

Reading Progression as outlined in the National Curriculum 2014

EYFS – Development Matters	Literacy: Reading
	A Unique Child: observing what a child is learning
30-50 months	• Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities. • Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. • Recognises rhythm in spoken words. • Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. • Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. • Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. • Suggests how the story might end. • Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. • Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. • Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. • Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. • Looks at books independently. • Handles books carefully. • Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. • Holds books the correct way up and turns pages. • Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.
40-60+ months	• Continues a rhyming string. • Hears and says the initial sound in words. • Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them. • Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. • Begins to read words and simple sentences. • Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books. • Enjoys an increasing range of books. • Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers. Early Learning Goal

Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Reading

The programmes of study for reading at key stages 1 and 2 consist of two dimensions:

- Word reading
- Comprehension (both listening and reading).

It is essential that teaching focuses on developing pupils' competence in both dimensions; different kinds of teaching are needed for each.

Skilled word reading involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words. Underpinning both is the understanding that the letters on the page represent the sounds in spoken words. This is why phonics should be emphasised in the early teaching of reading to beginners (i.e. unskilled readers) when they start school.

Good comprehension draws from linguistic knowledge (in particular of vocabulary and grammar) and on knowledge of the world. Comprehension skills develop through pupils' experience of high-quality discussion with the teacher, as well as from reading and discussing a range of stories, poems and non-fiction. All pupils must be encouraged to read widely across both fiction and non-fiction to develop their knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live, to establish an appreciation and love of reading, and to gain knowledge across the curriculum. Reading widely and often increases pupils' vocabulary because they encounter words they would rarely hear or use in everyday speech. Reading also feeds pupils' imagination and opens up a treasure-house of wonder and joy for curious young minds.

It is essential that, by the end of their primary education, all pupils are able to read fluently, and with confidence, in any subject in their forthcoming secondary education.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Decoding	•apply phonic knowledge to decode words •speedily read all 40+ letters/groups for 40+ phonemes •read accurately by blending taught GPC •read common exception words	*secure phonic decoding until reading is fluent *read accurately by blending, including alternative sounds for graphemes *read multisyllable words containing these graphemes *read common	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, 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	*Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, 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	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet	

	•read common suffixes (-s, -es, -ing, -ed, etc.) •read multisyllable words containing taught GPCs •read contractions and understanding use of apostrophe •read aloud phonically-decodable texts	suffixes*read exception words, noting unusual correspondences *read most words quickly & accurately without overt sounding and blending	sound, and where these occur in the word	sound, and where these occur in the word			
Range of Reading	•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	*listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently	*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	*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	*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 *making comparisons within and across books	*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 *making comparisons within and across books	
Familiarity with texts	*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	*becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales *recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry	*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	*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	*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 *identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing	*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 *identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing	

Poetry & Performance	*learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart	*continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear	*preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action *recognising some different forms of poetry	*preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action *recognising some different forms of poetry	*learning a wider range of poetry by heart 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	*learning a wider range of poetry by heart 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	
Word meanings	*discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known	*discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary *discussing their favourite words and phrases	*using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	*using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read			
Understanding	*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 sequence of events in books and how items of information are related*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	*checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context*asking questions to improve their understanding of a text *identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these	*checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context*asking questions to improve their understanding of a text *identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these	* 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 *summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas	* 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 *summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas	
Inference	*discussing the significance of the title and events *making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done	*making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done *answering and asking questions	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	

Prediction	*predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far	*predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	
Authorial Intent			*discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination*identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	*discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination*identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	*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	*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	
Non-fiction		*being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways	*retrieve and record information from non-fiction	*retrieve and record information from non-fiction	*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion*retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction	*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion*retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction	
Discussing reading	*participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say *explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them	*participate in discussion about books, poems & other works that are read to them & 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	*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	*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	*recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices*participate in discussions about books, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously*explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, *provide reasoned justifications for their views	*recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices*participate in discussions about books, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously*explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, *provide reasoned justifications for their views	