

St Mary's Primary School

Progression in skills and knowledge

READING

'Every child a reader by 7. All children will read fluently with confidence and enjoyment.'

Intent:

At St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, reading is at the centre of our curriculum. Our vision is to foster a lifelong love of reading amongst all of our pupils therefore providing them with the reading skills which will successfully allow them to access the breadth and richness of our curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. We believe reading is an entitlement that should enable children to connect with some of the finest words ever written. It should open up a world of possibility and intrigue and is a fundamental life skill which, enables children to communicate effectively in all areas and equips them for the challenges they will face in the wider world.

Speaking and listening is prioritised in order to build vocabulary for all learners in order to understand more complex texts. We provide a reading rich environment where pupils can access text linked to the 5 plagues of reading, curriculum areas and their own areas of interest.

We intend that our pupils will be both independent and reflective readers who can read fluently and for meaning.

We provide rich, meaningful discussions around texts, where all children feel confident and able to contribute by using their reading skills to access all areas of learning. We use approaches that encourages children to spot clues and apply strategies to understand texts at a deep level

The overarching intent for English at St Mary's is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written language, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. Our aim is to ensure that all pupils:

- Will be taught by staff who are passionate, avid readers themselves.
- will be both independent and reflective readers who can read fluently and for meaning.
- develop a love of reading that becomes a life-long habit, for both pleasure and information
- Engage with whole class guided reading lessons.
- feel confident and able to contribute by using their reading skills to access all areas of learning, where they can elaborate and clearly explain their understanding and ideas
- Individual reading experiences for less fluent readers.
- Opportunities to read at home and be rewarded.
- Reading for pleasure and trips to the library are encouraged
- Exposure to recommended reads for every year group.

- Bookfest activities throughout each term, with a set of well-chosen titles that all children in each year group will read and discuss and take part in book related competition
- Participation in the Shrewsbury Bookfest festival for big books in KS1 and KS2 long and shortlisting
- World Book Day celebrated annually with a focus on reading
- Author visits
- Exposure to the Classics, both to read themselves and be read to the children.
- Visits to and from theatre companies
- appreciate a rich and varied language developed through exposure to diverse text with global perspectives
- bring reading to life and give it a purpose through speaking and listening, use of music, drama and performance and are confident to share and challenge ideas through debate.

Implementation

The systematic teaching of phonics has a high priority throughout Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. At St Mary's we have developed a synthetics phonics programme 'Read, Write, Inc developed by Ruth Miskin. Our staff teach learners the relationship between sounds and written spelling patterns, or graphemes, which represent them.

All children in Reception and KS1 have daily phonics sessions in a whole class setting with those who are struggling to grasp key elements taught, receiving additional phonics sessions and language interventions. This is to ensure all pupils receive equal exposure to teaching material for their age group and are given the same opportunity to learn.

Additional phonics sessions are taught in small groups where pupils participate in speaking, listening, spelling and reading activities that are matched to their targeted needs.

Early Reading and Phonics:

We carry out a baseline assessment as children enter EYFS and KS1. We continue to assess children's phonics skills each half-term using phonics assessments in Reception and Year 1 that follow a similar pattern to daily lessons: phoneme / grapheme awareness, segmenting and blending, reading and writing.

As well as this, teachers draw upon observations and continuous assessment to ensure children are stretched and challenged and to identify children who may require additional support. Timely intervention is planned for those children who are working below expected standard as soon as their needs are identified.

We recognise that systematic, high quality phonics teaching is essential, but additional skills and opportunities are required for children to achieve the goal of being a well-rounder reader. When pupils have completed the phonics programme and are secure word level readers, reading is developed during whole class and guided sessions of

reading, using high quality text and focused on teaching the skills needed for reading. Strong links are made between reading and writing so that skills and strategies can develop between the two. Children read and enjoy high quality fiction, non-fiction and poetry, which are linked to topics across the curriculum where relevant.

Each week, all children are heard read three times during reading sessions. In addition, those children who require additional reading practice and support are heard read during interventions throughout the week.; the focus being on the lowest 20% and those who are not heard rad at home.

Children who are unable to achieve the phonics expected standard will proceed to phonics intervention and reading support. Phonics is continued in KS2 for those who need it including application practice with decodable reading books. Progress is monitored through reading age tests and reading paper assessments.

Teaching Reading:

In reading lessons, children develop their key reading strategies and skills for decoding and comprehending together for a class text. This same text is read everyday to allow children to become familiar with it. This ensures pupils have the opportunity to read out loud, practice intonation, fluency and speed. Children are taught each day the skills and strategies for reading the text and developing comprehension skills. Three main phases are taught in these lessons 1, gathering and building background knowledge and introduction to the text to gain a basic understanding. Phase 2, digging deep and investigating the text to deepen knowledge and understanding. Phase 3, applying knowledge and understanding within and across texts. Throughout the week, will focus on answering questions specifically linked to whole class read and focus on retrieving and inferring information from the text, discussing characters and plots, making predictions and summarising events, comparing within and across a books, looking at themes and making justification for their preferences.

Vocabulary Focus:

Through phonics, spelling, reading lessons, vocabulary linked to the text is focused upon. Pupils look at root words to gather understanding of meaning, synonyms to build and wider their vocabulary bank and the type of vocabulary it is to gain an understanding of appropriate times to use it across the curriculum. Key vocabulary within text is reinforced daily across appropriate curriculum areas to ensure it becomes embed and children gain the ability to use within the spoken / written language as appropriate.

Class Reads:

All classes experience a class read, this is for pleasure, to excite and engage children and to expose them to a range of genres. Class read time is a time for pupils to read or hear a book read without interruption.

Application of Skills:

Application of reading skills are planned for across the curriculum with skills and strategies taught being applied in other subjects such as Science, Topic and RE. Here you will see pupils reading and thinking as readers, using reciprocal and close reading techniques to support this.

Text Choice:

Text chosen in each year group are carefully selected by the class teachers in conjunction with the English subject lead. Here books are selected to ensure children are exposed to a wide range of genre and authors. Books chosen in each year group ensure both challenge and appropriateness. In Reception-KS1 decodable books are used mainly based on the Oxford Reading Tree books, these continue through a colour coded book band scheme into free reading books as the children progress through school. Throughout each term, children will work their way through a selection of books provided by the class teacher allowing conversations to be developed around books that all the children have read. A selection of other books are available to the children in their class library for their free choice.

Home Reading:

Reading at home is strongly promoted. Children take the Bookfest reading challenge books home and are able to take another book from the book banded/free read section, this is to ensure they are able to practice fluency and understanding, whilst reading for enjoyment.

All children have access to 'Purple Mash' and can access a vast library of books at home, and the activities and games that accompany them. Parent workshops and support is provided. Children can choose and are invited to join the Head Teacher for a reading club at lunchtimes.

Impact

The organisation of the Reading curriculum, is realising a community of enthusiastic reader, who enjoy sharing their books and reading skills. Children who enjoy showcasing their developing knowledge comprehension skills. Children are becoming more confident to take risks in their reading, and love to discuss and share their ideas.

Children achieve in line nationally in the phonics screening check, and at the end of the EYFS. Attainment at the end of KS2 is in line with national figures

National Curriculum Objectives

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading Knowle	dge						
Knowledge Decoding	*Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs	*apply phonic knowledge to decode words. *speedily read all 40+ letters/groups for 40+ phonemes. *read accurately by blending taught GPC. *read common exception words. *read common suffixes (-s, -es, - ing, -ed, etc.) *read multisyllable words containing taught GPCs. *read contractions and understanding use of apostrophe. *read aloud phonetically-decodable texts.	*secure phonic decoding until reading is fluent. *read accurately by blending, including alternative sounds for graphemes. *read multisyllable words containing these graphemes. *read common suffixes. *read exception words, noting unusual correspondences. *read most words quickly & accurately without overt sounding and blending.	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, to read aloud *read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet. *read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.	*apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.

Knowledge	*Demonstrate	*becoming very	*becoming increasingly	*increasing their	*increasing their	*increasing their	*increasing their
	understanding of what	familiar with key	familiar with and	familiarity with a	familiarity with a	familiarity with a	familiarity with a
	has been read to them	stories, fairy stories and	retelling a wider range	wide range of	wide range of books,	wide range of books,	wide range of books,
Familiarity with	by retelling stories and	traditional tales,	of stories, fairy stories	books, including	including fairy	including myths,	including myths,
texts	narratives using their	retelling them and	and traditional tales.	fairy stories,	stories, myths and	legends and	legends and
	own words and	considering their	*recognising simple	myths and	legends, and	traditional stories,	traditional stories,
	recently introduced	particular	recurring literary	legends, and	retelling some of	modern fiction,	modern fiction,
	vocabulary	characteristics.	language in stories	retelling some of	these orally.	fiction from our	fiction from our
		*recognising and	and poetry.	these orally	*identifying	literary heritage, and	literary heritage, and
		joining in with		*identifying	themes and	books from other	books from other
		predictable phrases.		themes and	conventions in a	cultures and	cultures and
				conventions in	wide range of	traditions.	traditions.
				a wide range	books.	*identifying and	
				of books.		discussing themes	*identifying and
						and conventions in	discussing themes
						and across a wide	and conventions in
						range of writing.	and across a wide
							range of writing.

Knowledge Poetry and Performance		*learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart.	*continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	*preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action. *recognising some different forms of poetry.	*preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume, and action. *recognising some different forms of poetry.	*learning 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.	*learning 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.
Knowledge Word meanings	Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by soundblending	*discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known.	*discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary. *discussing their favourite words and phrases.	*using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.	*using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.		
Knowledge Understanding	*Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify	*drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher.	*discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related.	*checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of	*checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context.	* checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words	* checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words

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	their understanding *hold conversation when exchanged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers	*checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading.	*drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher. *checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading.	*asking questions to improve their understanding of a text *identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these.	*asking questions to improve their understanding of a text. *identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these.	*asking questions to improve their understanding. *summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas.	*asking questions to improve their understanding. *summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas.
Authorial Intent				*discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. *begin to identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.	*discussing in greater detail words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. *confidently identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.	*begin identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. *begin to discuss how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.	*confidently identifying and explain how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. *discuss and evaluate with increasing confidence how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.

Reading Skills

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Skills Range of reading	*Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words *Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments, actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions	* begin listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non- fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently. *being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences.	*listening to a wider range of text , being able to confidently 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.	*listening to and discussing an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. *be introduce to reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes.	*with confidence independently discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. *know that reading books are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes.	*read, discuss and make links between an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. *understand that reading books are structured in different ways for specific reasons. Begin to make choices about these reading for a range of purposes. *begin making comparisons within and across books.	*continuing, with greater confidence, to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books or textbooks. Making links within and across texts *continue reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes. *making more
Skills Inference		*discussing the significance of the title and events. Begin to make simple inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.	*continue to develop simple inferences on the basis of what is	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions,	*begin to justify inferences with evidence. such as inferring characters' feelings,	*develop inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.	complex comparisons within and across books. *confidently draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.

Skills Prediction	*Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories	*predicting what might happen on the hasis of what has	*predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.
Skills Non-fiction			*being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways.	*retrieve and record information from non-fiction.	*retrieve and record information from non-fiction.	*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion. *retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.	*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion. *retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.

Skills	*Use and	*begin to	*participate with	*independently	*confidently	*begin	*confidently
	understand,	participate in	some support , in	participate in	participate in	recommending	recommending
	recently introduced	discussion about	discussion about	discussion about	discussion about	books that they	books that they
Discussing reading	vocabulary during	what is read to	books, poems &	both books that are	both books that are	have read to their	have read to their
	discussion about	them, taking turns	other works that	read to them and	read to them and	peers, giving	peers, giving
	stories, non-fiction,	and listening to	are read to them &	those they can read	those they can read	reasons for their	reasons for their
	rhymes and poems	what others say.	those that they can	for themselves,	for themselves,	choices.	choices.
	and during role play		read for	taking turns and	taking turns and		
		*explain their	themselves, taking	listening to what	listening to what	*begin to	*confidently
		understanding of	turns and listening	others say.	others say.	participate in	participate in
		what is read to	to what others say.			discussions about	discussions about
		them.				books, building on	books, building on
			*clearly explain			their own and	their own and
			and discuss their			others' ideas and	others' ideas and
			understanding of			challenging views	challenging views
			books, poems and			courteously.	courteously.
			other material,				
			both those that			*begin to explain	*with
			they listen to and			and discuss their	independence and
			those that they			understanding of	confidence explain
			read for			what they have	and discuss their
			themselves.			read, including	understanding of
						through formal	what they have
						presentations and	read, including

Knowledge Understanding the vocabulary used in texts

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Use prior knowledge to support understanding		*Think about what they know about events or topics prior to reading.	*Link the events or topic from a text to their own experience and/ or information they know. *Recognizes how books are similar to others they have read or heard.	*Link the events or topic from a text to their own experience and/ or information gathered. Begin to make links to similar books they have read.	*Link what they've read in a text to what they know, their experience and that of others, and their experience of reading similar texts.	*Use background knowledge or information about the topic or text type to establish expectations about a text. Compare what is read to what was expected.	I continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non- fiction and reference books or textbooks.
Check that books make sense to them	Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary	*Listen to their own reading, and that of others, and make a sense check at regular intervals.	*Check that a text makes sense to them as they read, pausing when reading to check their understanding and, where necessary, rereading to regain understanding.	*Use contextual and grammatical knowledge, as well as background knowledge and understanding of word meanings, to make sense of what they have read. Put into their own words their understanding of what they have read.	*Monitor their understanding of a text and take steps to retrieve the meaning if comprehension has been lost.	*Develop an active attitude towards reading: seeking answers, anticipating events, empathising with characters and imagining events that are described.	*Link parts of a text together in order to understand how details or specific sections support a main idea or point. Accept uncertainty about the ideas or events described in a text where an author is deliberately obscuring the meaning.

	Make comments about what they have	*Ask questions about	*Ask questions	*Ask questions to	*Ask questions to	*Identify aspects of	*Identify where
	heard and ask	text they don't	about a text to	clarify the	explore meanings	a text they are not	they do not fully
improve	questions to clarify their understanding	understand.	ensure they	meaning of events	and explanations of	clear about. Ask	understand a text.
their	their understanding		understand events	or ideas	the events or ideas	questions to clarify	Ask effective
understandi			or ideas in a text.	introduced or	introduced or	their understanding	questions that will
ng				explored in a text	developed in a text.	or research the	help them clarify
				that they don't		topic to find out	their
				understand.		more.	understanding of
							the text or the
							topic they are
							researching.

Claim again and road	*China road to gain	*Cnoculate about	*Ckim ananing	*Chim road a tout to	*Locate	*Evaluate the value
Skim, scan and read closely	*Skim read to gain an overview of a page/ text by focusing on significant parts — names, captions, titles. *Scan the text to locate specific information — using titles, labels.	*Speculate about the meaning of the section or page by skim reading title, contents page, illustrations, headings, and subheadings. *Scan pages to find specific information, using key words or phrases and headings. *Read sections of text more carefully, e.g., to answer a specific question.	*Skim opening sentences of each paragraph to get an overview of a page or section of text. *Scan contents, indexes, and pages to locate specific information accurately. *Identify sections of a text that they need to read carefully in order to find specific information or answer a question.	*Skim read a text to get an overview of it, scan for key words, phrases, and headings. *Decide which sections of text to read more carefully to fulfil a particular purpose, e.g., to summarise a text.	*Locate information accurately through skimming to gain an overall sense of the text. *Scan a text to gain specific information. *Use the skills of skimming and scanning to identify sections of text to read more carefully and re- read/ read on as appropriate.	*Evaluate the value of a text for an identified purpose, drawing on information acquired by skimming and scanning. *carefully Read sections of texts to research information and to answer questions.

Use strategies to locate	*Speculate about	*Learn how to find	*Practice re-reading	*Identify unfamiliar	*Identify when they	*Check the
or infer the meaning of	the possible	the meaning of an	a sentence and	vocabulary in a	do not understand	plausibility and
unfamiliar words	meanings of	unfamiliar word	reading on in order	text and adopt	the vocabulary used	accuracy of their
	unfamiliar words	where this is	to locate or infer the	appropriate	in a text and need to	explanation of or
	met in reading.	explained in	meaning of	strategies to locate	clarify the meaning.	inference about a
	*Check whether	preceding or	unfamiliar words.	or infer the	*Give increasingly	word meaning.
	the suggested	subsequent	*Discuss unfamiliar	meaning. (E.g.re-	precise explanations	*Identify when they
	meanings make	sentences or in a	words and their	reading	of word meanings	do not understand
	sense in the	glossary.	possible meaning to	surrounding	that fit with the	the vocabulary used
	context of the	*Check whether a	clarify their	sentences and/ or	context of the text	in a text and apply
	text.	suggested meaning	understanding of a	paragraphs to	they are reading.	appropriate
		of an unfamiliar	sentence or passage.	identify an	*Check the	strategies (re –
		word makes sense		explanation or	plausibility and	reading, reading on,
		in the context of		develop a sensible	accuracy of their	using the context,
		the passage.		inference, by	explanation or	knowledge of
				identifying root	inference of the	syntax or word
				words and	word meaning.	roots) to clarify the
				derivatives, using		meaning.
				the context and		
				syntax, or using		
				aids such as		
				glossaries or		
				dictionaries.)		
				Identify where		
				unfamiliar words		
				are not explained in		
				the text and where		
				a dictionary needs		
				to be used to		
				understand them.		

Annotate text	*Mark significant incidents in a story or information in a non- fiction text.	*Make simple notes on a text, e.g. underlining key words or phrases, adding headings etc.	*Mark a text to identify unfamiliar words and ideas to be clarified or explored in discussion and subsequent rereading. *Read and identify the main points or gist of the text, e.g. underlining or highlighting key words or phrases, listing key points, or marking important information.	*Mark texts to identify vocabulary and ideas which they need to clarify. *Mark a text by highlighting or adding headings, underlining or noting words or sentences, and adding notes where helpful.	*Annotate a text to identify key information or identify elements they don't understand or want to revisit or explore further. *Note key points of what has been read, using simple abbreviations, diagrams or other simple marking system. Use these as the basis of follow up and discussion if appropriate.	*Identify and mark aspects of a text which are unclear in order to discuss or revisit on a second reading. *As they read, identify, mark and annotate extracts which they think are significant to understanding characters, events or ideas or an author's point of view or use of language, adding a commentary where this is helpful.
Visualize their understanding of what they read	*Visualise what they have been reading, e.g. through drawing or acting out.	*Use illustrations and simple formats such as flow charts or diagrams to re- present and explain a process or a series of events.	*Re-present information gathered from a text as a picture or graphic, labelling it with material from the text.	*Visualise the information they have read about, e.g. by mapping, illustrating, representing information graphically, and acting out. *Use information from the text to justify their visual representations.	*Re-present information from a text graphically. *Comment on the illustrations and graphic representations they encounter in texts, linking their comments back to the text itself.	*Re-present information from a text graphically. Comment on the illustrations and graphic representations

Make predictions	Anticipate key events in a story	*Make predictions based titles.	*Use immediate clues and what predictions about what is going to happen or what they will find out.	*Update and modify predictions about ideas in a text on a regular hasis throughout their reading.	*Make predictions about a text based topic, event or type of text Modify predictions as they read on.	*Make regular and increasingly modifying their ideas as they read the next part of the text.	*Make plausible predictions and on. Discuss how and why they need to modify their nredictions as they read on.
Summarise understanding		* Retell a story giving the main events.	*Retell a story giving the main events. *Retell some important information they've found out from a text. *Draw together information from across a number of sentences to sum up what is known about a character, event or idea.	*Retell main points of a story in sequence. *Identify a few key points from across a non- fiction passage.	*Summarise a sentence or paragraphs by identifying the most important elements. *Make brief summaries at regular intervals when reading, picking up clues and hints as well as what is directly stated.	*Make regular, brief summaries of what they've read, identifying the key points. *Summarise a complete short text or substantial section of a text. *Summarise what is known about a character, event or topic, explain any inferences and opinions by reference to the text.	*Make regular, brief summaries of what they've read, linking their summary to previous predictions about the text. Update their ideas about the text in the light of what they've just read. *Summarise 'evidence' from across a text to explain events or ideas.

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Adapt reading	*Listen to their	*Stop and think	*Identify where	*Adapt reading	*Apply the range of	*Make sensible
strategies for	own reading,	about what they	they don't	strategies to the	reading strategies to	decisions in order
different	and that of	have read.	understand what	different sorts of	different reading	to read most
purposes or	others, and	*Put what they've read or heard	they've read, stop	text read,	tasks or	effectively for a
according to	make a sense	into their own	reading and take	including IT texts,	circumstances, e.g.	specific purpose,
the text type	check at regular	words.	steps to fix the	and different	skimming a text to	e.g. knowing when
	intervals, re-	words.	problem.	purposes for	gain an overview,	it is useful to gain
	reading where			reading.	slow careful reading	an overview of a
	necessary to			*Take steps to	and re-reading to	text and how best
	regain			re-establish	grapple with the	to do it, or identify
	understanding.			understanding	meaning of a poem,	which part of the
				when	presentation skills in	text needs to be
				comprehension	order to perform it.	read more carefully
				is lost.		to find particular
						information.
						*Summarise their
						current
						understanding
						about a text at
						regular intervals

Skills and strategies to read for understanding

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Take pleasure in reading: Develop positive attitudes to reading and enjoy listening to books read to them	*Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound—blending *Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs *Make comments about what they have heard and ask	*Select books for personal reading and give reasons for choices.	*Read and listen to whole books, make choices for their personal reading.	*Sustain their reading for enjoyment and to find out.	*Read independently complete short texts and sections from information books.	*Listen to texts read to them. *Read favourite authors and choose books to read on the recommendatio n of others.	*Listen to texts read to them and sustain their reading of longer and with more challenging texts.
Discuss books: Participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say	*Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers	*Discuss books they like and give reasons for choices.	*Justify their choices of books and their preferences from the books they have read or have had read to them.	*Discuss why they like particular books or authors with others, giving reasons.	*Describe and review their own reading habits.	*Talk about books referring to details and examples in the text.	*Discuss their personal reading with others and articulate their personal response to their reading, identifying how and why a text affects the reader.

Extend their	*Select books to	*Make choices from	*Extend the range	*Develop their	*Plan personal	*Develop their
range of reading	read and listen to.	a selection of texts to hear and to read themselves.	of books read by browsing and selecting texts, including poetry, to read independently.	reading stamina as they read longer texts.	reading goals which reflect their interests and extend their range.	reading stamina and complete the independent reading of some longer texts.

Skills: Express, record and present understanding

E	YFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Develop and	*Offer explanations	*Discuss reasons	*Discuss themes,	*Express ideas and	*Understand and	*Contribute to a	*Contribute
express their	for why things	why things happen	plots, events and	give opinions about	comment on ideas	discussion where a	constructively to a
understanding	might happen,	in the texts they	characters,	stories and poems,	introduced in a	group explore their	discussion about
	making use of	read or are read to	comparing stories by	identifying specific	passage or section	understanding of a	reading, responding
	recently introduced	them.	the same and	words and phrases	they've read,	topic raised through	to and building on
	vocabulary from		different authors.	to support their	drawing on	reading.	the views of others.
	stories, non-fiction,	*Express their		ideas.	evidence from the		
	rhymes, and poems	understanding	*Compare the		text to do so.	*Discuss and	*Comment critically,
	when appropriate	orally, and use	information given	*Use simple graphics		comment on texts,	orally, in writing and
		words, illustrations	about topics in non-	or illustrations to	*Compare and	and present their	using graphics where
		and given formats to	fiction texts.	record and explain	contrast stories,	ideas in appropriate	necessary to support
		record their		their understanding	justifying their	and helpful formats,	them, on the impact
		understanding.		of information.	preferences and	including	of books they have
					opinions.	graphically.	read.

Answer questions	*Match events to	*Retrieve	*Use different	*Retrieve and	*Use different	*Record details
about a text and	characters in	information from a	formats to retrieve,	collect information	formats to capture,	retrieved from the
record their	narrative and detail	text and re-present	record and explain	from different	record and explain	text about
understanding	and information to	it in a variety of	information about	sources and re-	information about	characters, events
	objects or topics in	forms including by	what they have read	present it in	what they have read,	and ideas, e.g. by
	non- fiction texts.	matching and	in both fiction and	different forms, e.g.	e.g. flow charts, for	making a
		linking information,	non-fiction texts, e.g.	chart, poster,	and against columns,	comparisons table,
		ordering,	flow charts, for and	diagram.	matrices and charts	true or false grid etc.
		tabulating, and	against columns,		of significant	*Recognise different
		copying.	matrices and charts	*Answer questions	information.	types of
			of significant	on a text using		comprehension
		*Use different	information.	different formats	*Recognise different	questions (retrieval/
		formats (matching,		(matching, ordering,	types of	inferential) and
		ordering etc.) to	*Record their	tabulating, etc.).	comprehension	know whether the
		answer questions on	understanding of a		questions (retrieval/	information required
		a text.	text in different		inferential) and	for the answer will
			ways, using a range		know whether the	be explicitly stated
			of formats.		information required	or implied in the text
					to answer will be	

					explicitly stated or implied in the text. *Vary the reading strategies they use to answer questions, depending on the different types asked. *Answer questions by explaining their ideas orally and in writing, including questions requiring open- ended responses.	*Vary the reading strategies they use and mode of answering according to what is expected of them by the question. *Use confidently the different formats (matching, ordering etc.) to answer questions on a text. *Answer questions by explaining their ideas orally and in writing.
Justify their ideas about a text	*Answer simple questions where they recall information from a text.	*Answer simple retrieval and inference questions by making a point and supporting it with 'evidence' from a text.	*Re-read sections of texts carefully to find 'evidence' to support their ideas about a text. *Answer simple retrieval and inference questions by making a point and supporting it with 'evidence' from a text.	*Support their ideas about a text by quoting or by paraphrasing from it. *Answer retrieval and inferential questions both orally and in writing, by making a point, and explaining it.	*Evaluate a book or section of it, referring to details and examples in a text to back up their judgement and support their reasoning. *Identify and summarise evidence from a text to support a	*Identify material from texts to support an argument, know when it is useful to quote directly, paraphrase or adapt. *Identify and summarise evidence from a text to support a hypothesis.

			hypothesis.	

Annotate the	*M	1ark significant	*Make simple notes	*Read and	*Mark texts to	*Annotate a text	*Identify and mark
text to support	inci	idents in a	on a text, e.g.,	identify the main	identify vocabulary	to identify to	aspects of a text
their	stor	ory or	underlining key	points or gist of	and ideas which	identify key	which are unclear
understanding	info	ormation in a	words or phrases,	the text, e.g.,	they need to clarify.	information or	in order to discuss
	non	n- fiction text.	adding headings	underlining or	*Mark a text by	identify elements	or revisit on a
			etc.	highlighting key	highlighting or	they don't	second reading.
				words or	adding headings,	understand or	*As they read,
				phrases, listing	underlining, or	want to revisit or	identify, mark, and
				key points, or	noting words or	explore further.	annotate extracts
				marking	sentences, and	*Note key points of	which they think are
				important	adding notes	what has been read,	significant to
				information.	where helpful.	using simple	understanding
				*Mark a text to		abbreviations,	characters, events
				identify unfamiliar		diagrams, or other	or ideas or an
				words and ideas to		simple marking	author's point of
				be clarified or		system. Use these	view or use of
				explored in		as the basis of	language, adding a
				discussion and		follow up and	commentary where
				subsequent re-		discussion if	this is helpful.
				reading.		appropriate.	

Demonstrate	*Retell stories and	*Retell stories	*Present stories,	*Choose and	*Distinguish in	*Read aloud
understanding of	parts of stories,	giving the main	showing	prepare stories,	reading aloud a	different texts,
stories, poetry and	using some of the	points or events in	awareness of the	poems and play	story, poem or play	including poetry
plays through	features of story	sequence and	different voices by	scripts for	script, between the	and prose,
retelling and	language.	highlighting	dramatizing	performance,	narrator and	discussing, and
reciting orally	*Learn and recite	significant	readings, showing	identifying	characters, and	drawing out
	simple poems and	moments or	differences	appropriate	between different	similarities and
	rhymes, with	incidents.	between the	expression,	characters.	relationships of
	actions, and re-	*Retell stories	narrator and	tone, volume	*Read, rehearse,	theme, format
	read them from the	individually and	characters.	and use of	evaluate, and	and language.
	text.	through role play in	*Read,	voices and other	modify a	*Read aloud to
		groups, using	prepare, and	sounds.	performance of a	interpret poems or
		dialogue and	present poems	*Rehearse and	story, poem or	stories where
		narrative from the	and play	improve their	play script to	meanings are
		text.	scripts.	performance when	convey meaning	conveyed directly
		*Learn, re-read		reading texts	and emotion.	and implied, varying
		and recite		aloud, in order to		the performance to
		favourite poems,		demonstrate their		convey meaning to
		conveying		understanding.		an audience.
		meaning by				
		taking account				
		of punctuation.				

Skills Understanding the whole text

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Identify main ideas and themes in a wide range of books and understand how these are developed over a text	*Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments, actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions	*Pick out significant events, incidents or information that occur through a text. *Link familiar story themes to their own experiences, e.g. illness, getting lost, going away.	*Discuss familiar story themes that they have read or heard. *Give reasons why things happen or change over the course of a narrative.	*Identify typical story themes, e.g. trials and forfeits, good and evil, weak over strong, wise and foolish. *Discuss how characters' feelings, behaviour and relationships change over a text.	*Identify social, moral or cultural issues or themes in stories, e.g. the dilemmas faced and dealt with by characters or the moral of the story. *Link cause and effect in narratives and recounts. *Explain how ideas are developed in non-fiction texts.	*Begin to distinguish between plot events/ details and the main themes in the texts they read. *Identify how ideas and themes are explored and developed over a text, e.g. how a story opening can link to its ending or how characters change over a narrative. *Explain how a detailed picture can emerge from a non-fiction text by examining different aspects of the topic.	*Understand how a writer develops themes, ideas, or points of view over a text. *Identify how the narrative or author's voice influences the reader's point of view and frames their understanding. Discuss how this can change over the course of a text. *In non- fiction texts distinguish between explicit and implicit points of view and discuss how the sense of the writer can develop over a text, e.g. in autobiographies.

Identify how	*Identify and	*Identify and	*Investigate the	*Explore narrative	*Compare the	*Understand
structure and	compare basic story	discuss story	features of	order	structure of	aspects of narrative
presentation	elements, e.g.	elements such as	traditional stories -	(introduction,	different stories to	structure, e.g. how
contribute to	beginnings and	setting, events,	openings and	build up, crisis,	discover how they	paragraphs build up
meaning	endings in different	characters, and the	endings, how	resolution, and	differ in pace, build	a narrative, how
	stories.	way that problems	events and new	conclusion) and	up, sequence,	chapters or
		develop and get	characters are	how scenes are	complication, and	paragraphs are
	*Note some of the	resolved.	introduced, how	built up and	resolution.	linked together.
	features of non-		problems are	concluded through		
	fiction texts,	*Explain	resolved.	description,	*Identify the	*Understand how
	including layout,	organisational		action, and	features of different	writers use the
	contents, use of	features of texts,	*Explain how the	dialogue.	non-fiction text,	features and
	pictures,	including	organisational		including content,	structure of
	illustrations, and	alphabetical order	features of non-	*Identify the main	structure,	information texts to
	diagrams.	layout, diagrams,	fiction texts support	features of non-	vocabulary, style,	help convey their
		captions,	the reader in finding	fiction texts (both	layout and purpose,	ideas or
	*Recite poems with	hyperlinks, and	information or	print and computer	e.g. recounts,	information.
	predictable and	bullet points.	researching a topic.	based) including	instructions,	
	repeating patterns,			headings, captions,	explanations,	*Analyse how the
	extending, and	*Identify and discuss	*Distinguish	lists, bullet points	persuasive writing	structure or
	inventing patterns	patterns of rhythm,	between rhyming	and understand	and argument.	organisation of a
	and playing with	rhyme, and other	and non-rhyming	how these		poem supports
	rhyme.	features	poetry and comment			

		which influence the sound of a poem.	on the impact of the poem's layout.	support the reader in gaining information efficiently. *Identify different patterns of rhyme and verse in poetry, e.g. choruses, rhyming couplets, alternate line rhymes and read these aloud effectively.	*Read poems by significant poets and identify what is distinctive about the style or presentation of their poems.	the expression of moods, feelings and attitudes.
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Make comparisons	*Discuss and	*Identify, collect	*Make comparisons	*Collect information	*Make comparisons	*Make
within and across	compare events or	and compare	between events in	to compare and	between the ways	comparisons and
texts	topics they have	common themes	narrative or	contrast events,	that different	draw contrasts
	read about or	in stories and	information texts	characters or ideas.	characters or	between different
	have listened to.	poems.	on the same topic	*Compare and	events are	elements of a text
		*Make comparisons	or theme.	contrast books and	presented.	and across texts.
		of characters and	*Compare and	poems on similar	*Compare the way	*Compare and
		events in	contrast writing by	themes.	that ideas or	contrast the work
		narratives.	the same author.		themes are	of a single author.
		*Compare the			presented in	*Investigate
		information about			different texts or in	different versions of
		different topics in			different versions	the same story or
		non-fiction texts.			(including in other	different books on
					media, e.g. film) of	the same topic,
					the same text.	identifying
						similarities and
						differences.

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Identify how	*Explore the effect	*Speculate about	*Discuss authors'	*Understand how	*Discuss the	*Identify and discuss
language	of patterns of	why an author	choice of words and	writers use	meaning of	idiomatic phrases,
contributes to	language and	might have chosen	phrases that	figurative and	figurative language	expressions, and
meaning	repeated words and	a particular word	describe and create	expressive language	(metaphors and	comparisons
	phrases.	and the effect they	impact, e.g.	to create images and	similes) and	(metaphors, similes
	*Identify and	were wanting to	adjectives and	atmosphere,	idiomatic words and	and embedded
	discuss some key	achieve, e.g. by	expressive verbs.	e.g. to create	phrases used in a	metaphors) met in
	elements of story	considering		moods, arouse	text, beginning to	texts, using an
	language.	alternative		expectations,	explain the purpose	appropriate
		synonyms that		build tension,	and impact of such	technical vocabulary.
		might have been		describe attitudes	choices.	*Consider how
		used.		or emotions.	*Investigate how	authors have
				*Discuss the	writers use words	introduced and
				meaning of similes	and phrases for	extended ideas
				and other	effect, e.g. to	about characters,
				comparisons they	persuade, to convey	events or topics
				have read.	feelings, to entice a	through the
					reader to continue.	language choices
						and the way they
						have developed
						them.
						*Comment
						critically on how
						a writer uses
						language to imply
						ideas, attitudes
						and points of
						view.

Evaluate the text	*Talk about aspects of the text that the like.	-	*Say why they prefer one text to another. *Begin to identify why one nonfiction text is more useful than another, according to their purpose.	*Identify aspects or features that make a text entertaining, informative or useful.	*Analyse the features of engaging or useful texts e.g. effective openings or endings, the presentation and resolution of problems (in narratives), clarity and enthusiasm for a topic in nonfiction.	*Identify the features that make some texts more effective than others.
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Skill Retrieve information from texts

EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Retrieve	*Read aloud simple	*Discuss	*Identify what is	*Locate, retrieve	*Identify and	*Establish what is	*Use evidence
information	sentences and	characters'	known for certain	and collect	discuss key	known about	from across a text
from texts	books that are	appearance,	from the text	information from	sentences and	characters, events	to explain events or
	consistent with	behaviour and the	about characters,	texts about	words in texts	and ideas in	ideas.
	their phonic	events that happen	places and events	significant or	which convey	narrative and non-	*Identify
	knowledge,	to them, using	in narrative and	important elements	important	fiction texts,	similarities and
	including some	details from the	about different	or aspects (e.g.	information about	retrieving details	differences
	common exception	text.	topics in non -	characters, events,	characters,	and examples	between
	words	*Find specific	fiction.	topics).	places, events,	from the text to	characters, places,
		information in	*Give reasons why	*Take information	objects or ideas.	back up their	events, objects and
		simple texts	things happen	from diagrams, flow	*Pick out key	understanding or	ideas in texts.
		they've read or	where this is	charts and forms	sentences and	argument.	
		that has been read	directly explained in	where it is	phrases that	*Locate information	
		to them.	the text.	presented	convey important	confidently and	
				graphically.	information.	efficiently, using the	
						full range	

	-Use and understand recently ,introduced vocabulary during discussion about stories, nonfiction, rhymes and poems and during role play	*Find information in a text about an event, character or topic.	*Locate information using contents, index, sub- headings, page numbers etc. *Express and record their understanding of information orally, using simple graphics or in writing.	*Express and record their understanding of information orally, using simple graphics or in writing.	*Take information from diagrams, flow charts and forms where it is presented graphically.	of features of the information text being read, including information presented graphically.	*Retrieve information from texts and evaluate its reliability and usefulness.
Retrieve the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary where this is explained in the text		*Identify new or unfamiliar words that they meet in reading. *Explain the meaning of the words they meet in a text.	*Learn to read on and re-read sentences to find the meaning of unfamiliar words which are explained in the text.	*Practise re- reading a sentence and reading on in order to locate the meaning of unfamiliar words. *Discuss unfamiliar words and their possible meaning	*Decide where unfamiliar words are explained in the text or where they need to use a dictionary or glossary to find a word meaning. *Identify	*Use a range of strategies, including the context and where necessary a dictionary, to make sense of the words used in a text. Explain the	*Apply appropriate strategies (re-reading, reading on, visualising, word knowledge, syntax) in order to find the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary met in

				to clarify their understanding of a sentence or passage.	unfamiliar vocabulary in a text and adopt appropriate strategies to locate the meaning, including re- reading surrounding sentences and/ or paragraphs to identify an explanation.	meaning of words used in a text.	independent reading. Check the plausibility and accuracy of their suggestions.
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Identify how	*Notice how	*Notice how	*Notice how	*Use knowledge of	*Use knowledge of	*Use knowledge of
language,	information is	information is	information is	different	different	different
structure and	presented.	presented across a	presented and	organisational	organisational	organisational
presentation		range of texts.	organised across a	features of texts to	features of texts to	features of texts to
contribute to			range of texts.	find information	find information	find information
contribute to meaning			range of texts.	find information effectively.	find information effectively. Comment on how information is presented on the page.	find information effectively. *Identify and explain how complicated information is presented on the page to make reading easier.

Ask retrieval questions about a text	 *Ask questions to understand what has happened in stories they have read or been read to them.	*Ask what, where, and when questions about a text to support and develop their understanding.	*Clarify their understanding of events, ideas and topics by asking questions about them.	*Identify elements of a text which they do not understand and ask questions about it.	*Ask questions to clarify their understanding of words, phrases, events and ideas in different texts.	*Ask questions to clarify their understanding of words, phrases, events and ideas in different texts.
Distinguish between fact and opinion (Years 5/ 6 only)					*In persuasive writing and other texts investigate how language is used to present opinion. Distinguish between fact, opinion and fiction in different texts, e.g. biography, autobiography, argument.	*In autobiography and biographical writing, and in texts written for mixed purposes (e.g. leaflets that are both information giving and persuasive), distinguish between fact, opinion and fiction. *In non-fiction texts distinguish between explicit and implicit points of view.

Skill Inferential understanding

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Infer from what characters say and do		*Speculate about characters from what they say and do, e.g. when role playing parts or reading aloud. *Discuss what is suggested about a character from the way or how he/ she speaks.	*Make inferences about characters from what they say and do, focusing on important moments in a text.	*Understand how what a character says or does impacts on other characters, or on the events described in the narrative. Infer characters' feelings in fiction.	*Deduce the reasons for the way that characters behave from scenes across a short story.	*Understand what is implied about characters and make judgements about their motivations and attitudes from the dialogue and descriptions.	*Understand what is implied about characters through the way they are presented, including through the use of a narrator or narrative voice, explaining how this influences the readers' view of characters.

Predict what	*Use titles, cover	*Make plausible	*Predict from what	*Use information	*Learn to anticipate	*Make predictions,
might happen	pages, pictures	predictions	they have read or	about characters	events based on	discussing the
	and opening	showing an	had read to them	to make plausible	their own	reasoning behind
	sections of texts to	understanding of	how incidents,	predictions about	experience, what	them, drawing on
	predict the	the ideas, events	events, ideas or	their actions.	has been read so	their knowledge of
	content of	or characters they	topics will develop		far and knowledge	the world, from
	unfamiliar stories	are reading about.	or be concluded.		of other similar	reading other
	and non-fiction				texts.	similar texts
	texts.					

					*Discuss the plausibility of their predictions and the reason for them.	and what they read earlier in the text. *Compare their predictions with the events that occurred and consider why their predictions were accurate, plausible, or off the mark.
Identify how language contribute(s) to meaning: How meaning is conveyed through the writer's language choices	*Explore the effect of patterned language or repeated words and phrases in familiar stories.	*Investigate traditional story language, e.g. story openers and endings, scene openers, language which signals a time shift or magical event.	*Discuss the language used to create significant aspects of a text, e.g. opening, build up, atmosphere, and how a writer implies as well as tells.	*Understand how writers use figurative and expressive language to hint at and suggest ideas and information in order to capture interest, e.g. how they use language to set scenes, or create	*Identify and discuss idiomatic phrases, expressions and comparisons (metaphors, similes and embedded metaphors) met in texts, considering why authors might have used them.	*Identify the hints and suggestions that writers make through their choices of words and phrases and the associations these evoke, e.g. about characters, events or ideas.

		moods, arouse expectations, build tension, describe attitudes or emotions. *Discuss the meaning of similes and other comparisons that they read.	*Consider the language used in a text and pick up the implications and associations being made by the writer.	

Ask inferential questions	*Ask questions to explore what characters say and do.	*Ask questions to understand more about characters and events in narrative or the topic in non- fiction.	*Ask questions to develop understanding of characters' feelings and actions, or to understand significant details about a	*Ask questions to clarify their understanding of what is implied about main ideas, themes and events in texts they have read.	*Recognise where they don't understand why something happens in a text and ask questions to clarify their	*Ask questions to clarify and explore their understanding of what is implied in the text.
Adapt reading strategies in order to make inferences	*Link what they are reading to their own experience.	*Talk around a topic prior to reading. *Re-read sections of texts carefully to find answers to questions about characters and events.	*Link what they read to their knowledge and experience of a topic and to their knowledge of similar texts. *Make regular predictions and brief summaries as they read, thinking about the clues and hints they've picked up, as well as what is directly stated. *Re-read sections of texts carefully to	*Link what they are reading to prior knowledge and experience and to their knowledge of similar texts. *Make predictions and brief summaries at regular intervals when reading. *Think about what they've read, reread sections of texts carefully to find 'evidence' to support their	*Link what they read to what they know (prior knowledge and experience), their knowledge of texts, and to what they have read in previous sections, to make inferences and deductions. *Know how to gain a rapid overview of a text, e.g. by skimming and scanning, and how and when to read slowly and carefully.	*Link what they have just read to what they know (prior knowledge and experience), their knowledge of texts, and what they have read in previous sections, to make inferences and deductions. *Know how to gain a rapid overview of a text, e.g. by skimming and scanning and how and when to read slowly and carefully.

		characters and	reading, identifying	*Build 'thinking time' into their reading, identifying questions that they want answered. *Summarise their
			current	current
			understanding at	understanding at

Skill Reading to find out

	EYFS ELG	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Retrieve and record information from non- fiction texts		*Find information in a text about an event, character or topic.	*Locate information using title, contents, index, page numbers, illustrations, headings, sub- headings etc. *Express and record their understanding of information	*Take information from diagrams, flow charts and forms where it is presented graphically. *Express and record their understanding of information orally, using simple graphics, or in writing.	*Pick out key sentences and phrases that convey important information. *Take information from diagrams, flow charts and forms where it is presented graphically.	*Locate information confidently and efficiently, using the full range of features of the information text being read, including information presented graphically. *Use different formats to capture, record and explain information	*Evaluate texts for their reliability and usefulness when researching a topic. *Record important details retrieved from a text using an appropriate format, e.g. by making a comparisons table.

Ask questions to	*Pose questions	orally, using simple graphics, or in writing. *Pose and record	*Prepare and list	*Collect information from different sources and present it in a simple format, e.g. chart, *Prepare for and	about what they have read, e.g. flow charts, for and against columns, matrices *Prepare for	*Locate resources
find out	and use a text to find answers.	questions prior to reading to find something out. *Ask follow up questions about the topics they've read about.	questions as the basis for enquiry and decide which are the most important to follow up.	carry out factual research by reviewing what is known, what needs to be found out, what resources are	research by identifying what they already know and what they need to find out. Plan their inquiry or research in the light of these questions.	for a specific research task, identifying key questions to be investigated, the usefulness of the information source, and deciding how best to record and present the information. *Refine research questions in the light of initial findings.

Identify how the	*Discuss different	*Identify and	*Identify how	*Identify the main	*Identify the	*Understand and
structure and	ways pages from	explain the use of	different non-	features of non-	features of	explain how
presentation of	an information	different	fiction texts are	fiction texts (both	different non-	different
non- fiction texts	book can be laid	organisational	organised.	print and	fiction texts, e.g.	conventions and
contributes to	out and how this is	features in non-	*Use the	computer based)	recounts,	presentational
meaning	different from	fiction texts,	organisational	including headings,	instructions,	features are used
	story books.	including	features of non-	captions, lists,	explanations,	across a range of
	*Note some of the	alphabetical	fiction texts in	bullet points and	persuasive writing	information or
	features of non-	order, layout,	their own reading	understand how to	and argument,	non-narrative
	fiction texts,	illustrations,	and research.	use to find	including content,	texts.
	including layout,	diagrams,		information	structure,	*Compare
	contents, use of	captions,		efficiently.	vocabulary, style,	different types of
	pictures,	hyperlinks and			layout and	information texts,
	illustrations and	bullet points.			purpose.	including texts
	diagram.				*Discuss the way	which are a mix of

I d a matter b a con	*Discuss the	*NIation come of	*Donin to	*!	*!	*Diagrapha
Identify how	*Discuss the	*Notice some of	*Begin to	*Investigate the	*Investigate the use	*Discuss the way
language	language used	the language	identify some of	language features	of language in	that writers of
contributes to	in labels and	features of non-	the language	of different sorts of	different types of	non-fiction match
meaning	captions.	fiction texts, e.g.	differences	non-fiction texts.	information text,	language and text
	*Notice how	direct language, the	between fiction	*Investigate the	e.g. words and	structure to their
	language is used in	language of	and non-fiction	meaning of	phrases which	intentions - to
	instructional	explanation, time	texts.	technical or	signal a point of	amuse, persuade
	writing and	connectives etc.	*Develop their	subject specific	view in persuasive	etc.
	recounts.	*Speculate about	understanding of	words, e.g. by	texts, how	*Explain and use
	*Discuss the	the meaning of	key words met in	reading the text	encyclopaedia	accurately the
	meaning of	unfamiliar words in	reading non-	explanation or	convey authority.	subject specific
	significant words	non-fiction texts	fiction texts.	using a glossary or	*Compare the	vocabulary used in
	met in reading	and use glossaries		dictionary.	explanations or	different non-
	linked to	effectively to help		,	definitions given for	fiction texts.
	particular topics.	understanding.			technical or subject	
					specific words and	
					phrases in non-	
					fiction texts.	
					netion texts.	

Strategies for	*Locate parts of	*Scan a text to	*Skim and scan a	*Clarify unfamiliar	*Clarify unfamiliar	*Clarify unfamiliar
reading non-	the text which	find specific	text to locate	vocabulary met in	vocabulary met in	vocabulary met in
fiction text	give particular	sections using	information	information texts.	information texts.	information texts.
nction text	information,	key words or	quickly and	*Skim a text for an	*Apply the range of	*Read effectively
	including labelled	•	accurately.	overview, Scan	reading strategies	for different
	diagrams and	headings.	*Draw together	texts for key words,	to reading	research purposes,
	charts.	Decide on whether	ideas and	phrases and	information texts i)	e.g. skim and scan
	Citarts.	a text is useful by	information from	sentences as well	thinking about	a text to gain an
		·			_	overview of a text,
		skim reading its	across a text,	as useful headings	what they already	•
		title, contents	using simple	to locate	know; ii) skimming	identify which part
		page, illustrations,	signposts	information.	to gain an overall	of the text needs
		headings and sub-	(contents, index,	*Pay particular	sense of the text;	to be read more
		headings.	sub- headings,	attention to	iii) scanning to	carefully to find
			page numbers	introductions and	locate specific	particular
			etc.) in the text.	opening/ closing	information; iv)	information, read
				sentences in	close reading to	slowly and
				paragraphs to	develop	carefully a section,
				identify key	understanding; v)	annotating the text
				information.	text marking.	as appropriate.
				*Adapt reading	*Plan research in	*Plan research in
Distinguish					*In persuasive	*In autobiography
between fact and					writing and other	and biographical
opinion (Years 5/					texts investigate	writing, and in
6 only)					how language is	texts written for
					used to present	mixed purposes
					opinion.	(e.g. leaflets that
					*Distinguish	are both
					between fact,	information giving
					opinion and fiction	and persuasive),
					in different texts,	distinguish
					e.g. biography,	between fact,
					autobiography,	opinion and fiction.
					argument.	*In non-fiction
					3 3 3 3 3 3 3	And the distinct of the

Why is reading so important?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.





"Reading should be about having fun and adventure and magic, not just 'making progress'." Michaela Morgan



- Make books part of your family life Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
- Join your local library Get your child a library card. You'll find the latest
 videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them
 to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
- 3. Match their interests Help them find the right book it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- 4. All reading is good Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
- Get comfortable! Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
- 6. Ask questions To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
- Read whenever you get the chance Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
- 8. Read again and again Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
- 9. Bedtime stories Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
- Rhyme and repetition Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.





Reading with your child

Sharing a book with your child allows you to share adventures and experiences in the safe world of the book. It allows you to ask questions, talk about what has happened and decide what you think together.

Sharing a book can be a bonding experience and for young children, cuddling up with a parent to read a book can be a special time.

Reading is important, but don't feel that you have to take the role of your child's teacher or put pressure on your child to start to read before they go to school. It's great to instil a love of books and language from an early age, but most of all, be led by your child and their interests and pace of development.

"Books transform children's lives - they can open windows onto new worlds, widen their horizons or even just make them laugh themselves silly! Reading for pleasure can give children the key they need to unlock their dreams." Christopher Edge

What difference could I make as a parent?

The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too young for a child to start, even if you're only reading with your child for a few minutes a day.

Before they're born, babies learn to recognise their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from the time they're born gives them the comfort of your voice and increases their exposure to language.

My child has just started school and is learning to read via phonics. What is phonics?

With phonics, children are taught to read by learning the phonemes (sounds) that represent letters or groups of graphemes (letters).

With this knowledge, children can begin to read words by learning how to blend the sounds together. Unlocking how this alphabetic code works means they can learn to decode any word. For example, when taught the sounds /t/, /p/, /a/, /i/ and /s/ early on, children can read words such as it, is, tap, tip, pat, sip and sat by blending the individual sounds together to make the whole word.

These words can also be broken down (segmented) into their phonemes for spelling. For example, the word 'sat' has three phonemes, /s/, /a/ and /t/ which the children learn to write with the three graphemes (letters) 's', 'a' and 't' that they have been taught.

They will also be taught to read words – such as 'once', 'was' or 'have' – which don't follow the phonic 'rules'. They'll build up a stock of these tricky words that they can recognize straight away.





Top tips on phonics

Say the sounds correctly

It's important that the sounds are pronounced correctly, as they would sound in speech. Try not to add 'uh' to consonant sounds, such as /t/ and /p/, as this makes it trickier to blend the sounds together into words.

Link sounds and letters to make words

Children are taught in school to quickly see a link between the phoneme (sounds) and a written representation of that sound (grapheme). At home, encourage your child to do the same when playing with fridge magnets in the kitchen, for example, or 'writing' when you are writing.

Don't be scared - make it fun!

Phonics can seem daunting for parents who were probably taught to read in a rather different way. However, simple games such as 'I spy' are great for helping reading, because the children have to listen to sounds. Say, "I spy, with my little eye, something that begins with (for example) the sound 'f-f-f'" Look at the 'football' or the 'fridge'. Make sure you refer to the first sound (not the first letter). Take it in turns, with your child saying, "I spy..." Make it lots of fun.

Practise!

Encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge when they are practising their reading. Make sure that they look at each letter in turn, all through each word. Encourage them to work out the sounds and then blend them together to make the whole word. Praise them for trying to use all the letters rather than guessing from just the first letter or the picture.

EYFS READING **TARGETS**

I know at least 10 digraphs

I know how to say a sound for each letter of the alphabet

I can demonstrate an understanding of what has been read to me by retelling the story/narrative, using my own words

And vocabulary that I have been introduced to.

I know how to read words consistent with my phonics knowledge by sounding and blending

derstand recently introduced vocabulary during discussion about staries, non-fiction. rhymes and poems during role play

I can use and un-

I can listen attentively and respond to what I have heard

I can read aloud

simple sentences and

book consistent with

my phonics knowledge

Including some ex-

ception words

I can ask relevant questions, comments, actions when being read out loud to and during class discussions

I can hold a cponversation with back and forth exchanges with my teacher

I can make comments about what I have heard

I can ask questions to clarify my understanding of what I have heard

I can anticipate (where appropriate) key events in a stary

Knowledge Word Reading

Knowledge Word Meaning

Skills Discussing Reading

Skills Range of Reading Comprehension

Skills Understanding Comprehension

Predictions and Explanation Comprehension

I can read common exception words.

I can use my knowledge of phonics to blend sounds together to read words.

I can read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words.

I am able to speedily match the correct sound to the grapheme, for all 40+ phonemes (even where there are different choices of sounds for graphemes).

I choose to use my knowledge of phonics to work out what words say, not just picture clues.

I can read words of more than one syllable using the phonemes and graphemes that I have been taught.

I can read words with phonemes and graphemes that I have been taught.

I can read familiar endings to words (s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er, -est).

I can read common exception words, and I can point out the unusual way of spelling a sound in a word.

Year 1 READING **TARGETS**

I can re-read my book to build my confidence and fluency in my word reading.

I can read books aloud that match my phonic ability.

I can read words with contractions (e.g. I'm, I'll, we'll) and I understand that the apostrophe represents the missing letters.

I can recognise and join in with predictable phrases.

I can retell these stories, using some of their features.

I am becoming very familiar with fairy stories, traditional tales and other wellknown stories.

With encouragement, I am beginning to link what I hear or read to my own experiencI can listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level higher than I can read.

I can discuss the meanings of new words, linking new meanings to what I

already know.

I can say some rhymes and poems off by heart.

I am learning to appreciate rhymes and poems.

I can clearly explain my understanding of what is being read to me.

I can make a simple prediction about what might happen next in the story .

I can make simple predictions about the characters, through what they say or do.

I use what I already know or information I have been given to understand a text.

I can talk about

to me, taking

to what others

I correct myself

as I read if I

make a mistake.

I check that the

text makes sense

to me as I read

what is being read

turns and listenina

I can talk about the meaning of the title and the events in the story.

Knowledge Word Reading

Knowledge Familiarity of Text Word Reading Skills Range of Reading Comprehension

Skills Understanding Comprehension

Predictions and Explanation Comprehension

I can read accurately words of two or more syllables that have the graphemes I have already been taught.

> I re-read books to build up my fluency and confidence.

> > matched to my phonic level, sounding out unfa-I can talk about the miliar words accusequence of events in rately and autobooks and how items of information are matically.

linked.

I can listen to, talk

I am beginning to

find information

from non-fiction

books that are

different ways.

I am becoming more

familiar with a wider

fairy stories and tra-

range of stories,

ditional tales.

structured in

I can recognise familiar story/poetic language e.g. Once

Year 2

READING

TARGETS

I can recite some

poems, with appro-

priate intonation in

my voice so that I

I can discuss my fa-

vourite words and

I can talk about

meanings of words.

linking new meanings

ing clear.

phrases

can make the mean-

Skills Inference and

Skills Prediction Comprehension

Skills Understanding Comprehension

Skills Explain

I can explain and

I read accurately by blending sounds in words with araphemes I have already been taught, including alternative

sounds for graph-

emes.

I can read more common exception words, and I can point out the unusual way of spelling a sound in a word.

I can read words with common suffixes.

I still use my phonic knowledge and skills to read words, but my reading is now becoming fluent.

I can read most words for my phonic level quickly and accurately, without sounding them out and blending aloud.

I can read aloud

books closely

about and express my opinion about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level higher than I can read by myself.

upon a time...

I use what I already know or background information and vocabulary I have been given to understand a text.

I can make predic-

tions about what will

happen next, based

on what I have

I can make

say or do.

predictions about

through what they

the characters.

read.

I know a greater range of poems by

I check that the text makes sense to me as I read it, correcting myself when I make a mistake.

I can ask and answer questions about the text.

I take part in discussions about books, poems and other works that are read to me and those that I can read for myself, taking turns and listening to what others say.

discuss my understanding of books, poems and other texts that I have read or listened to.

KnowledgWord Reading

Skills Reading

Skills Range of Reading Comprehension

Checkina Comprehension

and Discuss

TARGETS

I am beginning to identify main ideas taken from more than one

paragraph and summa-

rise these.

I am becoming familiar with an increasing range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally.

I can read books

that are structured

reading for a range

of purposes.

in different ways and

I can discuss some words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.

I can prepare po-

aloud and to per-

form, beginning to

show my under-

standing through

intonation, tone,

volume and action.

ems and play

scripts to read

I can identify themes and conventions in an increasing range of books.

I am beginning to

check that the text

makes sense to me.

discussing my under-

standing and explain-

ing the meaning of

words in context.

that are given in the text, as well as ones that are implied. I can ask questions to improve my understanding of a text.

> I can begin to work out characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying my reasons with evidence from the text (drawing inferences).

I am beginning to

predict what might

happen from details

I am beginning to recognise some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry].

I am beginning to identify how language, structure, and presentation help make meaning clear.

I can participate in discussion about both books that are read to me and those I can read for myself, taking turns and listening to what others say.

I am beginning to retrieve and record information from non-fiction.

I can read some further exception words, by identifying the unusual links between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.

I understand the meaning of root words, prefixes and suffixes and can identify them in a text.

I can listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books or textbooks.

I can use a dictionary to check the meaning of words that I have

read.

Skills Inference and Checking

Knowledge Authorial Intent Comprehension

Explain and Discuss Comprehension

Understanding Comprehension

Knowledge Word Reading

Skills Range of Reading Comprehension

Skills Reading Comprehension

Comprehension

Year 4
READING
TARGETS

I can read further exception words, by identifying the unusual links between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.

cluding fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally.

I am becoming fa-

miliar with a wide

range of books, in-

I can discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. I can identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books. I can predict what might happen from details that are given in the text, as well as ones that are implied.

I can begin to

ters' feelings,

work out charac-

thoughts and mo-

actions, and justi-

with evidence from

the text (drawing

inferences).

fying my reasons

tives from their

I can identify main ideas taken from more than one paragraph and summarise these.

I can apply my growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (as listed in English Appendix 1 for spelling), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words I meet.

I can read books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes.

I can listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books or textbooks.

I can prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing my understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

I can use a dictionary to check the meaning of words that I have read.

I can ask questions to improve my understanding of a text.

I can check that
the text makes
sense to me, discussing my understanding and explaining the meaning of words in
context.

I can recognise some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry].

I can identify how language, structure, and presentation help make meaning clear. I can participate in discussion about both books that are read to me and those I can read for my-self, taking turns and listening to what others say.

I can retrieve and record information from nonfiction.

Knowledg Word Reading

Skills Range of Reading Comprehension Skills Reading Comprehension Skills Inference and Checking Comprehension

Authorial Intent Comprehension Explain and Discuss
Comprehension

Understanding Comprehension

I determine the meaning of new words by applying knowledge of the I can predict what root words, premight happen from defixes and suffixes tails stated and imas listed in the plied. English programmes of study. I can distinguish be-I can explain and dis-I am increasing my tween statements of cuss my understanding familiarity with a I demonstrate approfact and opinion. of what I have read. wide range of books, priate intonation. including myths, legtone and volume when ends and traditional reading aloud text, I can discuss and plays and reciting stories, modern fic-I can draw inferevaluate how authors tion, fiction from our poetry. ences such as inferuse language, includ-I participate in disliterary heritage, ring characters' ing figurative lan-I can learn a range of cussions about books and books from othguage, considering poetry by heart. feelings, thoughts that are read to me er cultures and trathe impact on the and motives from and those I can read ditions. reader. their actions, and I fluently and effor myself, building justifying inferences on my own and othfortlessly read a I am beginning to with some evidence. I can make compariers' ideas and chalrange of age approvide more reasons within and across I am beginning to lenging views courtepropriate texts soned justifications identify how lanously. (dark grey dark I can read and disfor my views. I can ask questions to quage, structure and cuss books that are blue and plum), presentation contribimprove my understructured in differincluding novels, I can recommend books standing of the text. ute to meaning. I can participate in ent ways and for a stories, plays, pothat I have read to my I am beginning to discussions about range of purposes. etry, non-fiction, peers, giving reasons explain and discuss books that are read for my choices. reference books my understanding to me and those I of what I have can read for myself. I am beginning to I am beginning to read, including check that the text summarise the main through formal I continue to read I am able to unmakes sense to me, ideas drawn from I can identify and dispresentations and and discuss an inderstand root discussing my undermore than one paracussing themes and debates, maintaincreasingly wide range standing and explainwords, prefixes conventions in and graph, identifying I can retrieve, record ing a focus on the of fiction, poetry, ing the meaning of and present inforand suffixes and across a range of writkey details that supplays, non-fiction and topic and using words in context. mation from nonlocate examples in port the main ideas. notes where necesreference books or fiction. a text. Skills Inference and Skills Range of Knowledge Skills Reading Skill Understanding Skills Explain and dischecking Authorial intent cuss Comprehension Comprehension Word Reading Reading Comprehension Comprehension

Year 6

READING

TARGETS

I can predict what might happen from details stated and implied.

I can confidently distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.

I confidently discuss

authors use language.

including figurative

the impact on the

and evaluate how

I can explain and discuss my understanding of what I have read in detail

I demonstrate appropriate intoer cultures and traditions.

stories, modern fiction, fiction from our I have learned a wider literary heritage, range of poetry by and books from othheart.

I can draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with clear evidence

reader. I identify how lanquage, structure and

presentation contrib-

ute to meaning.

language, considering ers' ideas and challenging views courteously, with increasing confidence.

I participate in discussions about books that are read to me and those I can read for myself, building on my own and oth-

> I provide reasoned justifications for my

nation, tone and volume when reading aloud text, plays and reciting poetry.

I know how to apply

knowledge of root

English Appendix 1

read aloud and to

understand the

meaning of new

words I meet.

words, prefixes and

suffixes (as listed in

for spelling), both to

my growing

I can read and discuss in increasing detail books that are structured in different ways and for a range of purposes.

I am increasing my

wide range of books,

including myths, leg-

ends and traditional

familiarity with a

I continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books

I can recommend books that I have read to my peers, giving detailed and relevant reasons for

I can make more de-

tailed comparisons

within and across

books.

I can identify and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing.

I check that the me, discussing my

I make sure I ask

the text.

questions to improve

my understanding of

text makes sense to understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context.

I summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas.

I participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those I can read for myself.

I can effectively retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.

explain and discuss my understanding of what I have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary.

Knowledge Word Reading

Skills Range of Reading Comprehension

or textbooks

Skills Reading Comprehension

Skills Inference and checking Comprehension

Knowledge Authorial intent Comprehension Explain and Discuss Comprehension

Skills understanding Comprehension