



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
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Reception	Nursery Rhymes (1-2 weeks each) 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	Man on the Moon (PoR) 2-3 weeks Aliens Love Underpants 1 week Nativity 1 week Diwali 14 th November (Diva lamps with clay) Various Christmas stories The Jolly Christmas Postman (Read	Traditional Tales Chinese New Year 12 th February The Gingerbread Man The Three Billy Goats Gruff The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears	Oh, No George! (PoR)	Yucky worms (PoR) 4 weeks Jack and the Beanstalk-2 weeks The Hungry Caterpillar 1 week Oliver's fruit Vegetables Oliver's Salad Vegetable Soup Different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk	Under The Sea Hooray for Fish (PoR 3 weeks) The Rainbow Fish (1-2 weeks) Night pirates Tiddler storytelling fish Under the sea Usbourne (Non fiction) Deep Sea Diary Commotion in the Ocean A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea
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	Focus reading domains/NC objectives	Key texts	Focus reading domains/NC objectives	Key texts	Focus reading domains/NC objectives	Key texts
Year 1 1st half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF – seasons Fiction – Dear Zoo What the Ladybird Heard Peace at Last	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF – animals Fiction – Aliens Love Underpants Oi Dog Owl Babies	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF – materials Fiction The Unexpected Visitor
2nd half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF – gunpowder plot Fiction – We're Going on a Bear Hunt The Very Hungry Caterpillar Each Peach Pear Plum	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF – the Queen Fiction – The Tiger Who Came to Tea The Gruffalo The Cat in the Hat	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF – materials Fiction The Unexpected Visitor
Year 2 1st half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b)	NF – Light and Dark Animal Poetry NF – Information book about animals.	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b)	The Fox and the Star Traction Man	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b)	Whole class - SATs NF – Bees

	Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	NF - Science Topic Animal including Humans	Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	Poetry Focus – John Agard NF – The Stone age (topic)	Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	Poetry Focus Spike Milligan
2nd half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	Welcome NF - Great Fire of London London in in 1600s The Plague Poetry – The Great Fire of London by Paul Perro	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction	Whole class - SATs NF – World Habitats NF - Living things and their habitats. NF – Lions, Savannah Playscript NF – Life of Vincent Van Gogh	Fluency and decoding Vocab (1a) Retrieval (1b) Sequencing (1c) Inference (1d) Prediction (1e) Discussion Non-fiction Poetry	The Magic Finger Bee The Man on the Moon NF – Australia and Plants
Year 3 1st half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion	Meerkat Mail	Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Discussion Non-fiction	Meet the Ancient Romans- James Davis So you think you’ve got it bad- Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea	Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion	Roald Dahl- George’s marvellous medicine
2nd half term	Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b)	Brave and the fox Egyptian Cinderella- Shirley Climo	Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b)	The boy who grew dragons	Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b)	Poetry Focus- Benjamin Zephaniah Michael Rosen

	<p>Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>		<p>Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion</p>		<p>Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Poetry Discussion</p>	
<p>Year 4 1st half term</p>	<p>Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>	<p>Non-fiction work on types of animals Charlotte’s Web – Links with Science Block on Animals (NF Link) 3 weeks</p>	<p>Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Poetry</p>	<p>The True Story of The Three Little Pigs Poetry – Allan Ahlberg, Brian Moses & A. F. Harrold – Free verse/Rhyming/Performance/Haiku</p>	<p>Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation (2f) Explanation / Persuasive vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Comparison (2h) Poetry Discussion Non-fiction</p>	<p>The Darkest Dark – Links with Science Block on Electricity (NF Link) The Great Kapok Tree – Pre-teaching to link with upcoming Geography lessons (NF Link)</p>
<p>2nd half term</p>	<p>Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Explanation – Structure (2f) Discussion</p>	<p>Charlotte’s Web - Links with previous Science Block on Animals (NF Link) 5 weeks</p>	<p>Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>	<p>My Secret War Diary – Links with History Block on World War II (NF Link)</p>	<p>Fluency and decoding Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Comparison (2h) Prediction (2e) Poetry Discussion</p>	<p>The Lost Happy Endings The Green Ship – Links with Art Block on Van Gogh</p>

Year 5 1st half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Poetry Discussion	Farther	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction	Kensuke’s Kingdom Non-fiction – The water cycle	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion	There’s a boy in the girl’s bathroom
2nd half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Poetry Discussion	The Matchbox Diary Lewis Carroll poems https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/fiction/lewis-carroll-poems-in-alice-in-wonderland	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction	Flotsam Non-fiction – Tudor life / Henry VIII Non-fiction – Victoria eye witness accounts	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction	The Arrival Non-fiction – The Americas
Year 6 1st half term	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Rooftoppers NF – Paris/London in the 1800s The Lost Thing NF – science topic on light (Who Was Isaac Newton)	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g)	Stay Where You Are And Then Leave NF – conscientious objectors NF – science topic on evolution (Darwin biography)	Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c)	Reading Split twice a week for SATs revision Treason NF – Tudors

	<p>Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>		<p>Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Poetry Discussion Non-fiction</p>		<p>Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>	
2nd half term	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>	<p>Poetry focus - TS Eliot – Macavity the Mystery Cat Ruth Awolola – A Love Letter to the Stars</p> <p>NF – history topic on local area study (Normans, Brentwood history article)</p>	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Comparison (2h) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>	<p>Reading Split twice a week for SATs revision</p> <p>Holes NF – juvenile detention centres Racism</p> <p>NF – history topic on the Mayans</p>	<p>Fluency Vocab (2a) Retrieval (2b) Inference (2d) Explanation – structure (2f) Explanation – vocab (2g) Summarise (2c) Prediction (2e) Discussion Non-fiction</p>	<p>Trash</p> <p>NF – India</p> <p>NF - Geography topic on Asia</p>