

Reading Progression Map

		EYFS milestones	
	Nursery	Reception I	Reception 2
Reading	Pretends to read books.	Enjoys listening to and joining in with stories.	Reads simple phrases and sentences.
Decode	Understands how books should be handled. Names some objects in a book.	Uses language from stories.	Enjoys a range of books.
Vecode V	Talks about characters in books.	Understands that print carries a message.	Knows that information can be retrieved from books.
	Is able to fill in gaps in familiar books. Listens to stories.	Understands that print is read left to right and top to bottom.	Retells simple stories.
	Asks adults to read or write with them.	Makes attempts to read and write. Identifies familiar signs and	Can describe settings, events and characters in some detail.
	Begins to pay attention to specific	labels. Participates in rhyming	Uses vocabulary they have heard in books.
	print such as the first letters of their names.	Can count or clap syllables.	Is developing phonological awareness.
		Recognises initial sounds.	Shows familiarity with rhyming and beginning sounds.



		Says the sounds for individual letters.	Reads some high-frequency words.
			Is beginning to blend and segment sounds.
Communication and language		Understands the importance of listening.	Uses a wide range of vocabulary appropriately.
	Enjoys rhymes and songs. Uses sentences of around 4-6	Has an extensive vocabulary.	In general, structures sentence correctly (grammar is sometimes
Enjoy	words	Sometimes joins longer sentences with because (cause and effect).	incorrect).
	Talks to themselves when playing (using language to think).	Retells stories and sequences events.	Picks up and uses language from TV shows and books.
	Speaks differently in different contexts (apparent in imaginative	Often gives a running commentary	Questions are usually precise.
	play).	during play.	Offers opinions.
	Can describe what is happening, express ideas and start conversations.	Sometimes blurs boundaries between fact and fiction.	Is still learning about the more subtle uses of language, e.g., metaphor and irony.
	Communication is developing but may have problems with irregular	Speech is generally fully intelligible but there may be some incorrect pronunciation. Enjoys	
	tenses and plurals.	non-fiction books, especially an	



May have problems pronouncing the phonemes r, j th, w ch and sh.	area hey are interested in, e.g., dinosaurs. Asks a large number of questions.
Generally, uses pronouns correctly.	Uses language for a variety of purposes.
Asks lots of questions.	



Word Reading							
	Ke	ey Stage I			Ke	y Stage 2	
	Year I	Year 2	Year	- 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and decoding	To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. To blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCs that they have been taught. To respond speedily, giving the correct sound to	To continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. To read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the	phon know decoo and (may supp read unkn word To ap growi know root prefix inclu im-, i	ledge to le quickly accurately still need ort to longer .own s). ply their ing ledge of words and	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. To apply their growing knowledge of	To read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.



	graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes. To read words containing taught GPCs. To read words containing -s, - es, -ing, -ed and -est endings. To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.	graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. To accurately read most words of two or more syllables. To read most words containing common suffixes.	re-, sub-, inter- , super-, anti- and auto- to begin to read aloud. To 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.		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.
Common	To read Year I	To read Year I	To begin to read	To read further	
Exception	common	and Year 2	further	exception	
Words and	exception	common	exception	words, noting	
statutory word	0	exception	words, noting	the unusual	
lists	unusual	words, noting	the unusual	correspondences	



	correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.	unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	and sound, and			
Fluency	To accurately reo consistent with t phonic knowledge require them to u strategies to wor To reread texts to fluency and confi reading.	heir developing e, that do not se other k out words. σ build up	To read aloud bo matched to their phonic knowledge out unfamiliar w accurately, auton without undue he To reread these b up fluency and c word reading. To read words ac fluently without sounding and ble over 90 words pe age-appropriate	improving e), sounding ords natically and esitation. cooks to build onfidence in ccurately and overt ending, e.g. at er minute, in	At this stage, teo comprehension s taking precedenc word reading an specifically. Any reading should s development of v Where needed, flu to be developed v 2, depending on ability of the chi	kills should be e over teaching d fluency focus on word upport the ocabulary. uency may need within Key Stage the needs and



Reading Comprehension							
	Key Stage I		Key Stage 2				
	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Define	Discuss word meaning and link new meanings to those already known. Recognise and join in with predictable phrases.	Discuss and clarify the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary. Discuss their favourite words and phrases. Begin to use a range of skills to identify the meaning of	Check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context. Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to understand the meaning of new words they meet. Identify unfamiliar vocabulary and adopt appropriate strategies to locate or infer	Apply their growing knowledge of grammar, morphology and etymology to understand the meaning of new words that they meet in context. Give increasingly precise explanations of word meanings that fit with the context of the	Apply their growing knowledge of grammar, morphology and etymology to understand the meaning of new words that they meet in context. Ask questions to help clarify their understanding of vocabulary.	



unknown words to help place them into context.	understand the meaning of new words they meet. Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. Find the meaning of new words using substitution within a sentence. Explaining the meaning of words in context. Begin to discuss language to extend their interest in the	the meaning, including re- reading surrounding sentences and/or paragraphs to identify an explanation or develop a sensible inference. Explain the meaning of words in given contexts. Discuss language to extend their interest in the meaning and origin of words. Use dictionaries to	text they are reading. In persuasive writing and other texts investigate how language is used to present opinion. Distinguish between fact, opinion and fiction in different texts. Identify figurative language devices.	Check the plausibility and accuracy of their explanation of, or inference about, a word meaning. In autobiography, biographical and in texts written for mixed purpose (leaflets that are both informative and persuasive), distinguish between fact, opinion and fiction.
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	meaning and origin of words	check the meaning of words that they have read. Discuss new and unusual vocabulary and clarify the meaning of these. Find the meaning of new words using the context of the sentence.	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. Identify and evaluate the effectiveness of an author's choice and use of language, explaining the impact on the reader.
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	Answer a	Independently	Use contents	Confidently	Confidently	Children
	question about	read and	page and	skim and	skim and	confidently
Rateine	what has just	answer simple	subheadings to	scan texts to	scan, and also	skim and scan,
	happened in a	questions about	locate	record details,	use the skill of	and also use
	story.	what they have	information.	using relevant	reading before	the skill of
		just read.		quotes to	and after to	reading before
	Develop their	J	Learn the skill of	support their	retrieve	and after to
	knowledge of	Asking and	'skim and scan'	answers to	information.	retrieve
	retrieval	answering	to retrieve	questions.		information.
	through images.	retrieval	details.	9462200722	Use evidence	They use
		questions.		Retrieve and	from across	evidence from
	Recognise	questions.	Begin to use	record	7	across whole
	characters,		quotations from		larger sections	chapters or
	events, titles	Remember	the text.	information	of text.	texts.
	and	significant		from a fiction		
	information.	event and key	Retrieve and	or non-fiction	Read a	Read a broader
		information	record	text.	broader range	range of texts
	Recognise	about the text	information from		of texts	including
	differences	that they have	a fiction text.		including	myths, legends,
	between fiction	read.	D I ·		myths,	stories from
	and non-fiction		Retrieve		legends,	other cultures,
	texts.		information from		stories from	modern fiction,
			a non-fiction		other cultures,	plays, poetry
	Retrieve		text.		modern fiction	and archaic
	information by				and archaic	texts.
					texts.	
					16/13.	



	finding a few key words. Contribute ideas and thoughts in				Retrieve, record and present information from non- fiction texts.	Retrieve, record and present information from a wide variety of non- fiction texts.
	discussion.				Ask my own questions and follow a line of enquiry.	Children ask their own questions and follow a line of enquiry.
\frown	To begin to	To make	To ask and	To draw	To draw	To consider
Infer	make simple inferences.	inferences on the basis of	answer inference	inferences from	inferences from	different
	injerences.	what is being	questions appropriately,	characters'	characters'	accounts of the same event
	Answer simple	said and done.	including some	feelings,	feelings,	and to discuss
	'why' questions		simple inference	thoughts and	thoughts and	viewpoints
	about pictures.	Make inferences	questions based	motives that	motives with	(both of
	1	about	on characters'	justifies their	supporting	authors and of
		characters	feelings,	actions,	evidence.	fictional
	Answer 'why'	from the text.	thoughts and	supporting		characters).
	questions		motives.	their views	Using a piece	
	requiring basic	Make inferences		with evidence	of evidence	To discuss how
	inference.	about		from the text.	(e.g. a section	characters



characters an events from th text. Make inference about characters an events referrin to specific evidence from the text.	e what a character says or does impacts s on other characters, or d on events	Deduce the reasons for the way that characters behave from scenes across a short story. Make inferences not immediately obvious from the text. Justify responses to the text using a point provided by the teacher, children find supporting evidence.	of speech, or description of a character's behaviour), make inferences around the character's thoughts and feelings. Create responses to the text using evidence and an explanation. Make inferences around characters' thoughts and feelings from their actions and justify inferences with evidence.	change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues. Using evidence, (e.g. the author's description, and from characters' actions and dialogue), infer characters' thoughts and feelings. Justify responses to the text using point, evidence and explanation. Using a point provided,
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Make	Answer	children find
inferences and	questions and	supporting
justify with	justify	evidence and
evidence.	responses to	explain using
Teacher	the text using	their own
provides a	evidence and	words.
piece of	an	Infer characters'
evidence from	explanation.	motives from their actions.
the text for	Make	Justify opinions
exploration	inferences	and elaborate
and asks	about	by referring to
what point is	characters'	the text.
made.	motives and	
	justify	Understand
Independently	inferences	what is implied
make	with	about
inferences and	references to	characters through the
justify with	characters'	way they are
evidence.	thoughts and	presented,
Justify	feelings.	including
responses to	Answer	through the use
the text using	questions and	of a narrator or
a range of	justify	narrative voice,
evidence	responses,	explaining how



		statements, provided by the teacher, and summarise the point.	opinions and elaborate by referring to the text using evidence.	this influences the readers' view of characters.
		Б	Understand what is implied about characters and make judgements about their motivations and attitudes from the	
			dialogue and descriptions.	



	Retell story	Orally retell a	Retell a wide	Retell a wide	Sequence	Manipulate
	read or heard,	wider range of	range of stories	range of texts	sections/	sections of
	parts of a story	stories using	orally using	orally which	outlines of	stories to create
Sequence	using props e.g.	actions and	actions and	is balanced	unknown texts	and explore
U V	puppets/small	visual cues	visual cues.	and clear.	based upon	more complex
	world/ series of	from the story.			knowledge of	narratives e.g.
	pictures.		Sequence pictures	Show	genre features.	dual narration,
		Sequence events	or texts from a	understandin		flash back.
	Sequence	from a story,	story or non-	g of the text	Identify the	
G .	pictures for the	explaining	fiction text read	by sequencing	main ideas	Identify the
Jummarise V	beginning,	reasons for	justifying	a selection of	from several	main idea from
	middle and end	choices.	reasons for	unknown text	paragraphs	across several
	of a story read.		choices.	so that they	and provide	paragraphs or
		Explain and		make sense as	key additional	sections of the
	Identify and	discuss the key	Summarise orally	a whole,	information	text and
	discuss the	information	and in writing	justifying	from a section	provide key
	setting and	from what is	the main points	reasons for	of the text to	additional
	names of the	seen or read	from a	choices.	support this.	information
	characters in a	(link to	paragraph using			from the text to
	story.	sequencing).	a wider range of	Summarise		support this.
			prompts.	orally and in		
				writing the		Summarise the
				main points		themes or
				from several		viewpoints for
				paragraphs or		different texts.



				sections of a text.		
Redict View	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far. Predict whether a book will be story or non- fiction based upon the cover and title	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far in a text. Make predictions prior to reading based upon the title, cover and skim reading of illustrations.	Justify predictions using evidence from the text. Make predictions prior to reading based upon the title, cover and skim reading of illustrations, contents page and headings. Make predictions based upon	Justify predictions from details stated and implied. Make predictions prior to reading about the likely type of characters or events in a story based upon the front cover, title,	Make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text. Make predictions about characters	Make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text. Make predictions about characters, plots and themes of



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Make predictions using experience of reading books based on other	events and actions of characters so far in a story. Make predictions	knowledge of the author and different genres of writing.	based upon reading so far - identifying a range of evidence	stories based upon knowledge of fiction genres and other books by the same author.
familiar texts.	drawing upon knowledge from other texts. Make predictions based upon	Make plausible predictions based upon events and actions of	within and beyond the text to support opinion.	Make predictions using evidence stated and implied.
	background knowledge of the topic.	characters so far in a story - identifying evidence in the text.	Categorise predictions as likely/unlikel y based upon what has	
		Make predictions drawing upon knowledge from other texts.	been read so far.	



Investigate traditional story language, e.g. story openers, endings and language to show time. Speculate about why an author might have chosen a particular word and what was the desired effect, by considering alternative synonyms.	Discuss the language used to create significant aspects of a text; opening, build up, atmosphere and how a writer implies as well as tells. Discuss author's choice of words and phrases that describe and create impact; adjectives and expressive verbs.	and expressive language to	Discuss the meaning of figurative language (metaphors and similes) and idiomatic words and phrases used in a text, beginning to explain the purpose and impact of such choices. Investigate how writers use words and phrases for effect; to persuade, to convey	Identify and discuss idiomatic phrases, expressions and comparisons (metaphors, similes and embedded metaphors), using appropriate technical vocabulary. Consider how authors have introduced and extended ideas about characters, events or topics through
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						Comment critically on how a writer uses language to imply ideas, attitudes and points of view.
Explore	Recognise and join in with predictable phrases.	Discuss their favourite words and phrases from the text.	Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. Identify how language choices help build meaning.	imagination giving	Discuss how language contributes to the overall meaning. Discuss how authors use figurative language and the impact of these on the reader. Compare the impact of different language	Explain how words and phrases create a particular mood, feeling or attitude. Consider the impact on the reader of a range of vocabulary and language devices. Compare the impact of language



					devices within a text.	devices across texts.
Compare	Being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their	Discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information	Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books.	Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books.	Making comparisons within and across books.	Making comparisons within and across books.
	own experiences. Understand the difference	are related. Being introduced to non-fiction	Reading books that are structured in different ways	Reading books that are structured in different ways	Reading books that are structured in different ways and reading	Reading books that are structured in different ways and reading
	between fiction and non-fiction. Begin to	books that are structured in different ways.	and reading for a range of purposes.	and reading for a range of purposes.	for a range of purposes. Identifying	for a range of purposes. Identifying
	identify similar and repeated	Identify and describe some	Compare and contrast features		and discussing	and discussing



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language which	differences	of stories read	themes and	themes and
occurs in more	between fiction	e.g. characters,	conventions in	conventions
than one story	and non-fiction	settings,	and across a	in and across
e.g once upon a	books.	openings,	wide range of	a wide range
time.		endings.	writing.	of writing.
	Compare and			
Link reading to	contrast two or	Compare and	Identify,	
personal	more versions of	contrast two or	compare and	
experiences.	the same story	more versions of	contrast the	
	e.g. two	the same story	features of a	
	versions of the	e.g. comparing a	range of	
	same story.	play script of a	different forms	
		story to the	of poetry, non-	
	Compare and	narrative.	fiction and	
	contrast		fiction.	
	language	Identify and		
	within a type	compare themes	Compare and	
	of story read	of fictional	contrast	
	e.g. traditional	stories	purpose and	
	tales - one		viewpoint and	
	early morning/		evaluate the	
	once upon a		usefulness of	
	time.		each source.	
	Discuss the		Begin to	
	sequence of		compare and	



events in		contrast	
stories.		authors'	
		styles.	
Discuss how		Compare how	
items of		a common	
information are		theme is	
related in a		presented in a	
book.		range of texts.	
Make links		Compare the	
between current		language of	
and prior		poetry, prose	
reading		and non-	
l		fiction for the	
		same theme or	
		information.	
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Poetry and Performance								
Key S	itage l		Key S	tage 2				
Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
To recite simple poems by heart.	To continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	To prepare and perform poems and play scripts that show some awareness of the audience when reading aloud. To begin to use appropriate intonation and volume when reading aloud.	To recognise and discuss some different forms of poetry. E.g. free verse or narrative poetry. To prepare and perform poems and play scripts with appropriate techniques (intonation,	To continually show an awareness of audience when reading out loud using intonation, tone, volume and action. Identify, compare and contrast the features of a range of poetry.	To confidently perform texts (including poems learnt by heart) using a wide range of devices to engage the audience and for effect.			



			tone, volume and action) to show awareness of the audience when reading aloud.		
		Non-Fiction			
Key S	tage l		Key S	tage 2	
Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To know that information can be retrieved from non-fiction books. To name some features of non-fiction books such as contents, index	To recognise that non-fiction books are often structured in different ways.	To retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts.	To use all of the organisational devices available within a non- fiction text to retrieve, record and discuss information.	To use knowledge of texts and organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and non- fiction texts.	

