



Subject Overview
Reading

EYFS Literacy Education Programme (Statutory)

It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together. Skilled word reading, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words. Writing involves transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech, before writing).

Knowledge and skills

Comprehension:

- Re-read known books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.

Word Reading:

- Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.
- Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter– sound correspondences.
- Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.
- Read a few common exception words matched to the school’s phonic programme.
- Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter–sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.
- Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment

ELG: Word Reading (Statutory)

Children at the expected level of development will:

- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs;
- Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending;
- Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception	Nursery Rhymes Humpty Dumpty Incy Wincy Spider Jack and Jill 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a Fish Alive Grand Old Duke of York My Very First Mother Goose Tanka, Tanka, Skunk	Diwali Nativity Various Christmas stories The Jolly Christmas Postman	Traditional Tales The Gingerbread Man The Three Billy Goats Gruff The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears	PoR – based on children’s interests	Yucky worms Jack and the Beanstalk The Hungry Caterpillar Oliver’s fruit Vegetables Oliver’s Salad Vegetable Soup Different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk	Non-fiction linked to countries around the world and stories cultural significance
Plus daily reading from high quality reading spine – 2 fiction, 2 non-fiction and 1 poem per week shared between classes and then placed in the reading area.						

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
	Focus reading domains	Key texts	Focus reading domains	Key texts	Focus reading domains	Key texts
Year 1 1st half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b)	A range of high quality texts (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) to be shared daily. See separate reading spine for Year 1.	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d)	A range of high quality texts (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) to be shared daily. See separate reading spine for Year 1.	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	NF – linked to half term topics Fiction The Unexpected Visitor Poetry – Poems to Perform (poems not used in English unit)
2nd half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b)	A range of high quality texts (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) to be shared daily. See separate reading spine for Year 1.	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e)	A range of high quality texts (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) to be shared daily. See separate reading spine for Year 1.	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	NF – linked to half term topics Fiction The Unexpected Visitor Poetry – Poems to Perform (poems not used in English unit)
Year 2 1st half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	Rereading of key book collection from R and 1. NF – linked to half term topics	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	Written comprehension practice NF – linked to half term topics Poetry – Happy Poems chosen by Roger McGough	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	Written comprehension practice Bee NF – linked to half term topics

2nd half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	The Fox and the Star NF – linked to half term topics Poetry – John Clare – Pleasant Sounds	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	Written comprehension practice Welcome NF – linked to half term topics	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Inference (1d) Sequencing (1c) Prediction (1e)	The Magic Finger Poetry – Spike Milligan and John Agard NF – linked to half term topics
Year 3 1st half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Egyptian Cinderella- Shirley Climo NF – linked to half term topics	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Meet the Ancient Romans- James Davis So you think you’ve got it bad- Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Roald Dahl- George’s marvellous medicine NF – linked to half term topics
2nd half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h)	Brave and the fox Meerkat Mail Poetry - Benjamin Zephaniah	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h)	Leon and the Place Between NF – linked to half term topics Poetry – Jennifer Watson – Waiting for Snow and Wipwapwop	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h)	Poetry - Michael Rosen NF – linked to half term topics

	Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)		Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)		Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	
Year 4 1st half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	NF – linked to half term topics Varjak Paw	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Krindlekrax The True Story of The Three Little Pigs	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	My Secret War Diary NF – linked to half term topics
2nd half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	NF – linked to half term topics The Lost Happy Endings Poetry – A.F. Harrold and Brian Moses	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Noah Barleywater The Great Kapok Tree Poetry – Allan Ahlberg	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	The Darkest Dark The Green Ship Poetry – Zoro Weil

Year 5 1st half term	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)</p>	<p>Cosmic Farther</p>	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)</p>	<p>Kensuke’s Kingdom NF – linked to half term topics</p>	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)</p>	<p>There’s a boy in the girl’s bathroom NF – linked to half term topics</p>
2nd half term	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)</p>	<p>The Matchbox Diary NF – linked to half term topics Poetry – T S Eliot - Macavity Cat</p>	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)</p>	<p>Flotsam NF – linked to half term topics Poetry – Grace Nichols – Cosmic Disco</p>	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)</p>	<p>The Arrival NF – linked to half term topics Poetry – Roger McGough – Give and Take Joseph Coelho – There are Things that Lurk in the Library</p>

Year 6 1st half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	London Eye Mystery NF – linked to half term topics	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	NF – linked to half term topics Reading Split for written comprehension	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Twitch NF – linked to half term topics
2nd half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Poetry -Rudyard Kipling – If NF – linked to half term topics	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Reading Split for written comprehension Poetry - Ruth Awolola – A Love Letter to the Stars NF – linked to half term topics	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Poetry - Robert Louis Stevenson – My Shadow NF – linked to half term topics