



**Progression of Reading Skills in Year 1**

**National Curriculum: Word Reading**

**Pupils should be taught to:**

- continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent
- read accurately blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes
- read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs as above
- read words containing common suffixes
- read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- read most words quickly and accurately when they have been frequently encountered without overt sounding and blending
- read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation
- re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

**National Curriculum Statements in Year 1**

**Coverage in  
Comprehension**

**Coverage in  
Class Novel**

**Coverage  
in Writing**

**Coverage in  
Enrichment**

Listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently

Being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences

Becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics

Recognising and joining in with predictable phrases

Learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart

Discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known

Drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher

Checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading

Discussing the significance of the title and events

Making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done

Predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others

Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.

**Vocabulary Key Skills**

- discuss word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known
- draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text
- join in with predictable phrases
- use vocabulary given by the teacher
- discuss his/her favourite words and phrases

**Example stem questions**

- What does the word..... mean in this sentence?
- Find and copy a word which means .....
- Which word in do you think is the most important? Why?
- Which of the words best describes the character or setting?
- Why do you think they repeat this word in the story?

<p><b>Inference Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children make basic inferences about characters' feelings by using what they say as evidence.</li> <li>• infer basic points with direct reference to the pictures and words in the text</li> <li>• discuss the significance of the title and events</li> <li>• demonstrate simple inference from the text based on what is said and done</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think .....means?</li> <li>• Why do you think that?</li> <li>• How do you think ..... ?</li> <li>• When do you think..... ?</li> <li>• Where do you think??</li> <li>• How does .....make you feel?</li> <li>• Why did..... happen?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prediction Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far in terms of story, character and plot</li> <li>• make simple predictions based on the story and on their own life experiences</li> <li>• Begin to explain these ideas verbally or through pictures.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at the cover and the title, what do you think this book is about?</li> <li>• Where do you think ..... will go next?</li> <li>• What do you think .....will say / do next?</li> <li>• What do you think this book will be about? Why?</li> <li>• How do you think that this will end?</li> <li>• Who do you think has done it?</li> <li>• What might .....say about that?</li> <li>• Can you draw what might happen next?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Explanation Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• give my opinion including likes and dislike</li> <li>• link what they read or hear to their own experiences</li> <li>• explain clearly my understanding of what has been read to them</li> <li>• express views about events or characters</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>• What do you like about this text?</li> <li>• Who is your favourite character? Why?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Retrieval Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer a question about what has just happened in a story.</li> <li>• Develop their knowledge of retrieval through images.</li> <li>• Recognise characters, events, titles and information.</li> <li>• Recognise differences between fiction and non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• Retrieve information by finding a few key words.</li> <li>• Contribute ideas and thoughts in discussion</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is your favourite character?</li> <li>• Why do you think all the main characters are ... in this book?</li> <li>• Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?</li> <li>• Who is/are the main character(s)?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set?</li> <li>• Which is your favourite/worst/ funniest/scariest part of the story?</li> <li>• Is this a fiction or a non-fiction book? How do you know?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sequencing Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• retell familiar stories orally e.g. fairy stories and traditional tales</li> <li>• sequence the events of a story they are familiar with</li> <li>• begin to discuss how events are linked</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens in the beginning of the story?</li> <li>• Can you number these events in the story?</li> <li>• How/where does the story start?</li> <li>• What happened at the end of the....?</li> <li>• Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less?</li> <li>• What happened before that?</li> <li>• Can you sequence the key moments in this story?</li> </ul>

## Progression of Reading Skills in Year 2

### National Curriculum: Word Reading

**Pupils should be taught to:**

- continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent
- read accurately blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes
- read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs as above
- read words containing common suffixes
- read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- read most words quickly and accurately when they have been frequently encountered without overt sounding and blending
- read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation
- re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

National Curriculum Statements in Year 2	Coverage in Comprehension	Coverage in Class Novel	Coverage in Writing	Coverage in Enrichment
listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wider range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently				
Discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related				
Becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales				
Being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways				
Recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry				
Discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary				
Discussing their favourite words and phrases				
Continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear				
Drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher				
Checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading				
Making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done				
Answering and asking questions				
Predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far				
Participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say				
Explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves				

**Vocabulary Key Skills**

- discussing and clarifying the meanings of words; link new meanings to known vocabulary
- discussing their favourite words and phrases
- recognise some recurring language in stories and poems

**Example stem questions**

- Can you find a noun/adjective/verb that tells/shows you that...?
- Why do you think that the author used the word... to describe...?
- Which other word on this page means the same as...?
- Find an adjective in the text which describes...
- Which word do you think is most important in this section? Why?
- Which word best describes...?

<p><b>Inference Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make inferences about characters' feelings using what they say and do.</li> <li>• Infer basic points and begin, with support, to pick up on subtler references.</li> <li>• answering and asking questions and modifying answers as the story progresses</li> <li>• use pictures or words to make inferences</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think.....means?</li> <li>• Why do you think that?</li> <li>• Why do you think?</li> <li>• How do you think .....?</li> <li>• When do you think?</li> <li>• Where do you think?</li> <li>• How has the author made us think that ?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prediction Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read in terms of plot, character and language so far</li> <li>• make predictions using their own knowledge as well as what has happened so far to make logical predictions and give explanations of them</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do you think..... will go next?</li> <li>• What do you think.....will say/do next?</li> <li>• What do you think this book will be about? Why?</li> <li>• How do you think that this will end? What makes you say that?</li> <li>• Who do you think has done it?</li> <li>• What might.....say about that?</li> <li>• How does the choice of character affect what will happen next?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Explanation Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves</li> <li>• express my own views about a book or poem</li> <li>• discuss some similarities between books</li> <li>• listen to the opinion of others</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters?</li> <li>• Explain why... did that?</li> <li>• Is this as good as...?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• Does the picture help us? How?</li> <li>• What would you do if you were...?</li> <li>• Would you like to live in this setting? Why?</li> <li>• Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>• Do you agree with the author's...? Why?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Retrieval Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independently read and answer simple questions about what they have just read.</li> <li>• asking and answering retrieval questions</li> <li>• draw on previously taught knowledge</li> <li>• remember significant event and key information about the text that they have read</li> <li>• Monitor their reading, checking words that they have decoded, to ensure that they fit within the text they have already read</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is/are the main character(s)?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set? How do you know?</li> <li>• Which is your favourite/worst/funniest/ scariest part of the story? Why?</li> <li>• Tell me three facts you have learned from the text.</li> <li>• Find the part where...</li> <li>• What type of text is this?</li> <li>• What happened to ... in the end of the story?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sequencing Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related.</li> <li>• Retell using a wider variety of story language.</li> <li>• Order events from the text.</li> <li>• Begin to discuss how events are linked focusing on the main content of</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happens in the story's opening?</li> <li>• How/where does the story start?</li> <li>• What happened at the end of the...?</li> <li>• What is the dilemma in this story?</li> </ul>

the story.

- How is it resolved?
- Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less?
- Can you summarise in 3 sentences the beginning, middle and end of this story?

## Progression of Reading Skills in Year 3

### National Curriculum: Word Reading

**Pupils should be taught to:**

- apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in [English Appendix 1](#), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet
- read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

National Curriculum Statements in Year 3	Coverage in Comprehension	Coverage in Class Novel	Coverage in Writing	Coverage in Enrichment
Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning				
Listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks				
Reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes				
Using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read				
Increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally				
Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action				
Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination				
Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]				
Understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding				
Explaining the meaning of words in context				
Asking questions to improve their understanding of a text				
Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence predicting what might happen from details stated and implied				
identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these				
Retrieve and record information from non-fiction				
Participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say				

Vocabulary Key Skills	Example stem questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read</li> <li>• discuss words that capture the readers interest or imagination</li> <li>• identify how language choices help build meaning</li> <li>• Find the meaning of new words using substitution within a sentence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?</li> <li>• Can you find this word in the dictionary?</li> <li>• By writing in this way, what effect has the author created?</li> <li>• What other words/phrases could the author have used here?</li> <li>• How has the author made you feel by writing...?</li> <li>• Which word tells you that...?</li> <li>• Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to...?</li> </ul>

<p><b>Inference Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their stated actions.</li> <li>• Justify inferences by referencing a specific point in the text.</li> <li>• Ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives.</li> <li>• make inferences about actions or events</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think.... means?</li> <li>• Why do you think that?</li> <li>• Why do you think...?</li> <li>• How do you think....?</li> <li>• Can you explain why....?</li> <li>• What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>• Find and copy a group of words which show...?</li> <li>• How does the description of ... show that they are...?</li> <li>• Who is telling the story?</li> <li>• Why has the character done this at this time?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prediction Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justify predictions using evidence from the text.</li> <li>• Use relevant prior knowledge to make predictions and justify them.</li> <li>• Use details from the text to form further predictions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you think of another story with a similar theme?</li> <li>• Which stories have openings like this?</li> <li>• Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> <li>• What happened before this and what do you think will happen after?</li> <li>• Do you think the setting will have an impact on plot moving forward?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Explanation Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discussing the features of a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books</li> <li>• identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning of both fiction and non-fiction texts</li> <li>• recognise authorial choices and the purpose of these</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters?</li> <li>• Explain why... that did.</li> <li>• Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>• Is this as good as...?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• Why do you think they chose to order the text in this way?</li> <li>• What is the purpose of this text and who do you think it was written for?</li> <li>• What is the author's viewpoint? How do you know?</li> <li>• How are these two sections in the text linked?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Retrieval Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use contents page and subheadings to locate information</li> <li>• Learn the skill of 'skim and scan' to retrieve details.</li> <li>• Begin to use quotations from the text.</li> <li>• Retrieve and record information from a fiction text.</li> <li>• retrieve information from a non-fiction text</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the characters in this text?</li> <li>• When / where is this story set? How do you know?</li> <li>• Which part of the story best describes the setting?</li> <li>• What do you think is happening here?</li> <li>• What might this mean?</li> <li>• How might I find the information quickly?</li> <li>• What can I use to help me navigate this book?</li> <li>• How would you describe the story?</li> <li>• Whose perspective is the story told from?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summarising Key Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifying main ideas drawn from a key paragraph or page and summarising these</li> </ul>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main point in this paragraph?</li> <li>• Sum up what has happened so far in X words or less.</li> <li>• Which is the most important point in these paragraphs?</li> </ul>

- Begin to distinguish between the important and less important information in a text.
- Give a brief verbal summary of a story.
- Teachers' begin to model how to record summary writing.
- identify themes from a wide range of books
- make simple notes from one source of writing

- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?
- Have you noticed any similarities between this text and any others you have read?
- What do I need to jot down to remember what I have read?



## Progression of Reading Skills in Year 4

### National Curriculum: Word Reading

**Pupils should be taught to:**

- apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in [English Appendix 1](#), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet
- read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

National Curriculum Statements in Year 4	Coverage in Comprehension	Coverage in Class Novel	Coverage in Writing	Coverage in Enrichment
Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning				
Listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks				
Reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes				
Using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read				
Increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally				
Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action				
Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination				
Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]				
Understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding				
Explaining the meaning of words in context				
Asking questions to improve their understanding of a text				
Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence predicting what might happen from details stated and implied				
Identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these				
Retrieve and record information from non-fiction				
Participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say				

Vocabulary Key Skills	Example stem questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read</li> <li>• use a thesaurus to find synonyms</li> <li>• discuss why words have been chosen and the effect these have on the reader</li> <li>• explain how words can capture the interest of the reader</li> <li>• discuss new and unusual vocabulary and clarify the meaning of these</li> <li>• Find the meaning of new words using the context of the sentence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you find the meaning or a word with a similar meaning in a dictionary or thesaurus?</li> <li>• What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?</li> <li>• By writing..., what effect has the author created?</li> <li>• Do you think they intended to?</li> <li>• What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why? How has the author...?</li> <li>• Which word is closest in meaning to...?</li> </ul>
Inference Key Skills	Example stem questions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives (I know this because questions)</li> <li>Infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their stated actions.</li> <li>consolidate the skill of justifying them using a specific reference point in the text</li> <li>use more than one piece of evidence to justify their answer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do you think .....means?</li> <li>Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?</li> <li>I think ; do you agree? Why / why not?</li> <li>How do you think.....?</li> <li>Can you explain why.....?</li> <li>Can you explain why based on two different pieces of evidence?</li> <li>What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>Find and copy a group of words which show that...</li> <li>What impression of ...do you get from this paragraph?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prediction Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justify predictions using evidence from the text.</li> <li>Use relevant prior knowledge as well as details from the text to form predictions and to justify them.</li> <li>monitor these predictions and compare them with the text as they read on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can you think of another text with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?</li> <li>Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> <li>What does this paragraph suggest what will happen next?</li> <li>Do you think ... will happen? Explain your answers with evidence from the text.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Explanation Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination</li> <li>identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning</li> <li>recognise authorial choices and the purpose of these</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?</li> <li>Explain why... did that?</li> <li>Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>Is this as good as...?</li> <li>Which is better and why?</li> <li>What can you tell me about how this text is organised?</li> <li>Why is the text arranged in this way?</li> <li>What is the purpose of this text and who is the audience?</li> <li>How does the author engage the reader here?</li> <li>Which section was the most ...? Why?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Retrieval Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>confidently skim and scan texts to record details,</li> <li>Using relevant quotes to support their answers to questions.</li> <li>Retrieve and record information from a fiction or non-fiction text.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?</li> <li>When/where is this story set? How do you know?</li> <li>Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.</li> <li>What do you think is happening here? Why?</li> <li>What might this mean?</li> <li>Whose perspective is the story told by and how do you know?</li> <li>How can you use the subheading to help you here?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summarising Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use skills developed in year 3 in order to write a brief summary of main points, identifying and using important information.</li> <li>Identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph.</li> <li>identify themes from a wide range of books</li> <li>summarise whole paragraphs, chapters or texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?</li> <li>Sum up what has happened so far in X words/seconds or less.</li> <li>Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?</li> <li>Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?</li> <li>How might I record this to ensure the best possible outcome?</li> </ul>

- highlight key information and record it in bullet points, diagrams, maps etc

## Progression of Reading Skills in Year 5

### National Curriculum: Word Reading

**Pupils should be taught to:**

Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology) as listed in [English Appendix 1](#), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet

National Curriculum Statements in Year 5	Coverage in Comprehension	Coverage in Class Novel	Coverage in Writing	Coverage in Enrichment
Continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks				
Reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes				
Increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices				
Identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing				
Learning a wider range of poetry by heart				
Making comparisons within and across books				
Preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience				
Understand what they read by: checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context				
Asking questions to improve their understanding				
Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence predicting what might happen from details stated and implied				
Summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas				
Identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning				
Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader				
Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion				
Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction				
Participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others'				

**Vocabulary Key Skills**

- explore the meaning of words in context, confidently using a dictionary
- discuss how the author's choice of language impacts the reader
- evaluate the authors use of language
- investigate alternative word choices that could be made
- begin to look at the use of figurative language
- use a thesaurus to find synonyms for a larger variety of words
- re-write passages using alternative word choices
- Read around the word' and \*explore its meaning in the broader context of a

**Example stem questions**

- Can you quickly find...in the dictionary and thesaurus?
- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why?
- How has the author made you/this character feel by writing...? Why?
- Find and highlight the word which is closest in meaning to ...
- Find a word which demonstrates...

<p>section or paragraph.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you rewrite this in the style of the author using your own words?</li> <li>• How have simile and metaphor been used here to enhance the text?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Inference Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</li> <li>• make inferences about actions, feelings, events or states</li> <li>• use figurative language to infer meaning</li> <li>• Give one or two pieces of evidence to support the point they are making.</li> <li>• Begin to draw evidence from more than one place across a text.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?</li> <li>• I think...; do you agree? Why/why not?</li> <li>• Why do you think the author? Decided to...?</li> <li>• Can you explain why...? Can you give me evidence from somewhere else in the text?</li> <li>• What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>• How does the author make you feel?</li> <li>• What impression do you get from these paragraphs?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prediction Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting what might happen from details stated and implied</li> <li>• Support predictions with relevant evidence from the text.</li> <li>• Confirm and modify predictions as they read on.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?</li> <li>• Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Explanation Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide increasingly reasoned justification for my views</li> <li>• recommend books for peers in detail</li> <li>• give reasons for authorial choices</li> <li>• begin to challenge points of view</li> <li>• begin to distinguish between fact and opinion</li> <li>• identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning</li> <li>• discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader</li> <li>• Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?</li> <li>• Explain why... did that?</li> <li>• Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>• Does this story have a moral?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• How is the text organised and what impact does this have on you as a reader?</li> <li>• Why has the text been written this way?</li> <li>• How can you tell whether it is fact and opinion?</li> <li>• How is this text similar to the writing we have been doing?</li> <li>• How does the author engage the audience?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Retrieval Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidently skim and scan, and also use the skill of reading before and after to retrieve information.</li> <li>• use evidence from across larger sections of text</li> <li>• Read a broader range of texts including myths, legends, stories from other cultures, modern fiction and archaic texts.</li> <li>• Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• Ask my own questions and follow a line of enquiry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.</li> <li>• Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.</li> <li>• What do you think is happening here? Why?</li> <li>• Who is telling this story?</li> <li>• Can you skim/scan quickly to find the answer?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summarising Key Skills</b></p>	<p><b>Example stem questions</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, page, chapter or the entire text identifying key details to support the main ideas.</li> <li>• Make connections between information across the text and include this in an answer.</li> <li>• discuss the themes or conventions from a chapter or text</li> <li>• identify themes across a wide range of writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main point in this paragraph? Is it mentioned anywhere else?</li> <li>• Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less.</li> <li>• Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?</li> <li>• Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?</li> <li>• Can you find a text with a similar theme?</li> </ul>



## Progression of Reading Skills in Year 6

### National Curriculum: Word Reading

**Pupils should be taught to:**

Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology) as listed in [English Appendix 1](#), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet

National Curriculum Statements in Year 6	Coverage in Comprehension	Coverage in Class Novel	Coverage in Writing	Coverage in Enrichment
continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks				
reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes				
increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions				
recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices				
identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing				
learning a wider range of poetry by heart				
making comparisons within and across books				
preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience				
understand what they read by: checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context				
asking questions to improve their understanding				
drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence predicting what might happen from details stated and implied				
summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas				
identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning				
discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader				
distinguish between statements of fact and opinion				
retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction				
participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others'				
Transcribe the children's oral responses into written ones and model structures for answering question. Ensure that a full answer is modelled to the children (3 marks Qs)				

**Vocabulary Key Skills**

- evaluate how the authors' use of language impacts upon the reader
- Find examples of figurative language and how this impacts the reader and contributes to meaning or mood.
- Discuss how presentation and structure contribute to meaning.
- Explore the meaning of words in context by 'reading around the word' and independently explore its meaning in the broader context of a section or

**Example stem questions**

- What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about the character/setting/mood?
- By writing..., what effect has the author created? Do you think they intended to?
- Can you find examples of simile, metaphor, hyperbole or personification in the text?
- Why has the text been organised in this way? Would you have done it

paragraph.	differently? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What other words/phrases could the author have used here? Why? How has the author made you/this character feel by writing...? Why?</li> </ul>
<b>Inference Key Skills</b>	<b>Example stem questions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</li> <li>• Discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues.</li> <li>• Make inferences about events, feelings, states backing these up with evidence.</li> <li>• Infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives, giving more than one piece of evidence to support each point made. They can draw evidence from different places across the text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think... means? Why do you think that? Could it be anything else?</li> <li>• I think...; do you agree? Why/why not?</li> <li>• Why do you think the author decided to...?</li> <li>• Can you explain why...?</li> <li>• What do these words mean and why do you think that the author chose them?</li> <li>• How do other people's descriptions of ...show that...?</li> <li>• Where else in the text can we find the answer to this question?</li> </ul>
<b>Prediction Key Skills</b>	<b>Example stem questions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting what might happen from details stated and implied</li> <li>• support predictions by using relevant evidence from the text</li> <li>• Confirm and modify predictions in light of new information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you think of another story with a similar theme? How do their plots differ?</li> <li>• Which stories have openings like this? Do you think that this story will develop the same way?</li> <li>• Why did the author choose this setting? Will that influence the story?</li> </ul>
<b>Explanation Key Skills</b>	<b>Example stem questions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide increasingly reasoned justification for my views</li> <li>• recommend books for peers in detail</li> <li>• give reasons for authorial choices</li> <li>• begin to challenge points of view</li> <li>• begin to distinguish between fact and opinion</li> <li>• identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning</li> <li>• discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader</li> <li>• Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates.</li> <li>• Distinguish between fact, opinion and bias explaining how they know this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is similar/different about two characters? Did the author intend that?</li> <li>• Explain why... did that?</li> <li>• Describe different characters' reactions to the same event.</li> <li>• Does this story have a moral?</li> <li>• Which is better and why?</li> <li>• Can you identify where the author has shown bias towards a particular character?</li> <li>• Is it fact or is it opinion? How do you know?</li> <li>• How does the author make you feel at this point in the story? Why did they do that?</li> <li>• Can you explain it in a different way?</li> </ul>
<b>Retrieval Key Skills</b>	<b>Example stem questions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children confidently skim and scan, and also use the skill of reading before and after to retrieve information. *They use evidence from across whole chapters or texts</li> <li>• Read a broader range of texts including myths, legends, stories from other cultures, modern fiction, plays, poetry and archaic texts.</li> <li>• Retrieve, record and present information from a wide variety of non-fiction texts.</li> <li>• Ask my own questions and follow a line of enquiry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the... in this text. Is it anywhere else?</li> <li>• Can you skim the next... and find me the answer to...?</li> <li>• When/where is this story set? Find evidence in the text.</li> <li>• Find the part of the story that best describes the setting.</li> <li>• What do you think is happening here? Why?</li> <li>• Who is telling this story?</li> <li>• What genre is...?</li> <li>• Can you look at these other texts and find me what is similar and what is different?</li> </ul>
<b>Summarising Key Skills</b>	<b>Example stem questions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarise information from across a text and link information by analysing and evaluating ideas between sections of the text.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the main point of the text?</li> <li>• Can you look in this paragraph? What does the author mean? Is it mentioned</li> </ul>



- summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas
- Make comparisons across different books.
- Summarise entire texts, in addition to chapters or paragraphs, using a limited amount of words or paragraphs.

- anywhere else?
- Sum up what has happened so far in... words/seconds or less.
- Can you read the text and summarise what has happened?
- Which is the most important point in these paragraphs? Why?
- Do any sections/paragraphs deal with the same themes?