English: Reading



Progression of Skills

This document outlines the progression of skills in reading using the National Curriculum (2014) objectives. The objectives have been broken down into sub-categories.

Skills	FS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Word	Read individual	apply phonic	apply phonic	apply their growing	apply their growing	apply their growing	apply their growing
Reading/Decoding	letters by saying the	knowledge to	decoding until	knowledge of root	knowledge of root	knowledge of root	knowledge of root
	sounds for them.	decode words	automatic and	words, prefixes and	words, prefixes and	words, prefixes and	words, prefixes and
	(LIT)		reading is fluent	suffixes	suffixes(morphology	suffixes	suffixes
		read aloud		(morphology and	and etymology),	(morphology and	(morphology and
	Blend sounds into	phonically-	read common	etymology), both to	both to read aloud	etymology), both to	etymology), both to
	words, so that they	decodable texts	suffixes (-ed, -ing,-	read aloud and to	and to understand	read aloud and to	read aloud and to
	can read short		er, -est, -y, -er, -	understand the	the meaning of new	understand the	understand the
	words made up of	re-read books to	ment, -ful, -ness, -	meaning of new	words they meet	meaning of new	meaning of new
	known letter– sound	build fluency and	less, -ly	words they meet		words that they	words that they
	correspondences.	confidence		1.6	read further	meet	meet
	(LIT)	1	re-read books to	read further	exception words,		
	Dandana III	read simple	build up fluency and	exception words,	noting the unusual		
	Read some letter	sentences and	confidence in word	noting the unusual	correspondences		
	groups that each	understand the		correspondences	between spelling		
	represent one sound	meaning including	reading note	between spelling	and sound, and		
	and say sounds for	what a pronoun is	punctuation to read	and sound, and	where these occur in		
	them. (LIT)	(extra)	with appropriate	where these occur in	the word		
	Read a few common	speedily read all 40+	expression	the word			
	exception words	letters /groups for	read accurately by				
	matched to the	40+ phonemes	blending, including				
	school's phonic	including alternative	alternative sounds				
	programme. (LIT)	sounds for	for graphemes				
	programme. (Lit)	graphemes read	ioi graphemes				
	Read simple phrases	graphemes read	read Year 2 common				
	and sentences made	Year 1 common	exception words,				
	up of words with	exception words	noting unusual				
	known letter–sound	noting unusual	correspondences				
	correspondences	correspondences	·				
	and, where	between spelling	read aloud books				
	necessary, a few	and sound	matched to phonic				
	exception words.	(identifying where	knowledge by				
	(LIT)	they appear)	sounding out				
			unfamiliar words				
	Re-read these books	read polysyllabic					
	to build up their	words containing	automatically read				
	confidence in word	taught GPCs	polysyllabic words				
	reading, their		containing above				
	fluency and their		graphemes				

Range of Reading	understanding and enjoyment. (LIT)	read common suffixes (-s, -es, - ing, -ed, -er and - est) read contractions and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s) read accurately by blending taught GPCs develop some fluency and expression, pausing at full stops (extra) listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently	read most words quickly & accurately without overt sounding and blending listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and nonfiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently	listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks read books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes	listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks read books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes	continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books or textbooks read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes make comparisons within and across books	continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books or textbooks read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes make comparisons within and across books
Familiarity with Texts	Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some	recognise and join in with predictable phrases become very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales,	become increasingly familiar with and retell a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales	increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally	increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally	increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction,	increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction,

	in their own words. (C&L) Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. (C&L) Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment. (LIT)	retelling them and considering their particular characteristics	recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry	identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books	identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books	fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing	fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing
Poetry and Performance	Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. (C&L) Learn rhymes, poems and songs. (C&L)	learn to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart	continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciate these and recite some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear	prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action recognise some different forms of poetry	prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action recognise some different forms of poetry	learn 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	learn 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	Learn new vocabulary. (C&L) Use new vocabulary in different contexts. (C&L)	discuss word meanings and link new meanings to words already known	discuss and clarify the meanings of words and link new meanings to known vocabulary discuss their favourite words and phrases	use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
Comprehension: Understanding of the text	Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. (C&L)	draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher	discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related	check that the text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explain the meaning of words in context	check that the text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explain the meaning of words in context	check that the book makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of words in context	check that the book makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of words in context

Comprehension	be encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences check that the text makes sense to them as they read and correct inaccurate reading answer simple retrieval questions about a text and find evidence to support answers (Extra)	draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher make links between a current book and those already read check that the text makes sense to them as they read and correct inaccurate reading	ask questions to improve their understanding of a text identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these identify morals and messages in a story	ask questions to improve their understanding of a text identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these identify morals and messages in a story	ask questions to improve their understanding summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas	ask questions to improve their understanding summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas
Comprehension: Inference	discuss the significance of the title and events make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done	make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done answer and ask questions	draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions justify inferences with evidence	draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions justify inferences with evidence	draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence	draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence
Comprehension: Prediction	predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far	predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far	predict what might happen from details stated and implied	predict what might happen from details stated and implied	predict what might happen from details stated and implied	predict what might happen from details stated and implied
Comprehension: Authorial			discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language and consider the	identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language and consider the

Non-Fiction	Engage in non- fiction books. (C&L) Listen to and talk about selected non- fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary (C&L)	listen to and discuss a wide range of non- fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently	be introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways	retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts	retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts	impact on the reader distinguish between statements of fact and opinion retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts	impact on the reader distinguish between statements of fact and opinion retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts
Discussing Reading	Engage in story times. (C&L)	participate in discussion about what is read to them by 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 by 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 by 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 by taking turns and listening to what others say	recommend books that they have read to their peers and 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	recommend books that they have read to their peers and 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