



Communication, Language and Literacy Overview of Key Documents 2021					
Communication and Language					
EYFS ELG End of Reception	Birth to 5 Matters 2021 (Non-Statutory Guidance) Range 5	Development Matters 2020 (Non-Statutory Curriculum Guidance) Nursery 3 — 4 years	Birth to 5 2021 (Non-Statutory Guidance) Range 6	Development Matters2020 (Non-Statutory Curriculum Guidance) <u>Reception</u>	
Listening, attention and understanding  Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.  Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.  Hold conversation when engaged in backand forth exchanges with their teacher and peers	Listening and attention  Listens to others in one-to-one or small groups, when conversation interests them  Listens to familiar stories with increasing attention and recall  Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories  Focusing attention – can still listen or do, but can change their own focus of attention  Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused)	Listening, attention and understanding  • Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.  • Can find it difficult to pay attention to more than one thing at a time.  • Use a wider range of vocabulary.  • Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door".  • Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"	Listening and attention  • Shows variability in listening behaviour; may move around and fiddle but still be listening or sit still but not absorbed by activity  • May indicate two-channelled attention, e.g. paying attention to something of interest for short or long periods; can both listen and do for short span	Listening, attention and understanding  Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.  Learn new vocabulary.  Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.  Learn rhymes, poems and songs.  Engage in non-fiction books.  Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary	
	Understanding  • Understands use of objects (e.g. Which one do we cut with?)  • Shows understanding of prepositions such as under, on top, behind by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture  • Responds to instructions with more elements, e.g. Give the big ball to me; collect up all the blocks and put them in the box  • Beginning to understand why and how questions		Understanding  • Understands a range of complex sentence structures including negatives, plurals and tense markers  • Beginning to understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes  • Able to follow a story without pictures or props  • Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion  • Understands questions such as who; why; when; where and how		
Speaking     Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.     Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.     Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher	Speaking     Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because)     Able to use language in recalling past experiences     Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger)     Continues to make some errors in language (e.g. runned) and will absorb and use language they hear around them in their community and culture     Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others     Uses talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next	Speaking Sing a large repertoire of songs. Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. Develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'. May have problems saying: - some sounds: r, j, th, ch, and sh - multisyllabic words such as 'pterodactyl', 'planetarium' or 'hippopotamus' Use longer sentences of four to six words. Be able to express a point of view and to	Speaking Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play	Speaking  Use new vocabulary through the day.  Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.  Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.  Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.  Describe events in some detail.  Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities explain how things work and why they might happen.  Develop social phrases.  Engage in story times.	





Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how     Beginning to use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played) • Talks more extensively about things that are of particular importance to them     Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences     Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play, e.g. This box is my castle	debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.  • Can start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.  • Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver."	Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.     Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words     Use new vocabulary in different contexts





Literacy					
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Comprehension  Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.  Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.  Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play	Comprehension  Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, when reading one-to-one and in small groups  Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories  Begins to be aware of the way stories are structured, and to tell own stories  Talks about events and principal characters in stories and suggests how the story might end  Shows interest in illustrations and words in print and digital books and words in the environment  Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name, advertising logos and screen icons  Looks at and enjoys print and digital books independently  Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom  Knows information can be relayed through signs and symbols in various forms (e.g. printed materials, digital screens and environmental print)  Handles books and touch screen technology carefully and the correct way up with growing competence	Comprehension  • Understand the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - the names of the different parts of a book - print can have different purposes - page sequencing - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom  • Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary	Comprehension  • Enjoys an increasing range of print and digital books, both fiction and non-fiction  • Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of reading  • Describes main story settings, events and principal characters in increasing detail  • Re-enacts and reinvents stories they have heard in their play  • Knows that information can be retrieved from books, computers and mobile digital devices  • Is able to recall and discuss stories or information that has been read to them, or they have read themselves	Comprehension  Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment	
Word Reading Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words	Word Reading (This is not a separate section in Birth to 5))  • Begins to navigate apps and websites on digital media using drop down menu to select websites and icons to select apps  • Begins to develop phonological and phonemic awareness - Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration - Recognises rhythm in spoken words, songs, poems and rhymes  - Claps or taps the syllables in words during sound play - Hears and says the initial sound in words	Word Reading     Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: - spot and suggest rhymes - count or clap syllables in a word - recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother	Word Reading (This is not a separate section in Birth to 5))  • Begins to recognise some written names of peers, siblings or "Mummy"/"Daddy" for example  • Begins to develop phonological and phonemic awareness - Continues a rhyming string and identifies alliteration - Hears and says the initial sound in words - Begins to segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them - Starts to link sounds	Word Reading  Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.  Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known lettersound correspondences.  Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.  Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.	





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<ul><li>Writing</li><li>Write recognisable letters, most of which are</li></ul>	Writing     Makes up stories, play scenarios, and	Writing     Use some of their print and letter	Writing     Enjoys creating texts to communicate	Writing     Form lower-case and capital letters
correctly formed.	drawings in response to experiences, such	knowledge in their early writing. For	meaning for an increasingly wide range of	correctly.
Spell words by identifying sounds in them	as outings	example: writing a pretend shopping list	purposes, such as making greetings cards,	Spell words by identifying the sounds and
and representing the sounds with a letter or	Sometimes gives meaning to their	that starts at the top of the page; write 'm'	tickets, lists, invitations and creating their own	then writing the sound with letter/s.
letters.	drawings and paintings	for mummy.	stories and books with images and sometimes	Write short sentences with words with
Write simple phrases and sentences that can	Ascribes meanings to signs, symbols and	Write some or all of their name.	with words, in print and digital formats	known letter-sound correspondences using
be read by others	words that they see in different places,	Write some letters accurately	Gives meaning to the marks they make as	a capital letter and full stop.
be read by others	including those they make themselves	• Write some letters accurately	they draw, write, paint and type using a	Re-read what they have written to check
	Includes mark making and early writing in		keyboard or touch-screen technology	that it makes sense
	their play • Imitates adults' writing by		Begins to break the flow of speech into	that it makes sense
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	making continuous lines of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to right		words, to hear and say the initial sound in words and may start to segment the sounds in	
	Attempts to write their own name, or		words and blend them together	
	other names and words, using combinations		Starts to develop phonic knowledge by	
	of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type		linking sounds to letters, naming and sounding	
	shapes		some of the letters of the alphabet, identifying	
	Shows interest in letters on a keyboard,		letters and writing recognisable letters in	
	identifying the initial letter of their own		sequence, such as in their own name	
	name and other familiar words		Uses their developing phonic knowledge to	
	Begins to make letter-type shapes to		write things such as labels and captions, later	
	represent the initial sound of their name		progressing to simple sentences	
	and other familiar words		progressing to simple sentences	