Begin to read with less emphasis on decoding each individual word. | Read most (80%) words accurately with sufficient fluency to allow them to focus on their understanding rather than decoding individual words. | Read, with fluency and automaticity, a range of age-appropriate text types. | Read, with fluency and automaticity, a range of age-appropriate text types. | Fluently and effortlessly reads a wide range of age-appropriate texts. | Fluently and effortlessly read a full range of age-appropriate texts. |
| | | Show some awareness of punctuation, e.g. full stops. | Read with an awareness of punctuation taught e.g. question marks, exclamations. | Read with a growing awareness of a wider range of punctuation. | Read with an awareness of a wider range of punctuation. | Develop good phrasing; adhering to punctuation, stress and intonation. | Read with good phrasing; adhering to punctuation, stress and intonation. |
| | | When reading phonically decodable texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. | Read approximately 90 words per minute. | Read at a speed sufficient enough for them to focus on understanding. | Read at a speed sufficient enough for them to focus on understanding. | Read at a conversational pace throughout the reading. | Read at conversational pace throughout the reading. |
| | Read simple phrases/sentences using their phonic knowledge. | Read simple phrases/sentences with expression. E.g. 'Oh no!' | Start to develop expression and intonation. | Show a growing use of expression, intonation and volume. | Read using expression, intonation and are developing their use of volume. | Read with varied volume, intonation and expression. | Read confidently with varied volume and expression across a range of text types |
| | Become more fluent and confident re-reading a book. | Re-read phonically decodable books to build fluency and confidence. | Re-read books, sounding out without hesitation. | Start to read multi-clause sentences using re-reading to develop control. | Read multi-clause sentences with increasing control, re-reading where necessary. | Read complex sentences with increasing control. | Read complex sentences with control. |
| | | In phonically decodable sentences, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. | In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. | In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. | In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. | In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. | In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. |
| Recites predictable phrases and repeating patterns from well-known rhymes and stories. | Recite, by heart, sections of or whole poems with predictable phrases and repeating patterns. | Begin to build up a repertoire of familiar poems which can be recited, by heart, with growing intonation. | Prepare and recite age appropriate poetry and plays, with increasing accuracy and a growing use of intonation and expression. | Prepare and recite age appropriate poetry and plays, which has been learnt by heart, with a growing use of intonation and expression. | Recite age appropriate poetry and plays, which has been learnt by heart, using varied volume, intonation and expression. | Recite age appropriate poems and plays confidently with varied volume and expression so that the meaning is clear to an audience. | |
| Word Reading (Decoding) | Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound blending. | Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words, including phonically-decodable books, closely matched to phonic knowledge. | Apply phonic knowledge and skills consistently to decode quickly and accurately. | When reading age appropriate Year 3 texts: Know the full range of GPCs, and use phonic skills consistently and automatically to address unfamiliar or challenging words. | When reading age appropriate Year 4 texts: Know the full range of GPCs, and use phonic skills consistently and automatically to address unfamiliar or challenging words. | When reading age appropriate Year 5 texts: Know securely the different pronunciations of words with the same letter-string e.g. bought, rough, cough, though, plough. | When reading age appropriate Year 6 texts: |
| | Say the sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. | Respond with the correct sound to graphemes for all 40+ phonemes, including alternative sounds. | Decode alternative sounds for graphemes. | | | | |
| | Read aloud simple sentences and books containing GPCs taught. | Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs taught. | Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain alternative sounds for graphemes. | | | | |
| | Read some common exception words in line with the school's phonic programme. | Read a range of simple common exception words e.g. the, said, they, once, she, friend, school. | Read a wider range of common exception words which have been taught, including most (80%) words from the Year2 Spelling appendix | Read most (80%) of the Year 3/4 common exception words by sight (including all those in the Year 2 Spelling appendix) noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound. | Read all of the Year 3/4 common exception words by sight noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound. | Read most (80%) of the Year 5/6 common exception words by sight (noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound). | Read all of the Year 5/6 common exception words by sight noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound. |
| | | Read words with the endings -s, -es, -ing, -ed and -est. | Read words containing common suffixes such as: -ment, -less, -ness, -ful and -ly. | Determine the meaning of new words by sometimes applying knowledge of root words and their affixes e.g. disagree, misbehave, incorrect. | Determine the meaning of new words by sometimes applying knowledge of root words and their affixes e.g. disagree, misbehave, incorrect. | Determine the meaning of new words by applying morphological knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. suspect/suspicious, change/changeable, receive/reception. | Determine the meaning of new words by applying morphological knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. ambitious, infectious, observation, innocence. |
| | | Read words of more than one syllable which contain GPCs known. | | | | | |
| | | Read contractions e.g. I'm, can't, we'll. Know that apostrophes represent omitted letters. | | | | | |
| For our phonics benchmarks please refer to our 'Phonics Pace and Progression Document' | | | | | | | |

Reading Progression Grid

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| Stamina | Listen attentively and respond to what they hear when being read to. | Sustain attention in order to read longer decodable texts. | Make choices from a selection of texts to read themselves and maintain interest and attention in it. | Use a range of techniques when selecting books (e.g reading the blurb, the first page, looking at chapter length) to extend the range of books read independently and in their entirety. | Developing their reading stamina as they read longer and more challenging texts. | Able to plan personal reading goals which reflect their interests and extend their range. | Developing their reading stamina and completes the independent reading of some longer texts. |
| | Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussion about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play. | Make collections of interesting words and uses them when talking about books and stories. | Develop understanding of words met in reading, making links with known vocabulary and discussing favourite words and phrases. | Identify where an author uses alternatives and synonyms for common or over used words and speculates about the shades of meaning implied. | Consider a writer's use of specific and precise vocabulary, including the meaning of technical or subject specific words (for example nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs) and discuss the meanings conveyed. | Distinguish between everyday word meanings and their subject specific use, e.g. the specific meaning of <i>force</i> in scientific texts. | Collect unfamiliar vocabulary from texts they have read, including technical vocabulary met in other subjects, defining meanings and using the vocabulary when recording ideas about the text. |
| Vocabulary | Show interest in unfamiliar words by asking what they mean. | Speculate about the possible meanings of unfamiliar words met in reading and checks whether the suggested meanings make sense in the context of the text. | Begin to use strategies to find the meaning of an unfamiliar word, both in fiction and non-fiction, and checks whether a suggested meaning of an unfamiliar word makes sense in the context of the text. (E.g. where this is explained in preceding or subsequent sentences or in a glossary). | Develop further strategies to find the meaning of an unfamiliar word, both in fiction and non-fiction, and checks whether a suggested meaning of an unfamiliar word makes sense in the context of the text. (E.g. Practises re-reading a sentence and reading on in order to locate or infer the meaning of unfamiliar words.) | Identify unfamiliar vocabulary in a text and adopts appropriate strategies to locate or infer the meaning. (E.g. re-reading surrounding sentences and/ or paragraphs to identify an explanation or develop a sensible inference, by identifying root words and derivatives, using the context and syntax, or using aids such as glossaries or dictionaries.) | Identify when they do not understand the vocabulary used in a text and uses taught strategies to check the plausibility and accuracy of their explanation or inference of the word to clarify the meaning. (E.g. re-reading, reading on, using the context). | Identify when they do not understand the vocabulary used in a text and uses taught strategies to check the plausibility and accuracy of their explanation or inference of the word to clarify the meaning. (E.g. re-reading, reading on, using the context, knowledge of syntax or word roots). |
| | | Use simple dictionaries and begin to understand their alphabetical organisation. | Use dictionaries to locate words by the initial letter. Use terms such as definition. Discuss the definitions given in dictionaries and agree which is the most useful in the context. | Locate words in a dictionary by the first two letters. | Locate words in a dictionary by the third and fourth place letters. | Use dictionaries effectively to locate word meanings and other information about words, e.g. by using alphabetical order, understanding abbreviations, determining which definition is the most relevant to the context. | Use dictionaries, glossaries and other alphabetically ordered texts confidently and efficiently in order to locate information about words met in reading. |
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| Comprehension skills | When the child is reading: With support from an adult, uses picture clues to describe what has just happened. | Skim reads to gain an overview of a page/text by focussing on significant parts, names, captions, titles | Speculate about the meaning of the section or page by skim reading title, contents page, illustrations, headings and sub-headings. | Skim opening sentences of each paragraph to get an overview of a page or section of text. | Skim reads a text to get an overview of it. | Retrieve, record and present information accurately through skimming to gain an overall sense of the text. | To skim and scan to retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts. |
| | | Scan the text to locate specific information using titles and labels. | Scan pages to find specific information using keywords or phrases and headings. | Scan contents, indexes and pages to locate and record specific non-fiction information. | Scan for key words, phrases and headings to decide which sections of text to read more carefully to fulfil a particular purpose e.g. to summarise a text. | Scan texts to gain specific information and identify sections of text to read more carefully/reads on as appropriate. | Evaluate the value of a text for an identified purpose drawing on information acquired by skimming and scanning. |
| | When the adult is reading: Recall information from a page, which they have listened to, to answer simple questions. | Recall information from a text, which they have listened to or read, to answer simple questions. | Read sections of text more carefully to answer a specific question. | Identify sections of a text needed to read carefully in order to find specific information or answer the question. | Identify sections of a text needed to read carefully in order to find specific information or answer the question. | Carefully reads sections of text to research information and to answer questions, distinguishing between fact and opinion. | Carefully reads sections of text to research information and to answer questions, distinguishing between fact and opinion. |
| | When the adult is reading: Show interest by asking questions to understand what has happened in stories they have had read to them. | Ask questions to understand what has happened in stories they have read or been read to them. | Ask what, where and when questions about a text to support and develop their understanding. | Clarify their understanding of events, ideas and topics by asking questions about them. | Identify elements of a text which they do not understand and asks questions about it. | Ask questions to clarify their understanding of words, phrases, events and ideas in different texts. | Ask questions to clarify their understanding of words, phrases, events and ideas in different texts. |
| Inference – Justifying evidence | With support, begin to link what they are reading to their own experiences. | Link what they are reading to their own experiences. | Talk around a topic prior to reading. | Link what they read to their knowledge and experience of a topic and to their knowledge of similar texts. | Link what they read reading to prior knowledge and experience and to their knowledge of similar texts. | Find evidence and uses this to explain how and why it shows that a character's mood has changed over time. | Find evidence and uses this to explain how it shows a character's thoughts and motives and the atmosphere of the text. |
| | Can respond to questions about what characters have said and done, including how they might be feeling. | Ask questions to explore what a character might say and do. | Ask questions to understand more than what we are told about the characters and events in the text. | Ask questions to develop understanding of characters' feelings, thoughts and motives as a result of their actions or events. | Ask questions to clarify their understanding of what is implied about main ideas, themes and events in texts they have read. | Refer to the text when asking questions to understand what is implied about main ideas and details. | Ask questions to clarify and explore their understanding of what is implied in the text. |
| | | Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. | Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. | Think about clues and hints they have picked up on to begin to make inferences about events and characters. | Think about what they've read and re-reads sections of the text to find evidence to support their interpretations of characters and events. | Deduce the reasons for the way that characters behave throughout the text. | Refer to dialogue and description to make judgements about a character's motivations and attitudes. |
| Predicting | Anticipate, where appropriate, key events in stories. | Make predictions based on what has been read so far including using clues such as pictures, illustrations and titles. | Use immediate clues, and what has been read already, to make predictions about what is going to happen or what they will find out. | Make predictions about a text based on prior knowledge of the topic, event or type of text. | Make predictions about the events, characters or ideas in a text throughout their reading. | Make regular and increasingly plausible predictions as they read. | Make plausible predictions and explains what they are basing them on. |
| | | | | Modify predictions as they read on based on what is stated and implied. | Modify predictions on a regular basis throughout their reading based on what is stated and implied. | Modify their ideas as they read the next part of the text based on what is stated and implied. | Discuss how and why they need to modify their predictions as they read on based on what is stated and implied. |
| Summarising | Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them. | Retell main points of story in sequence and discuss how items of information are related. | Retell main points of story in sequence and discuss how items of information are related. | When reading Year 3 age appropriate texts: Sequence information and/or events from a text and discuss how items of information are related. | When reading Year 4 age appropriate texts: Sequence information and/or events from a text and discuss how items of information are related. | When reading Year 5 age appropriate texts: Sequence information and/or events from a text and discuss how items of information are related. | When reading Year 6 age appropriate texts: Sequence information and/or events from a text and discuss how items of information are related. |
| | Holds conversation when engaged in back and forth exchanges about stories they know or have heard. | Retell some important information they found out from the text. | Retell some important information they found out from the text, drawing information from across a number of sentences. | Identify a few key points from across a passage/paragraph of text. | Summarise a sentence or paragraph/s by identifying the most important elements. | Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying the key details which support the main ideas. | At regular intervals, summarise evidence from across a text to explain events or ideas. |

Reading Progression Grid

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| Making connections and comparisons | Begin to show awareness of similarities and differences between features of different stories, e.g characters, settings, events, story endings. | Discuss and compare events or topics they have read about or listened to. | Compare themes, characters and events in stories and poems. | Identify themes and conventions from a wide range of texts. | Collect information to compare and contrast themes and conventions of texts. | Compare and contrast themes and conventions within the work of a single author and/or across a wide range of texts. | Compare and contrast themes and conventions within the work of a single author and/or across a wide range of texts. | |
| | | Compare aspects of books. e.g. illustrations and rhyming patterns. | Compare information in non-fiction texts. | Compare and contrast similar styles of writing by the different authors. | Compare and contrast similar styles of writing by the different authors. | Compare different versions of the same texts, including other media e.g. film. | Identify similarities and differences of different versions of a story. | |
| | | Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher to further develop understanding of the text. | Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher to further develop understanding of the text. | | | | | |
| Author intent | Begin to recognise the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. | Begin to show awareness of story language, e.g once upon a time, happily ever after. | Be aware of the language of traditional stories and begin to make comparisons across familiar texts. | Investigate traditional story language, e.g. story openers and endings, scene openers, language which signals a time shift or magical event. | Discuss the language used in a text and how the writer implies as well as tells. | Understand how authors use expressive language to capture interest. | Consider the authors of choice of words and phrases including why an author might have used figurative language in texts and how these impact the reader. | Identify the hints and suggestions that authors make through their choice of words and phrases, including figurative language and consider the impact it has on the reader. |
| | | Structure and presentation | Discuss the significance of the title, events and basic story elements e.g. beginning and ending in different stories. | Identify and discusses story elements such as setting, events, characters, and the way that problems develop and get resolved. | Investigate the features of traditional stories – openings and endings, how events and new characters are introduced, how problems are resolved. | Explore narrative order (introduction, build up, crisis, resolution, and conclusion) the purpose of description, action and dialogue are how they are used within scenes. | Discuss and compare the structure of different stories to discover how they differ in pace, build up, sequence, complication and resolution. | Understand aspects of narrative structure, e.g. how paragraphs build up a narrative, how chapters or paragraphs are linked together and how this contributes to the meaning of the text as a whole. |
| | | | Note some of the features of non-fiction texts, including layout, contents, use of pictures, illustrations and diagrams. | Explain organisational features of texts, including alphabetical order layout, diagrams, captions, hyperlinks and bullet points. | Explain how the organisational features of non-fiction texts support the reader in finding information or researching a topic. | Identify the main features of non-fiction texts (both print and computer based) including headings, captions, lists, bullet points and understand how these support the reader in gaining information efficiently. | Identify the features of different non-fiction text, including content, structure, style, layout and purpose, e.g. recounts, instructions, explanations, persuasive writing and argument. | Understand how writers use the features and structure of information texts to help convey their ideas or information and how this contributes to the purpose of the text as a whole. |
| | Join in when poems with predictable and repeating patterns are read aloud. | Read poems with predictable and repeating patterns, extending and inventing patterns and playing with rhyme. | Identify and discusses patterns of rhythm, rhyme, and other features which influence the sound of a poem. | Distinguish between rhyming and non-rhyming poetry and comments on the impact of the poem's layout. | Identify and discusses the intent of different patterns of rhyme and verse in a range of poetry types, e.g. choruses, rhyming couplets, alternate line rhymes, free-verse and narrative. | Read poems by significant poets and identifies what is distinctive about the style or presentation of their poems and how this contributes to the meaning. | Analyse how the structure or organisation of a poem supports the author's expression of moods, feelings and attitudes. | |