

	Reading Progression of Skills							
Threshold Concept	EYFS	Milestone 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Milestone 2 (Years 3 and 4)	Milestone 3 (Years 5 and 6)				
Read words accurately	 Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs Read words consistent with their phonics knowledge by sound-blending Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words 	 Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes. Read accurately by blending sounds with unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught. Read common exception words noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word. Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -er, -ed and est endings. Read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs 	Apply a growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology). Read further exception words, noting the spellings.	Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes. Read age-appropriate books with confidence and fluency (including whole novels).				

Read words with contractions	
and understand that the	
apostrophe represents the	
omitted letter.	
Read aloud accurately books	
that are consistent with phonic	
knowledge and do not require	
other strategies to work out	
words.	
Reread these books to build up	
fluency and confidence in word	
reading.	
Read accurately by blending the	
sounds in words that contain	
the graphemes taught so far,	
especially recognising	
alternative sounds for	
graphemes.	
Read accurately words of two	
or more syllables that contain	
the same graphemes as above.	
the same graphemes as above.	
Read words containing common	
suffixes.	
Read more words quickly and	
accurately, without overt	
sounding and blending, when	
they have been frequently	
encountered.	
Read aloud books closely	
matched to their improving	
phonic knowledge, sounding	
out unfamiliar words accurately,	

Understand texts		automatically and without undue hesitation. Reread books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. Discuss events	Draw inferences from reading	Recommend books to peers, giving
	Demonstrate understanding			reasons for choices
	of what has been read to	Predicts events	Predict from detail stated and implied	
	them by retelling stories and			Identify and discuss themes and
	narratives using their own	Link reading to own	Recall and summarise main ideas	conventions in and across a wide range
	words and recently introduced vocabulary.	experiences and other books.	Discuss words and phrases that	of writing
	Anticipate (where	Join in with stories or poems.	Discuss words and phrases that capture the imagination	Make comparisons within and across
	appropriate) key events in			books
	stories.	Check that reading makes sense	Retrieve and record information from	
		and self correct.	non fiction, using titles, headings,	LEarn a wide range of poetry by heart
	Use and understand recently		sub-headings and indexes	- · · · ·
	introduced vocabulary	Infer what characters are like		Prepare poems and plays to read aloud
	during discussions about	from actions	Prepare poems and plays to read aloud	and to perform, showing understanding
	stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems during role play.		and with expression, volume, tone and	through intonation, tone and volume, so
		Ask and answer questions	intonation	that the meaning is clear to an audience
		about texts	Identify recurring themes and	Check that the book makes sense,
		Discuss favourite words and	elements of different stories	discussing understanding and exploring
		phrases		the meaning of words in context.
			Recognise some different forms of	
		Listen to and discuss a wide	poetry	Ask questions to improve
		range of texts		understanding.
			Explain and discuss understanding of	
		Recognise and join in with	reading, maintaining focus on the topic	Draw inferences such as inferring
		(including role play) recurring		characters feelings, thoughts and
		language.	Draw inferences such as inferring	motives from their actions, and
			characters feelings, thoughts and	justifying inferences with evidence.
		Explain and discuss	motives from their actions, and	Dradict what might happen from datail
		understanding of texts	justifying inferences with evidence.	Predict what might happen from detail, stated and implied

Discuss the significance of the	Dradict what might hannon from datail	Summarise the main ideas drawn from
Discuss the significance of the	Predict what might happen from detail,	
title and events	stated and implied	more than one paragraph, identifying
		key details that support the main ideas.
Make inferences on the basis of	Identify main areas drawn from more	
what is being said and done.	than one paragraph and summarise	Identify how language structure and
	these	presentation contribute to meaning.
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	Identify how longuage structure and	Discuss and avaluate how authors use
	Identify how language, structure and	Discuss and evaluate how authors use
	presentation contribute to meaning.	language, including figurative language,
	Ask questions to improve	considering the impact of the reader.
	understanding of the text	
	_	Retrieve and record information from
		non-fiction
		Participate in discussions about books,
		taking turns and listening and
		responding to what others say
		Distinguish between statements facts
		and opinion
		Provide reasoned justifications for
		views.