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Decoding and fluency children should:	Develop their phonological awareness so they can: Spot and suggest rhymes. Count and clap syllables. Recognise words with the same initial sound. Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up on known letter-sound correspondences. Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sounds with letter/s.	Apply phonic knowledge to decode words. Read aloud phonically-decodable texts. Re-read books to build fluency and confidence. Read simple sentences and understand the meaning including what a pronoun is (extra). Speedily read all 40+ letters /groups for 40+ phonemes including alternative sounds for graphemes. Read Year 1 common exception words noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound (identifying where they appear). Read polysyllabic words containing taught GPCs. Read common suffixes (-s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est). Read contractions and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s).	Apply phonic decoding until automatic and reading is fluent. Read common suffixes (-ed, -ing,-er, -est, -y, -er, -ment, -ful, -ness, -less, -ly. Re-read books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. Note punctuation to read with appropriate expression. Read accurately by blending, including alternative sounds for graphemes. Read Year 2 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences. Read aloud books matched to phonic knowledge by sounding out unfamiliar words automatically. Read polysyllabic words containing above graphemes.	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 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 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.





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the alphabet and at least 10	blending taught	Read most words quickly & accurately without overt sounding and blending.		
phonic knowledge by sound	expression, pausing at full	Monitor reading through checking words that they have decoded.		
Read aloud simple sentences and books consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.				
Re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.				

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Range of reading children should:	Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult. Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Engage with and enjoy an increasing range of books.	Listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.	Listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.	Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. Read books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes.	Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. Read books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes.	Continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. Read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes. Make comparisons within and across books.	Continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. Read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes. Make comparisons within and across books.





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Familiarity with texts children should:	Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. Engage in story times. Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Tell/retell a familiar story to friends. Talk about the characters in the books they are reading.	Recognise and join in with predictable phrases. Become very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics. Sequence events in familiar stories. Discuss how events are linked.	Become increasingly familiar with and retell a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales. Recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry. Discuss sequence of events. Order events from the text. Discuss how events are linked.	Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally. Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books. Skim and scan to retrieve details. Use quotations from the text. Retrieve information from fiction texts. Make simple notes from a text.	Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally. Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books. Confidently skim and scan. Use relevant quotes to support answers. Retrieve and record information from a range of texts.	Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions. Identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing. Skim and scan and also use the skill of reading before and after to retrieve information. Use evidence from across a larger section of text. Read a broader range of texts. Retrieve and record	Increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions. Identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing. Skim and scan and also use the skill of reading before and after to retrieve information. Use evidence from across a larger section of text. Read a broader range of texts. Retrieve and record	
						Retrieve and record information from a range of texts. Ask my own questions to follow a line of enquiry.	Retrieve and record information from a range of texts. Ask my own questions to follow a line of enquiry.	
Poetry and performance children should:	Learn rhymes, poems and songs. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. Act out stories using recently introduced vocabulary.	Learn to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart.	Continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciate these and recite some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action. Recognise some different forms of poetry.	Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action. Recognise some different forms of poetry.	Learn a wider range of poetry by heart, preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.	Learn a wider range of poetry by heart, preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.	





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Word meanings children should:	Use a wider range of vocabulary. Learn and use new vocabulary during the day. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.	Discuss word meanings and link new meanings to words already known. Join in with predictable phrases. Use vocabulary given by the teacher. Discuss favourite words and phrases.	Discuss and clarify the meanings of words and link new meanings to known vocabulary. Discuss their favourite words and phrases. Recognise some recurring language in stores and poems.	Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. Discuss the words that capture a reader's interest or imagination. Identify how language choices can help build meaning. Find meaning of the new words using substitution.	Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. Use a thesaurus to find synonyms. Discuss new and unusual vocabulary and clarify the meaning of these. Find the meaning of the words in the context of the sentence.	Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. Explore the meaning of words in context. Investigate alternative word choices. Look at figurative language. Use a thesaurus for synonyms. Read around the word. RE-write passages using alternative word choices.	Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. Explore the meaning of words in context.	
Understanding children should:	Understand the key concepts about print: Print has meaning We read from left to right and top to bottom. Page sequencing Know the names of different parts of books. Print can have different purposes. Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary	Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher. Be encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences. Check that the text makes sense to them as they read and correct inaccurate reading. Answer simple retrieval questions about a text and find evidence to support answers.	Discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related. Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher. Make links between a current book and those already read. Check that the text makes sense to them as they read and correct inaccurate reading. Express my own views about a book or poem.	Check that the text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explain the meaning of words in context. Ask questions to improve their understanding of a text. Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these. Identify morals and messages in a story. Identify how language structure and presentation contribute to the meaning of the text.	Check that the text makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explain the meaning of words in context. Ask questions to improve their understanding of a text. Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these. Identify morals and messages in a story. Identify how language structure and presentation contribute to the meaning of the text.	Check that the book makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of words in context. Ask questions to improve their understanding. Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas. Provide increasingly reasoned justification. Begin to challenge points of view.	Check that the book makes sense to them, discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of words in context. Ask questions to improve their understanding. Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas. Begin to challenge points of view. Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including	





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Ask questions to find out more and to check they	Explain clearly their understanding of what has	Discuss similarities.	Give a brief verbal	Identify themes from the	Explain and discuss their understanding of what	through presentations and debates.
understand what has been	been read to them.		summary.	texts.	they have read, including	
said to them.		Listen to the opinion of			through presentations and	Understand fact, opinion
	Express views about events	others.			debates.	and bias explaining how
Describe some events in	or characters.					they know this.
detail.					Understand fact and	
					opinion.	Provide increasingly
Demonstrate						reasoned justification.
understanding of what has					Identify themes across a	
been read to them by					wide range of reading.	Summarise information
retelling stories and						from across a range of
narratives using their own						texts and link information
words and recently						by analysing and evaluating
introduced vocabulary.						ideas.





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Inference children should:	Respond to a picture from a story with their ideas about what might be happening and why. Can respond to questions about what characters have said and done and what they might be feeling.	Discuss the significance of the title and events. Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. Infer basic points with direct reference to pictures and words in the text. Children make basic inferences about characters' feelings by using what they say as evidence.	Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. Answer and ask questions modifying answers as the story progresses. Use pictures or words to make inferences.	Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions. Justify inferences with evidence. Ask and answer questions appropriately including some simple inference based on character's feelings, thoughts and motives. Make inferences about actions and events.	Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions. Justify inferences with evidence. Ask and answer questions appropriately including some simple inference based on character's feelings, thoughts and motives. Use more than one piece of evidence to justify their answer.	Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence. Use figurative language to infer meaning. Give one or two pieces of evidence to support the point they are making. Begin to draw evidence from more than one place across the text.	Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence. Draw evidence from more than one part of the text. Discuss how characters change and develop through the texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues.
Prediction children should:	Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far. Make simple predictions based on the story and on their own life experience. Begin to explain these ideas verbally or through pictures.	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far. Make predictions using their own knowledge. Make logical predictions and give and explanation.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied. Justify predictions using evidence from the text. Use previous knowledge to make predictions and justify them. Use details from the text to form further predictions.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied. Justify predictions using evidence from the text. Use previous knowledge to make predictions and justify them. Monitor these predictions and compare them as they read the text.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied. Support predictions with evidence from the text. Confirm and modify predictions.	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied. Support predictions with evidence from the text. Confirm and modify predictions in lights of new information.
Authorial intent children should:	Begin to show awareness of story language. Discuss the title, events and basic story elements.	Begin to show awareness of story language Explore the effect of patterned language or repeated words.	Recognise simple recurring literacy language in stores and poetry. Identify and discuss story elements.	Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.	Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.	Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative	Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language and consider the impact on the reader.





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		Discuss the significance of the title, events and story elements.				language and consider the impact on the reader.	Give reasons for authorial choices.
Non-fiction children should:	Engage in non-fiction books. Listen to and talk about	listen to and discuss a wide range of non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read	Be introduced to non- fiction books that are structured in different ways	Retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts	Retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts .	Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion	Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.
	selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	independently Note some of the features of a text.	Explain organisational features of texts.	Use contents page and subheadings to locate information	Use the features of a text to help them find a variety of information.	Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts	Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts.
	To begin to recognise fiction and non-fiction.	Recognise fiction and non- fiction texts.	Use some of the features of a text to locate information.	Use the features of a text to help them find a variety of information.			





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Discussing reading children should:	Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns. Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions. Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.	Participate in discussion about what is read to them by taking turns and listening to what others say. Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them. Contribute ideas and thoughts in discussion.	Participate in discussion about books, poems & other works that are read to them & those that they can read for themselves by taking turns and listening to what others say. Explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves.	Participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves by taking turns and listening to what others say.	Participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves by taking turns and listening to what others say.	Recommend books that they have read to their peers and giving reasons for their choices. Participate in discussions about books, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously. Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates. Provide reasoned justifications for their views.	Recommend books that they have read to their peers and giving reasons for their choices. Participate in discussions about books, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously. Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates. Provide reasoned justifications for their views.