



Word Reading: Phonics and decoding, common exception words and fluency

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EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities.	Respond speedily with the correct sound to grapheme for the 44 phonemes.	Apply phonic knowledge and skills to read words until automatic decoding	Use knowledge of root words to understand meanings of words.	Use knowledge of root words to understand meanings of words.	Use knowledge of root words to understand meanings of words.	Use knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to investigate how the
To continue a rhyming string.	Recognise and use the different ways of	has become embedded and reading is fluent.	Use prefixes to understand	Use prefixes to understand	Apply knowledge of prefixes to	meanings of words change e.g. un+happy+ness,
To show interest in illustrations and	pronouncing the same grapheme; e.g.	Read accurately by	meanings e.g. un-, dis-,-mis- , re	meanings e.g. sub- ,inter-, anti-,- auto	understand meaning of new words.	dis+repute+able, dis+respect+ful,
print in books and print in the environment.	ow in snow and cow. Read accurately by	blending the sounds in words, especially recognising	Use suffixes to understand	Use suffixes to understand	Use suffixes to understand	re+engage+ment . Use suffixes to
To look and handle books independently	blending sounds in unfamiliar words. Read words	alternative sounds for graphemes.	meanings e.gation, -ous.	meanings e.g. –ation, -ous, – tion, –sion, – ssion, – cian. •	meanings e.gant, - ance, - ancy, - ent, ence, -ency, -ible, -	understand meanings e.g. –cious, – tious, – tial, –cial.
(holds books the correct way up and	containing -s, - es, - ing, -ed, -er, - est	Read accurately words of two or more	Read and understand meaning of words on	Read and understand	able, -ibly, -ably.	Read and
turns pages)	endings.	syllables that contain alternative sounds	Y3/4 word list. Use intonation, tone and	meaning of words on Y3/4 word list.	Read and understand meanings of words	understand meanings of words
Read individual letters by saying sounds for them.	Split two and three syllable words into the separate syllables	for grapheme e.g. shoulder, roundabout,	volume when reading aloud.	Use punctuation to determine intonation	on Y5/6 word list. Use punctuation to	on Y5/6 word list. Employ dramatic
3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	to support blending	grouping.	Take note of	and expression when	determine intonation	effect to engage

Blend sounds into	for reading.		punctuation when	reading aloud to a	and expression when	listeners whilst
words, so that they		Read words	reading for pleasure	range of audiences.	reading aloud to	reading aloud.
can read short words	Read words with	containing common	and aloud.			
made up of known	contractions e.g. I'm,	suffixes e.gness, -				Read extensively for
letter-sound	I'll, we'll and	ment, -ful, -ly. Read				pleasure.
correspondences.	understand that the	further common				
	apostrophe	exception words,				Evaluate texts
Read some letter	represents the	noting tricky parts.				quickly in order to
groups that each	omitted letter.					determine their
represent one sound		Read frequently				usefulness or appeal.
and say sounds for	Automatically	encountered words				
them.	recognise	quickly and				Understand
To read a few	approximately 150	accurately without				underlying themes,
common exception	high frequency	overt sounding and				causes and
words matched to	words.	blending.				consequences within
RWI.						whole texts.
	Apply phonic	Read aloud books				
Read simple phrases	knowledge for	closely matched to				Understand the
and sentences made	reading. Read aloud	their improving				structures writers
up of words with	accurately books that	phonic knowledge,				use to achieve
known letter sound	are consistent with	sounding out				coherence; (headings;
correspondences and,	their developing	unfamiliar words				links within and
where necessary a	phonic knowledge.	accurately,				between paragraphs;
few exception words.		automatically and				connectives).
	Develop fluency,	without undue				
	accuracy and	hesitation.				Recognise authors'
	confidence by					techniques to
	rereading books.	Re-read these books				influence and
	Ç	to build up their				manipulate the

Read more challenging texts using phonics and	fluency and confidence in word		reader.
high frequency	reading.		
	Use tone and intonation when		
	reading aloud. Read longer and less		
	familiar texts independently		





FYFS Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 To know that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom. Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Listen to a range of texts at a level beyond that at which top to bottom. Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Listen to and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction in different forms e.g. Near 4 Year 5 Year 4 Year 5	Year 6 Listen to, read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction,
carries meaning and, in English, is read beyond that at which from left to right and they can read a range of fiction, and non-fiction on which they might	discuss an increasingly wide
	poetry, plays and
including stories, including stories, Regularly listen to advertisements, themselves. To understand nonfiction and nonfiction, and whole novels read formal speeches,	non-fiction.
humour, e.g. poems. contemporary and aloud by the teacher. leaflets, Regularly listen to nonsense rhymes, classic poetry. magazines, electronic whole novels read	Regularly listen to novels read aloud by
jokes. Identify and discuss Read a range of texts. aloud by the teacher the main events in Sequence and nonfiction texts from an increasing	the teacher from an increasing range of
To listen to stories stories. discuss the main including Regularly listen to range of authors. with increasing events in stories. information, whole novels read	authors, which they maynot choose
attention and recall. Identify and discuss the main characters Learn and recite a instructions, aloud by the teacher. Explore themes within and across	themselves.
To anticipate key in stories. range of poems using recounts, reports and Analyse and evaluate texts. events and phrases in appropriate persuasion. texts looking at	Recognise themes within and across
rhymes and stories. Recall specific intonation. Information in texts. Analyse and evaluate and presentation. Within a text e.g.	texts.
To begin to be aware of the way stories are structured. Retell a wider range texts looking at characters' of the way stories are structured. Retell a wider range texts looking at structure different viewpoints of same and traditional tales. and presentation e.g. forms of poetry.	Compare texts written in different periods.

	patterns and		newspaper reports,			Independently read
To describe main	repetition.	Read a range of	recipes, etc.	Analyse and compare	Analyse the	longer texts with
story settings, events		nonfiction texts		a range of plot	conventions of	sustained stamina
and principal	Use patterns and	including	Recognise some	structures.	different types of	and interest.
characters.	repetition to support	information,	different forms of		writing e.g. use of	
	oral retelling.	explanations,	poetry e.g. narrative,	Retell a range of	first person in	Recommend books to
To enjoy an		instructions,	free verse.	stories, including less	autobiographies and	their peers with
increasing range of	Recite rhymes and	recounts, reports.		familiar fairy stories,	diaries.	detailed reasons for
books.	poems by heart.		Read books and texts	myths and legends.		their opinions.
		Discuss how specific	for a range of	Identify, analyse and	Recommend books to	·
To follow a story	Relate texts to own	information is	purposes e.g.	discuss themes.	their peers with	Express preferences
without pictures or	experiences.	organised within a	enjoyment, research,	Identify, discuss and	reasons for choices.	about a wider range
props.		non-fiction text e.g.	skills development,	collect effective	Read books and texts	of books including
	Retell familiar	text boxes,	reference.	words and phrases	that are structured in	modern fiction,
To listen to stories,	stories in a range of	subheadings,		which capture the	different ways for a	traditional stories,
accurately	contexts	contents, bullet	Use dictionaries to	reader's interest and	range of purposes.	fiction from our
anticipating key		points, glossary,	check meanings of	imagination e.g.		literary heritage and
events and respond	. Make personal	diagrams.	words they have	metaphors, similes.	Express preferences	books from other
to what they hear	reading choices and		read.		about a wider range	cultures and
with relevant	explain reasons for	Identify, discuss and		Learn a range of	of books including	traditions.
comments, questions	choices.	collect favourite	Sequence and	poems by heart and	modern	
or actions.		words and phrases.	discuss the main	rehearse for	fiction/traditional	Learn a wider range
			events in stories.	performance.	stories/myths/legend	of poems by heart.
To demonstrate		Recognise use of			S.	
understanding when		repetitive language	Retell a range of	Prepare poems and		
talking with others		within a text or poem	stories, including less	playscripts to read	Learn a wider range	
about what they have		e.g. run, run as fast	familiar fairy stories,	and action so the	of poems by heart.	
read.		as you can and	fables and folk tales.	meaning is clear to		
		across texts e.g. long,	Identify and discuss	the audience.	Prepare poems and	

long ago in a land far away. Make personal reading choices and	themes. understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.	playscripts to read aloud and perform, showing understanding through intonation,	
explain reasons for choices.	action.	tone, volume	





Understanding what has been read by:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Anticipate key events	Introduce and	Introduce and	Discuss their	Explain the meaning	Check that the book	Explore texts in
in stories.	discuss key	discuss key	understanding of the	of key vocabulary	makes sense to them	groups and
	vocabulary.	vocabulary within the	text.	within the context of	and demonstrate	deepening
To begin to		context of a text.		the text.	understanding e.g.	comprehension
understand 'why' and	Activate prior		Explain the meaning		through discussion.	through discussion.
'how' questions in	knowledge e.g. what	Use morphology to	of unfamiliar words	Make predictions		
stories.	do you know about	work out the meaning	by using the context.	based on information	Explore the meaning	Explore new
	minibeasts?	of unfamiliar words.		stated and implied.	of words in context.	vocabulary in
Use and understand			Make predictions			context. Demonstrate
recently introduced	Check that texts	Activate prior	based on details	Demonstrate active	Demonstrate active	active reading
vocabulary during	make sense while	knowledge and raise	stated.	reading strategies	reading strategies	strategies e.g.
discussions about	reading and self-	questions e.g. What		e.g. generating	e.g. generating	challenging peers
stories, nonfiction,	correcting.	do we know? What	Raise questions	questions, finding	questions to refine	with questions,
rhymes and poems		do we want to know?	during the reading	answers, refining	thinking.	justifying opinions,
during role play.	Make predictions	What have we	process to deepen	thinking, modifying		responding to
	based on what has	learned?	understanding.	questions,	Infer characters	different viewpoints
Demonstrate	been read so far.		-	constructing images.	feelings, thoughts	within a group.
understanding of	·	Check that the text	Draw on inferences		and motives from	
what has been read	Make basic	makes sense while	around characters	Draw inferences	their actions and	Infer characters
to them by retelling	inferences about	reading and self	thoughts, feelings	around characters'	justifying inferences	feelings, thoughts
stories and	what is being said	correcting.	and actions, and	thoughts, feelings,	with evidence.	and motives from

narratives using their	and done.		justify with evidence	actions and motives,		their actions,
own words and		Make predictions	from the text	and justify with	Predicting what	justifying inferences
recently introduced	Discuss the title and	using evidence from		evidence from the	might happen from	with evidence e.g.
vocabulary.	how it relates to the	the text.	. Use APE to	text using APE.	information stated	APE.
	events in th		structure and justify		and implied.	
		Make inferences	responses.	Identify main ideas		Predict what might
		about characters and		drawn from more	Re-read and read	happen from
		events using evidence	Discuss the purpose	than one paragraph	ahead to locate clues	information stated
		from the text e.g.	of paragraphs.	and summarising	to support	and implied.
		what is a character	Identify a key idea in	these.	understanding.	
		thinking, saying and	a paragraph.			Re-read and read
		feeling?			Scan for key words	ahead to locate clues
					and text marking to	to support
		Demonstrate			locate key	understanding and
		understanding of			information.	justifying with
		texts by asking and			Summarise main	evidence from the
		answering questions			ideas drawn from	text.
		related to who, what,			more than one	
		where, when and			paragraph and	Scan for key
		how.			identifying key	information e.g.
					details which support	looking for
					this. Identify how	descriptive words
					language, structure	associated with a
					and presentation	setting. Skimming for
					contribute to	gist.
					meaning e.g. formal	
					letter, informal diary,	Use a combination of
					persuasive speech.	skimming, scanning
						and close reading

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elaborating by					elaborating by
referring to the text					referring to the text





			e.g. APE

	Retrieve and record information from non-fiction by							
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To know that information can be relayed in the form of print. To know that information can be retrieved from books	Recall specific information in a text.	Read a range of nonfiction texts including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports.	Read a range of nonfiction texts including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports, persuasion.	Listen to, read and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction in different forms e.g. advertisements, formal speeches, leaflets, magazines,	Scan for key words and text marking to locate key information. Summarise main ideas drawn from more than one	Scan for key information e.g. looking for descriptive words associated with a setting. Skim for gist.		
and computers		Discuss how specific information is organised within a non-fiction text e.g. text boxes, subheadings, contents, bullet points.	Evaluate how specific information is organised within a non-fiction text e.g. text boxes, subheadings, contents, bullet points, glossary, diagrams.	electronic texts. Analyse and evaluate how specific information is organised within a nonfiction text e.g. text boxes, subheadings, contents, bullet	paragraph and identifying key details which support this. Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning e.g. formal letter, informal diary, persuasive speech.	Use a combination of skimming, scanning and close reading across a text to locate specific detail. Identify how language, structure and presentation		

	Quickly appraise a text to evaluate usefulness.	points, glossary, diagrams. Scan for dates, numbers and names.	Distinguish between statements of fact or opinion within a text.	contribute to meaning e.g. persuasive leaflet, balanced argument.
	Navigate texts in print and on screen.	Explain how paragraphs are used to order or build up ideas, and how they are linked.		Distinguish between statements of fact or opinion across a range of texts e.g. first-hand account of an event compared with a reported
		Navigate texts to locate and retrieve information in print and on screen.		example such as Samuel Pepys' diary and a history text book.





Discuss and evaluate how authors use language including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader:

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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.	Introduce and discuss new vocabulary.	Identify, discuss and collect favourite words and phrases.	Identify, discuss and collect favourite words and phrases which capture the reader's interest and imagination.	Identify, discuss and collect effective words and phrases which capture the reader's interest and imagination e.g. metaphors, similes.	Explore, recognise and use the terms metaphor, simile, imagery. Explain the effect on the reader of the authors' choice of language.	Explore, recognise and use the terms personification, analogy, style and effect. Explain the effect on the reader of the authors' choice of language and reasons why the author may have selected these.
To use vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their						





experiences of books.			

Participating in discussions about what is read to them and books they have read independently, taking turns and listening to what others say:

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Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and	Listen to what others say. Take turns.	Make contributions in whole class and group discussions. Listen and respond	Develop and agree on rules for effective discussion. Make and respond to	Develop, agree on and evaluate rules for effective discussion.	Participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for	Participate in discussions about books building on their own and others' ideas and
narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.	Give opinions and support with reasons e.g. Hansel was clever when he put	to contributions from others. Give opinions and	contributions in a variety of group situations e.g. whole class, pairs, guided	Make and respond to contributions in a variety of group situations e.g. whole	themselves, building on their own and others ideas and challenging views	challenging views courteously. Explain and discuss
To join in with repeated refrains in rhymes and stories.	stones in his pocket. Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.	support with reasons e.g. Was Goldilocks a good or bad character? Consider other points of view.	groups.	class, independent reading groups.	courteously. Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have	their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and

Demonstrate understanding of texts by answering questions related to who, what, where, when, why, how.		read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary by: Preparing formal presentations individually or in groups.	debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary by: Preparing formal presentations individually or in groups. Use notes to support presentation of information.
		Participate in debates on an issue related to reading (fiction or nonfiction). Provide reasoned justifications for their views.	Respond to questions generated by a presentation. Participate in debates on issues related to reading.