

Progression of Skills for Reading



National Curriculum Aims and Objectives - Reading

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written language, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. The national curriculum for reading aims to ensure that all pupils:

- reading easily, fluently and with good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information

	EYFS Age 3 - 4 Reception Early Learning Goal	Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2				
	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Word reading-phonics and decoding	enjoying rhyming and rhythmic activities • showing an awareness of rhyme and alliteration • recognising rhythm in spoken words • continuing a rhyming string • hearing and saying the initial sound in words • segmenting the sounds in simple words and blending them together, knowing which letter represents some of them • linking sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet • using phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud • accurately reading some common exception words	Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. Blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCs that they have been taught. Respond speedily, giving the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes. Read words containing taught GPCs. Read words containing -s, -es, - ing, -ed and - est endings. Read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.	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 by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. Accurately read most words of two or more syllables. Read most words containing common suffixes.	Use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words). Apply their growing knowledge of root words and prefixes,including in-,im-,il-,ir-,dis-,mis-, un-,re-,sub-, inter-, super-, anti-and auto to begin to read aloud. Apply their growing knowledge of root words and suffixes/word endings,including-ation, -ly,-ous, -ture, - sure, - sion, -tion, - ssion and -cian, to begin to read aloud.	Read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. Apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.	Read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/ word endings, including - sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, - ant/-ance/-ancy, - ent/- ence/-ency, - able/-ably and - ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.	Read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/ Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings Decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.	

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_	To read some common	Read Y1 common	Read most Y1 and Y2	Begin to read Y3/Y4	Read all Y3/Y4	Read most Y5/ Y6	Read most Y5/ Y6		
Word reading- common exception words	irregular words.	exception words,	common exception	exception words.	exception words,	exception words,	exception words,		
ો pti		noting unusual	words*, noting		discussing the	discussing the	discussing the		
Word reading- mmon excepti words		correspondences	unusual		unusual	unusual	unusual		
rd read on exce words		between spelling and	correspondences		correspondences	correspondences	correspondences		
א ב ק		sound and where	between spelling and		between spelling and	between spelling and	between the spelling		
		these occur in words	sound and where		these occur in the	sound and where	and sound and where		
≥ Ē			these occur in the		word.	these occur in the	these occur in the		
8			word.			word.	word.		
	showing interest in	Accurately read texts	Read aloud books	At this stage, teaching comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and					
	illustrations and print in	that are consistent with	(closely matched to	fluency specifically.					
	books and the	their developing phonic	their improving phonic						
	environment	knowledge, that do not	knowledge), sounding	Any focus on word readin	ig should support the develo	d support the development of vocabulary.			
	 recognising familiar words and signs such as 	require them to use other strategies to work	out unfamiliar words accurately,						
	own name and	out words.	automatically and						
Word reading-fluency	advertising logos	out words.	without undue						
e	looking at and handling	Reread texts to build up	hesitation.						
₽	books independently	fluency and confidence							
<u>6</u>	(holds books the correct	in word reading.	Reread these books to						
⊨	way up and turns pages)		build up fluency and						
ea	 ascribing meanings to 		confidence in word						
7	marks that they see in		reading.						
o o	different places								
Š	beginning to break the		Read words accurately						
	flow of speech into words		and fluently without overt sounding and						
	beginning to read words		blending, e.g. at over 90						
	and simple sentences		words per minute, in						
	• reading and		age appropriate texts.						
	understanding simple		Q: - - - - - - - - - - - - -						
	sentences								

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p0	knowing that print carries meaning and, in	Check that a text makes sense to them as they	Show understanding by drawing on what they					
understanding inaccuracies	English, is reading from	read and self-correct.	already know or on					
aci	left to right and top to		background information					
erst	bottom		and vocabulary provided					
understandi inaccuracies	 understanding humour, 		by the teacher.					
	e.g. nonsense rhymes,		Check that the text					
io ii	jokes		makes sense to them as					
ehension- correcting			they read and correct					
e p			inaccurate reading.					
Comprehension- and correcting								
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listening to stories with increasing attention and recall

- anticipating key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured
- describing main story settings, events and principal characters
- enjoying an increasing range of books
- following a story without pictures or props
- listening to stories, accurately anticipating key events and responding to what is heard with relevant comments, questions or actions
- demonstrating understanding when talking with others about what they have been reading

Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, non fiction and poetry at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.

Link what they have read or have read to them to their own experiences.

Retell familiar stories in increasing detail.

Join in with discussions about a text, taking turns and listening to what others say.

Discuss the significance of titles and events.

Participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them (at a level beyond at which they can read independently) and those that they can read for themselves, explaining their understanding and expressing their views.

Become increasingly familiar with and to retell a wide range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales.

Discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related.

Recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry.

Ask and answer questions about a text.

Make links between the text they are reading and other texts they have read (in texts that they can read independently).

Recognise, listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.

Use appropriate terminology when discussing texts (plot, character, setting). Discuss and compare texts from a wide variety of genres and writers.

Read for a range of purposes.

Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books.

Refer to authorial style, overall themes (e.g. triumph of good over evil) and features (e.g. greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of presentational devices such as numbering and headings).

Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these. Read a wide range of genres, identifying the characteristics of text types (such as the use of the first person in writing diaries and autobiographies) and differences between text types.

Participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously.

Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and to summarise these.

Recommend texts to peers based on personal choice

Read for pleasure, discussing, comparing and evaluating in depth across a wide range of genres, including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction and books from other cultures and traditions.

Recognise more complex themes in what they read (such as loss or heroism).

Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates.

Listen to guidance and feedback on the quality of their explanations and contributions to discussions and make improvements.

Draw out key information and summarise the main ideas in a text.

Distinguish independently between statements of fact and opinion, providing reasoned justifications for their views.

Compare characters, settings and themes within a text and across more than one text.

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Words in Context and Authorial Choice	To build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. • To extend vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. To use vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books	To discuss word meaning and link new meanings to those already known.	To discuss and clarify the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary. • To discuss their favourite words and phrases.	To check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the words in context. • To discuss authors' choice of words and phrases for effect.	Discuss vocabulary used to capture readers' interest and imagination.	To discuss vocabulary used by the author to create effect including figurative language. • To evaluate the use of authors' language and explain how it has created an impact on the reader.	To analyse and evaluate the use of language, including figurative language and how it is used for effect, using technical terminology such as metaphor, simile, analogy, imagery, style and effect.	

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Comprehension-Inference and Prediction	suggesting how a story might end • beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions • answering 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or event	Begin to make simple inferences. Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.	Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far in a text.	Ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives. Justify predictions using evidence from the text.	Draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives that justifies their actions, supporting their views with evidence from the text. Justify predictions from details stated and implied	Draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives. Make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text.	Consider different accounts of the same event and to discuss viewpoints (both of authors and of fictional characters). Discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues.	

	knowing that	Recite simple poems	Continue to build up a	Prepare and perform	Recognise and discuss	Continually show an	Confidently perform
	information can be	by heart.	repertoire of poems	poems and play scripts	some different forms	awareness of	texts (including
e S	relayed in the form of		learnt by heart,	that show some	of poetry (e.g. free	audience when	poems learnt by
Ē	print		appreciating these and	awareness of the	verse or narrative	reading out loud	heart) using a wide
μ	 knowing that 		reciting some with	audience when reading	poetry).	using intonation,	range of devices to
ı	information can be		appropriate intonation	aloud.		tone, volume and	engage the audience
i f	retrieved from books		to make the meaning		Prepare and perform	action.	and for effect.
Pe	and computers		clear.	Begin to use	poems and play scripts		
Pu				appropriate intonation	with appropriate		
<u> </u>				and volume when	techniques		
£ (reading aloud.	(intonation, tone,		
o e					volume and action) to		
حّ					show awareness of		
					the audience when		
					reading aloud.		

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Non-Fiction	knowing that information can be relayed in the form of print • knowing that information can be retrieved from books and computers		Recognise that non-fiction books are often structured in different ways.	Retrieve and record information from non- fiction texts.	Use all of the organisational devices available within a non- fiction text to retrieve, record and discuss information. Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.	Use knowledge of texts and organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and nonfiction texts.	Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts. Use non-fiction materials for purposeful information retrieval (e.g. in reading history, geography and science textbooks) and in contexts where pupils are genuinely motivated to find out information (e.g. reading information leaflets before a gallery or museum visit or reading a theatre programme or review).			