

Reading Progression

Care, Aspire, Achieve

Word Reading		EYFS	Key S	itage 1		Key Sta	ge 2	
	Nursery	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Decoding	Summer Term: To read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.	letters by saying the sounds for them. Use Fred Talk to blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondence s. To read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say the sounds for them. To read simple phrases and	To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. To blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCs that they have been taught. To respond speedily, giving the correct sound 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.	and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding	to read them accurately sufficient for them to for what they read rather to individual words. They decode most new word vocabulary, making a gr the word's pronunciation skills become increasing should be directed more their vocabulary and the their reading, making so independent, fluent and who read widely and free They should be develop and enjoyment of storie non-fiction, and learnin should also be develop skills in reading non-fict of subjects. Most childr direct teaching of word able to decode unfamil and need very few repe- before the word is store	ten at an age yel. They should be able y and at a speed that is ocus on understanding than on decoding should be able to ds outside their spoken ood approximation to on. As their decoding gly secure, teaching re towards developing te breadth and depth of ure that they become d enthusiastic readers equently. Ding their understanding es, poetry, plays and ag to read silently. They ing their knowledge and tion about a wide range ren will not need further I reading skills: they are iar words accurately, eated experiences of this	be able to read aloud poetry and books wr appropriate interest at a reasonable spea be able to read most to work out how to p written words with in If the pronunciation should ask for help in meaning of the word it correctly. They should be readi frequently, outside a pleasure and informa able to read silently, understanding, infer unfamiliar words, an they have read. Durit teachers should cont pupils' enjoyment ar language, especially their reading and wr of language, gained f poetry, non-fiction a	itten at an age- level with accuracy and king pace. They should words effortlessly and pronounce unfamiliar ncreasing automaticity. sounds unfamiliar, they n determining both the l and how to pronounce ing widely and s well as in school, for ation. They should be with good ring the meanings of d then discuss what ng years 5 and 6, cinue to emphasise ad understanding of vocabulary, to support iting. Pupils' knowledge from stories, plays, nd textbooks, will ing fluency as readers,

h	words.	recognise syllable	
		boundaries in	
	To say a sound	longer words and	
	for each letter	read each syllable	
i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	in the alphabet	before combining	
i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	and at least 10	them to read the	
	digraphs.	word.	
	Read words		
	consistent with		
	their phonics		
	knowledge by		
	sound-blending.		
	Read aloud		
	simple		
	sentences and		
	books that are		
	consistent with		
	their phonics		
	knowledge,		
	including some		
	common		
	exception		
	words.		

				To use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words). To use syllables to support the reading of longer words. To begin to try out different pronunciations to accurately decode new words. To begin to apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud fluently.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. To use syllables to support the reading of longer words. To try out different pronunciations to accurately decode new words. To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes 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 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.
Common Exception Words	To read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.	To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.	To read most Y1 and Y2 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	To begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondence between spelling and these occur in the word.	To read all Y3/Y4 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondenc e between spelling and these occur in the word.	To being to read Y5/Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondence s between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word	To read all Y5/Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.
Fluency	Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of	To accurately read texts that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge, that do	To read aloud books (closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge),	To continue to build their fluent reading, developing their expression, automaticity, rhythm	To continue to build their fluent reading, developing their expression, automaticity, rhythm	word. At this stage, children are expected to be reading fluently. If this is not the case	

letter-sound	not require them to	sounding out	and phrasing and	and phrasing and	and it is identified as	
correspondence	use other strategies	unfamiliar words	smoothness.	smoothness.	a need, extra fluency	
s.	to work out words.	accurately,			lessons will be	
		automatically and			included.	
	To reread texts to	without undue				
	build up fluency and	hesitation.				
Read simple	confidence in word					
phrases and	reading.	To reread these				
sentences made	J J	books to build up				
up of words with		fluency and				
known letter-		, confidence in				
sound		word reading.				
correspondences						
and, where		To read most				
necessary, a few		words quickly and				
exception words.		accurately without				
		overt sounding				
Re-read books to		and blending,				
		when they have				
build up their		been frequently				
confidence in word		encountered.				
reading, their		chebuntereu				
fluency and their						
understanding and						
enjoyment.						
Read aloud simple						
sentences and						
books that are						
consistent with						
their phonic						
knowledge,						
including some						
common						
exception words.						

Comprehension	Nursery	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
and correcting inaccuracies	build familiarity and understanding. Retell the tory, once hey have developed a deep amiliarity with he text, some as exact epetition and ome in their own words. isten carefully o rhymes and ongs, paying attention to how hey sound.	familiarity and	To check that a text makes sense to them as they read and to self- correct.	or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher. To check that the text makes sense to them as they read and to correct inaccurate reading. Monitor their	check for meaning through re-reading and clarifying. To use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. To check that a text makes sense to them, discussing their	check for meaning through re-reading and clarifying. To use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. To check that a text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding.	To monitor their comprehension and check for meaning through re-reading and clarifying. To check that a text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of words in context. To continue to ask questions to improve their understanding of a text.	To monitor their comprehension and check for meaning through re-reading and clarifying.

Developing	Demonstrate	Demonstrate	To discuss word	To discuss and	To check that the	Discuss	To discuss	To analyse and
Vocabulary	understanding of	understanding of	meaning and link new	clarify the meanings	text makes sense to	vocabulary used	vocabulary used	evaluate the use of
		dwhat has been read	meanings to those	of words, linking	them, discussing	to capture	by the author to	language, including
Words in		gto them by retelling	already known.	new meanings to	their understanding	readers' interest	create effect	figurative language
Context and	stories and	stories and narratives		known vocabulary.	and explaining the	and imagination.	including	and how it is used
author's	narratives using		Draw upon knowledge	,,.	meaning of words in	0	figurative	for effect, using
choice of	their own words	and recently	of vocabulary in order	To discuss their	context.	To use dictionaries	language.	technical
language	and recently	introduced	to understand the text	favourite words		to check the	language.	terminology such as
	introduced	vocabulary.		and phrases.	To discuss	meaning of words	To evaluate the	metaphor, simile,
	vocabulary.		Use vocabulary given	anu phrases.	authors' choice of	that they have		
		Use and understand	by the teacher.		words and phrases	read.	use of authors'	analogy, imagery,
	Use and	recently introduced		Recognise some	for effect.		language and	style and effect.
	understand	vocabulary during	Discuss his/her	recurring language	To identify	Discuss why words	explain how it has	
	recently	discussions about	favourite words and	in stories and	To identify vocabulary that	have been chosen	created an impact	To identify and
	introduced	stories, non-fiction,	phrases	poems	captures the	and the effect these	on the reader.	evaluate the
	vocabulary during discussions about	rhymes and poems and during role play.			reader's interest.	have on the reader		effectiveness of an
	stories, non-	and during role play.			reduct sinterest.		Explore the	author's choice and
	fiction, rhymes				To use dictionaries	Explain how words	meaning of words	use of language,
	and poems and	Learn new			to check the	can capture the	in context,	explaining the
	during role play.	vocabulary.			meaning of words	interest of the	confidently using	impact on the
					that they have read.	reader	a dictionary	reader.
	Learn new	Use new vocabulary					,	
	vocabulary.	throughout the day.			Identify how	Find the meaning of		To explore the
	vocabulary.				language choices	new words using	Investigate	meaning of words in
		Use new vocabulary			help build meaning.	the context of the	alternative word	context by exploring
	Use new	in different contexts.				sentence	choices that could	the meaning in the
	vocabulary throughout the				Find the meaning of			broader context of
	day.	Listen to and talk			new words using the		be made	the section or
	uay.	about selected non-			context of the			paragraph.
		fiction to develop a			sentence		Read around the	
		deep familiarity					word' and explore	
		with new					its meaning in the	
		knowledge and					broader context	
		vocabulary					of a section or	
							paragraph	
		Offer explanations						
		for why things						
		might happen,						
		making use of						
		recently introduced						
		vocabulary from						
		stories, non-fiction,						
		rhymes and poems						
		when appropriate.						

Prediction	Anticipate (where	To predict what might	Predict what might	Justify predictions	Justify predictions	Predict what might	Predict what might
	appropriate) key	happen on the basis of	happen on the basis	using evidence from	using evidence from	happen from	happen from
	events in stories.	what has been read so	of what has been	the text	the text	details stated and	details stated and
		far.	read in terms of			implied	implied
	Offer explanations		plot, character and	Use relevant prior	Use relevant prior		
	for why things	Make simple	language so far	knowledge to make	knowledge as well as	Support	Support
	might happen,	predictions based on		predictions and	details from the text	predictions with	predictions by
	making use of	the story and on their	Make predictions	justify them.	to form predictions	relevant evidence	using relevant
	recently	own life experience.	using their own		and to justify them	from the text	evidence from the
	introduced		knowledge as well	Use details from the			text
	vocabulary from	To recognise and join	as what has	text to form further	Monitor these	Confirm and	
	stories, non-	in with predictable	happened so far to	predictions	predictions and	modify predictions	Confirm and
	fiction, rhymes and	phrases.	make logical		compare them with	as they read on	modify predictions
	poems when		predictions and give		the text as they read		in light of new
	appropriate.	Begin to explain	explanations of		on		information
		these ideas verbally	them				
		or through pictures					
			To understand				
			cause and effect				
			and use this to aid				
			their predictions.				
Retrieval		Answer a question	Independently read	Use contents page	Confidently skim and	Confidently skim	Confidently skim and
		about what has just	and answer simple	and subheadings to	scan texts to record	and scan, and also	scan, and also use the
		happened in a story	questions about	locate information	details	use the skill of	skill of reading before
			what has just been			reading before and	and after to retrieve
		Develop own	read	Learn the skill of	Use relevant quotes	after to retrieve	information
		knowledge of		'skim and scan' to	to support own	information	
		retrieval through	Ask and answer	retrieve details	answers to questions		Use evidence from
		images	retrieval questions			Use evidence from	across whole
			draw on previously	Begin to use	Retrieve and record	across larger	chapters or texts
		Recognise characters,	taught knowledge	quotations from the	information from a	sections of text	Read a broader
		events, titles and		text	fiction or nonfiction		range of texts
		information	Remember		text	Read a broader	including myths,
			significant events	Retrieve and record		range of texts	legends, stories
		Recognise differences	and key information	information from a		including myths,	from other
		between fiction and	about the text that	fiction text		legends, stories	cultures, modern
		non-fiction texts	they have read			from other	fiction, plays,
				Retrieve information		cultures, modern	poetry and archaic
		Retrieve information		from a non-fiction		fiction and archaic	texts
		by finding a few key		text		texts	
		words					Retrieve, record
						Retrieve, record	and present

		Contribute ideas and thoughts in discussion				Ask own questions and follow a line of enquiry	information from a wide variety of non-fiction texts Ask own questions and follow a line of enquiry
once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.	they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words	familiar with Begin to discuss how events are linked Retell familiar stories orally e.g. fairy stories and traditional tales Begin to explain their understanding of what is read to them.	Discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related Retell using a wider variety of story language Order events from the text Discuss how events are linked focusing on the main content of the story To explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read and what they have had read to them.	Identifying main ideas drawn from a key paragraph or page and summarise these Begin to distinguish between the important and less important information in a text. Give a brief, verbal summary of a story. To begin to identify themes from a wide range of books.	drawn from more than 1 paragraph and summarise these To identify themes from a wide range of books. Summarise whole paragraphs, pages, chapters or texts.	ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas. Make connections between important information across a text. Discuss the themes or conventions from a chapter or text. To identify themes across a wide range of texts.	Summarising the main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas To summarise information from across a text and link information by analysing and evaluating ideas between sections. To draw out key information and to summarise the main ideas in a text. To make comparisons across different books. Summarises texts using a limited about of words.

Inference	Offer explanations for	To begin to make	To make inferences	To draw inferences	To draw inferences	To draw inferences	To consider
	why things might	simple inferences	on the basis of what	about characters'	about characters'	from characters'	different accounts
	happen, making use	about characters'	is being said and	feelings, thoughts	feelings, thoughts	feelings, thoughts	of the same event
	of recently introduced	dfeelings using what	done.	and motives from	and motives from	and motives with	and to discuss
	vocabulary from	they say as evidence.		their actions, and	their actions,	supporting	viewpoints (both of
	stories, non-fiction,		Answer and ask	begin to find	supporting their	evidence.	authors and of
	rhymes and poems	Discuss the significance	questions and	evidence from the	views with evidence		fictional
	when appropriate.	of the title and events.	modify answers as	text.	from the text.	To make inferences	characters).
			the story			about actions,	
			progresses.	To begin to justify	To justify inferences	feelings or events	To discuss how
				inferences by	by referencing a		characters change
			Use pictures or	referencing a specific	specific point in the	To use figurative	and develop
			words to make	point in the text.	text.	language to infer	through texts by
			inferences.			meaning.	drawing inferences
				To ask and answer	To use more than		based on indirect
				questions	one piece of	To give 1 or 2	clues.
				appropriately,	evidence to justify	pieces of evidence	
				including some	their answer	to support their	
				simple inference		point.	
				questions based on	To continue to ask		
				characters' feelings,	and answer	To begin to draw	
				thoughts and	questions, including	evidence from	
				motives.	some simple	more than one	
					inference.	point in the text.	

Structure and	Develop storylines	Develop storylines in	To recognise and join	To recognise that	To identify how	To use all of the	To identify how	To use non- fiction
Organisation	in their pretend	their pretend play.	in with predictable	non- fiction books	language, structure	organisational	language, structure	materials for
	play.		phrases.	are often	and presentation	devices available	and presentation	purposeful
		Engage in non-fiction		structured in	contribute to	within a non-	contribute to	information retrieval
		books.	To discuss the	different ways.	meaning.	fiction text to	meaning.	(e.g. in reading
			significance of titles			retrieve, record		history, geography
			and events.	To discuss the	To retrieve and	and discuss	To use knowledge	and science
				sequence of events	record information	information.	of texts and	textbooks) and in
				in books and how	from non- fiction		organisation	contexts where
				items of	texts using contents	To read books that	devices to retrieve,	pupils are genuinely
				information are	and glossary to	are structured in	record and discuss	motivated to find
				related.	locate it.	different ways and	information from	out information
						read for a range of	fiction and non-	
				Recognise some	To read books that	purposes.	fiction texts.	To recognise bias,
				recurring language	are structured in			fact and opinion.
				in stories and	different ways and		To distinguish	
				poems	read for a range of		between fact and	
					purposes.		opinion.	

Poetry and	Learn rhymes,	Learn rhymes,	To learn to appreciate	To continue to build	To prepare and	To recognise and	To continually	To confidently
Performance	poems and songs.	poems and songs.	rhymes and poems.	up a repertoire of	perform poems and	discuss some	show an	perform texts
				poems learnt by	play scripts that show	different forms of	awareness of the	(including poems
		Sing in a group or on	To recite simple poems	heart, appreciating	some awareness of	poetry (e.g. free	audience when	learnt by heart)
		their own,	by heart.	these and reciting	the audience when	verse or narrative	reading out loud	using a wide range
		increasingly		some with	reading aloud.	poetry).	using intonation,	of devices to
		matching the pitch		appropriate			tone, volume and	engage the
		and following the		intonation to make	To begin to use	To prepare and	action.	audience and for
		melody		the meaning clear.	appropriate	perform poems and		effect.
					intonation and	play scripts with	To learn a wider	
		Make use of props			volume when	appropriate	range of poetry by	
		and materials when			reading aloud.	techniques	heart	
		role playing				(intonation, tone,		
		characters in			To begin to recognise	volume and action)		
		narratives and			different forms of	to show awareness		
		stories.			poetry (e.g. free	of the audience		
					verse or narrative	when reading		
		Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with their peers and their teacher.			poetry)	aloud.		
		Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time to music.						

Reading for	Engago in store	Compare and	To listen to and	To participate in	To recognise, listen	To discuss and	To read a wide	To read for pleasure,
Pleasure	Engage in story	contrast characters	discuss a wide	discussion about	to and discuss a	compare texts from	range of genres,	discussing,
	times.	from stories.	range of fiction,	books, poems and	wide range of	a wide variety of	identifying the	comparing and
Listening to		including figures	non-fiction and	other works that are	fiction, poetry, plays,	genres and writers.	characteristics of	evaluating in depth
and		from the past.	poetry at a level	read to them (at a	non-fiction and	0	text types (such as	across a wide range
discussing			beyond that at	level beyond which	reference books or	To read for a	the use of the first	of genres.
texts			which they can	they can read	textbooks.	range of	person in writing	0
		Listen attentively	read	independently) and		purposes.	diaries and	To recognise more
Comparing,		and respond to	independently.	those that they can	To use appropriate		autobiographies)	complex themes in
contrasting &		what they hear	independentiy.	read for themselves,	terminology when	To identify themes	and differences	what they read
commenting		with relevant	To link what they	explaining their	discussing texts	and conventions in a	between text	(such as loss or
		questions,	have read or have	understanding and	(plot, character,	wide range of books.	types.	heroism).
		comments and	read to them to	expressing their	setting).		To participate in	
		actions when being	their own	views.		To refer to	discussions about	To explain and
		read to and during	experiences.	To become	To continue to	authorial style,	books that are read to	
		whole class		increasingly familiar	develop their	overall	them and those they can read for	understanding of
		discussions and	To retell familiar	with and to retell a	understanding and	themes and	themselves,	what they have
		small group	stories in increasing	wide range of	enjoyment of	features	building on their own	read, including
		o 1	detail.	stories, fairy stories	stories, poetry, plays	To identify how	and	through formal presentations and
		interactions.		and traditional	and non-fiction.	language,	others' ideas and	debates,
			To join in with	tales.	With support, to	structure and	challenging views	maintaining a focus
		Use and understand	discussions about a		begin to justify their	presentation	courteously.	on the topic and
		recently introduced	text, taking turns and		views about what	contribute to	To identify main	using notes where
		vocabulary during	listening to what		they have read.	meaning.	To identify main ideas drawn from	necessary.
		discussions about	others say.	To have the	they have read.		more than one	
		stories, non-fiction,		opportunity to	To have the		paragraph and to	To listen and
		rhymes and poems and during role play.	To discuss the	choose books to	opportunity to	To begin to justify	summarise these.	respond to
		and during role play.	significance of	read and have read	choose books to	their views about		guidance and
			titles and events.	to them and be	read and have read	what they have	To recommend	feedback on the
		Engage in story times.	To recognise	taught how to	to them and be	read.	texts to peers	quality of their
			simple recurring	choose	taught how to		giving reasons for	explanations and
		Listen to and talk	literary language	appropriately.	choose	To have the	their choice.	contributions to
		about selected non-	in stories and	appropriately.		opportunity to	their choice.	discussions.
		fiction to develop a	poetry.		appropriately.	choose books to	To compare	
		deep familiarity				read and have read	To compare characters,	To distinguish
		with new	To ask and answer			to them and be	settings and	independently
		knowledge and	questions about a			taught how to	themes within	between statements
		vocabulary.	text.			choose	and across texts	of fact and opinion,
			To make links botween			appropriately.		providing reasoned
			To make links between the text they are					justifications for
			reading and other texts	5				their views.
			they have read(in texts that they can read					
			independently).					