

Overview of Progression of reading skills.

Over the academic year, the skills below that are the focus for a specific year group are revisited time and time again using a more demanding text.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Word Reading:	Review Reception content.	Review year 1 content.	Review year 2 content.	Review year 3 content.	Review year 4 content.	Review year 5 content.
Develop their phonological	•	,	,	,	,	
awareness to:	Reading for meaning is at the	Reading for meaning is at the	Reading for meaning is at the	Reading for meaning is at the	Reading for meaning is at the	Reading for meaning is at the
Spot rhymes in familiar	heart of Y1 Guided Reading – this	heart of Y2 Guided Reading – this	heart of Y3 Guided Reading – this	heart of Y4 Guided Reading – this	heart of Y5 Guided Reading – this	heart of Y6 Guided Reading – this
stories and poems.	is a vehicle to teach reading skills	is a vehicle to teach reading skills	is a vehicle to teach reading skills	is a vehicle to teach reading skills	is a vehicle to teach reading skills	is a vehicle to teach reading skills
Able to complete a rhyming	and comprehension skills.	and comprehension skills.	and comprehension skills.	and comprehension skills.	and comprehension skills.	and comprehension skills.
string.						
Recognise and use rhyme in	Read age-appropriate books	Maintain fluency whilst	Read age-appropriate books	➤ Shows stamina whilst	➤ Shows stamina whilst	➤ Shows stamina whilst
daily conversation.	with some fluency (show	reading age-appropriate	fluently and accurately using	reading age-appropriate	reading age-appropriate	reading age-appropriate
Count or clap syllables in a	some awareness for	books at speed (showing	intonation	books fluently and	books fluently and accurately	books fluently and
word.	punctuation when reading)	awareness of the function of	Pupils show stamina and	accurately whilst retaining	whilst retaining speed (using	accurately whilst retaining
Begin to sound buttons to	Skimming and scanning (You	punctuation when reading,	resilience (prepared to	speed (using intonation)	intonation)	speed (using intonation)
identify how many sounds	Choose)	some intonation)	persevere with all texts)	Pupils apply a more	Pupils' verbal and written	Pupils in year 6 apply what
are in a word.	Find and Point to	'Find and point' skimming	reading longer age-	controlled skill of	responses to questions	they have learned to more
Use sound buttons to	(visuals/words)	and scanning is developed to	appropriate texts with	summarising the gist of	display precision and an	complex writing –
segment and read words.	Teaching pupils to infer/	'Find and Copy' where	fluency.	what they have read	awareness of understanding	specifically texts that they
Recognise words with the	justify their answers through	children can identify writer's	Over the academic year,	(verbally and in the written	the expectations of the	may not ordinarily choose
same initial sound.	scaffolded / modelled answer	choice of language	pupils develop a more	form).	question.	to read.
Can supply words with the	stems using both pictures and	demonstrating an	controlled skill of	> As the demand of text	Pupils can discuss the	> Texts chosen deliberately
same initial sound for phase	texts (I think because)	understanding of writer/	summarising the gist of what	increases, pupils are	difference between fact and	generate more 'meaty'
2 single sounds.	➤ Beginning to develop an	reader relationship.	they have read (verbally and	challenged to discuss the	opinion across a range of	discussions where pupils
Can identify words	understanding for true/ false	(through pictures and texts)	in the written form).	meaning of words within	texts (including the wider	can debate contemporary
containing the same digraph	through a variety of questions	 Pupils develop their skills to 	> As the demand of text	texts.	curriculum)	issues.
or trigraph e.g. ay- may, day,	(within English and across the	infer/ justify their opinion as	increases, pupils are	Pupils are able to find	Pupils can summarise with	Pupils demonstrate
play.	curriculum)	the texts presented display	challenged to discuss the	evidence to support their	ease across more than one	independence when
p.ay.	Beginning to sequence events	more complex plots.	meaning of words within	points (using Impression/	paragraph and can express	researching – showing a
ELG Reading	through modelled responses	 Pupils develop retrieval skills 	texts.	Evidence through PE, PE)	their opinion of what they	real understanding of
Say a sound for each letter in the	 Guided retrieval activities 	where questions increase in	> Teachers scaffold frames to	Pupils' answers precision.	have read (with reference to	reading.
alphabet and at least 10	using question stems from	difficulty (word	support pupils to find	 Pupils are able to compare 	the text where appropriate)	Pupils demonstrate
diagraphs	the KS1 curriculum	substitutions)	evidence to support their	what they have read to	Pupils can apply their	retrieval skills across the
alagi aprilo	Pupils begin to develop	Over the academic year,	points (using Impression/	previous texts and justify	retrieval skills across a wide	curriculum at the same
ELG Reading	stamina and resilience	pupils independently	Evidence through PE, PE)	these similarities and	range of age-appropriate	standard as in English
Read words consistent with their	(prepared to persevere with	summarise the general gist	 Pupils develop a stronger 	differences.	children's literature.	sessions.
phonic knowledge by sound-	all texts) reading longer age-	of what they are reading in	understanding of the need to	Pupils apply an	 Pupils select evidence from 	Pupils compare and
blending.	appropriate texts with	various forms.	be precise with their answers.	understanding of true and	the text with ease and	contrast characters, settings
.	fluency.	Pupils develop stamina and	Pupils are encouraged and	false and display this across	precision when justifying	and themes in a verbal and
ELG Reading	Pupils apply their knowledge	resilience (prepared to	guided to compare what they	the curriculum.	their opinions.	written form with conscious
Read aloud simple sentences and	of taught phonic skills in	persevere with all texts)	have read to previous texts	> Texts chosen support pupils	Pupils are confident when	control over their
books that are consistent with	shared and independent	reading longer age-	and justify these similarities	to further develop	verbally challenging each	responses.
their phonic knowledge,	reading.	appropriate texts with	and differences.	prediction skills (based on	other discussing themes that	Pupils support their reading
including some common		fluency.	 Pupils further develop their 	what is stated/implied)	emerge from high-quality	responses with an
exception words.		Pupils display and	understanding of true and	Pupils' writing displays an	texts.	understanding for the
		demonstrate (verbally first	false and display this across	understanding of the writer/	Pupils understand how more	technical terms that an
Comprehension:		and later in a written form) a	the curriculum.	reader relationship	demanding texts are	author uses. In turn,
		greater understanding of	> Texts chosen support pupils	Pupils apply these	organised and can discuss	children can use what they
Asks questions about stories.		inference	to further develop prediction	developed reading skills	features of texts with	have read in their writing.
Repeat words and phrases		Pupils develop a deeper	skills (based on what is	across a wider range of	confidence.	Pupils select evidence with
from familiar stories.		understanding of a wider	stated/implied)	fiction; non-fiction and		ease to justify their opinions
		range of vocabulary.		poetry. They are confident		Case to justify their opinions



Repeat new vocabulary in a	>	Pupils begin to understand	Pupils further develop their	at applying these skills when	when faced with an
context of a story.		how texts are presented and	understanding of the writer/	they read texts across the	inference activity.
Has favourite books and		can follow the text (sub	reader relationship and this	curriculum that are unseen	Pupils demonstrate agility
seeks them out, to share with		headings, title, captions)	begins to show in their own	Pupils begin to compare and	when reading across various
an adult.			writing	contrast the content of a	different forms of texts and
Answer questions about a			Pupils apply these developed	text and can track characters	are not fazed by longer
text that has been read to			reading skills across a wider	throughout.	extracts.
them.			range of fiction; non-fiction	Pupils understand how texts	Pupils summarise quickly
Begin to predict what might			and poetry. They are	are organised and can	and develop an opinion of
happen next in a story.			confident at applying these	discuss features of texts	what they have read. They
Begin to use modelled			skills when they read texts	with confidence.	are prepared to challenge
vocabulary during role play			across the curriculum that are		their peers with justified
for example in the Small			unseen.		responses.
World.			Pupils develop an		Pupils can comment on how
Seeks familiar texts or stories			understanding of how texts		narrative content and non-
to re-read in the book area.			are presented and can follow		fiction content are
Requests favourite stories			the text (sub headings, title,		organised and discuss
and poems for example			captions)		reasons for this.
during Vote for a story.					
Can share a favourite book					
with a peer, retelling the					
story in their own way					
repeating known phrases					
from the text.					
ELG Comprehension					
Demonstrate understanding of					
what has been read to them by					
retelling stories and narratives					
using their own words and					
recently introduced vocabulary.					
ELG Comprehension					
Anticipate – where appropriate –					
key events in stories.					
ELG Comprehension					
Use and understand recently					
introduced vocabulary during					
discussions about stories,					
non-fiction, rhymes and					
poems and during role-play.					
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