Progression in Reading

EYFS Statutory Educational Programme

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

	Nursery (3-4 year olds)	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Word Reading	(DM 2020: Literacy) Understand the five key concepts about print: • print has meaning • print can have different purposes • we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom • the names of the different parts of a book • page sequencing Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: • spot and suggest rhymes • count or clap syllables in a word • recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother	(DM 2020: Literacy) Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter—sound correspondences. Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter—sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.	W1: apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words W2: respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes W3: read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught W4: read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word W5: read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, - ing, -ed, -er and -est endings W6: read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs	WR1: continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent WR2: read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes WR3: read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above WR4: read words containing common suffixes WR5: read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word WR6: read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and	WR1: apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet WR2: read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.	WR1: apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.

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Early Learning Goal: Literacy	W7: read words with	blending, when they have been frequently encountered	
ELG: Word Reading	contractions [for example,	Joen eque, encountered	
Children at the expected	I'm, I'll, we'll], and	WR7: read aloud books	
level of development will:	understand that the	closely matched to their	
- Say a sound for each letter	apostrophe represents the	improving phonic	
in the alphabet and at least	omitted letter(s)	knowledge, sounding out	
10 digraphs;		unfamiliar words accurately,	
- Read words consistent with	W8: read aloud accurately	automatically and without	
their phonic knowledge by	books that are consistent	undue hesitation	
sound blending;	with their developing phonic		
- Read aloud simple	knowledge and that do not	WR8: re-read these books to	
sentences and books that are	require them to use other	build up their fluency and	
consistent with their phonic	strategies to work out words	confidence in word reading	
knowledge, including some			
common exception words.	W9: re-read these books to		
	build up their fluency and		
	confidence in word reading		

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Comprehension Develop/maintain motivation and	(DM 2020: Communication and Language) Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.	(DM 2020: Communication and Language) Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been	Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:	Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:	Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:	Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:
positive attitudes towards reading:	Sing a large repertoire of songs.	Early Learning Goal: Literacy ELG: Comprehension Children at the expected	- listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and nonfiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently	- listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and nonfiction at a level beyond	- listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non- fiction and reference books or textbooks	-continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
		level of development will: - Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own	- being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences	that at which they can read independently - discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information	-reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes -using dictionaries to	-reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
		words and recently introduced vocabulary; - Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; - Use and understand recently introduced	- becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics	are related - becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales	check the meaning of words that they have read -increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and	-increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from
		vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during roleplay.	 recognising and joining in with predictable phrases learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart 	- being introduced to non- fiction books that are structured in different ways	legends, and retelling some of these orally -identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books	other cultures and traditions -recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons
			- discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known	- recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry - discussing and clarifying the meanings of words,	-preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume	for their choices -identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing

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				linking new meanings to known vocabulary - discussing their favourite words and phrases -continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear	and action -discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination -recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry	-making comparisons within and across books -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
Comprehension	(DM 2020: Literacy)	(DM 2020: Communication	Understand both the	Understand both the	Understand what they	Understand what they
	Engage in extended	and Language)	books they can already	books that they can	read, in books they can	read by:
Understanding	conversations about	Articulate their ideas and	read accurately and	already read accurately	read independently, by:	
Understanding	stories, learning new	thoughts in well-formed	fluently and those they	and fluently and those		- checking that the book
	vocabulary.	sentences.	listen to by:	that they listen to by:	- checking that the text	makes sense to them,
					makes sense to them,	discussing their
	(DM 2020: Communication	Connect one idea or action	-drawing on what they	-drawing on what they	discussing their	understanding and
	and Language)	to another using a range of	already know or on	already know or on	understanding and	exploring the meaning of
	Understand a question or	connectives.	background information	background information	explaining the meaning of	words in context
	instruction that has two		and vocabulary provided	and vocabulary provided	words in context	
	parts, such as: "Get your	Describe events in some	by the teacher	by the teacher		- asking questions to
	coat and wait at the door".	detail.			-asking questions to	improve their
	Understand 'why'	Listen carefully to rhymes	-checking that the text	-checking that the text	improve their	understanding
	questions, like: "Why do	and songs, paying	makes sense to them as they read and correcting	makes sense to them as they read and correcting	understanding of a text	- drawing inferences such
	you think the caterpillar	attention to how they	inaccurate reading	inaccurate reading	-drawing inferences such	as inferring characters'
	got so fat?"	sound.	maccarate reading	maccarate reading	as inferring characters'	feelings, thoughts and
	800.30.100.	Julian	-discussing the significance	-making inferences on the	feelings, thoughts and	motives from their actions,
		Learn rhymes, poems and	of the title and events	basis of what is being said	motives from their actions,	and justifying inferences
		songs.		and done	and justifying inferences	with evidence
			-making inferences on the		with evidence	
		Early Learning Goals	basis of what is being said	-answering and asking		- predicting what might
		Communication and	and done	questions	-predicting what might	happen from details stated
		Language ELG: Listening,			happen from details stated	and implied
		Attention and	-predicting what might	-predicting what might	and implied	
		Understanding	happen on the basis of	happen on the basis of		- summarising the main
		Children at the expected	what has been read so far	what has been read so far	-identifying main ideas	ideas drawn from more

level of development will:		drawn from more than	than one paragraph,
- Listen attentively and		one paragraph and	identifying key details that
respond to what they hear		summarising these	support the main ideas
with relevant questions,			
comments and actions		-identifying how language,	- identifying how language,
when being read to and		structure, and	structure and presentation
during whole class		presentation contribute to	contribute to meaning
discussions and small		meaning	
group interactions;			
- Make comments about			
what they have heard and			
ask questions to clarify			
their understanding;			
- Hold conversation when			
engaged in back-and-forth			
exchanges with their			
teacher and peers			
ELG: Speaking			
Children at the expected			
level of development will:			
- Participate in small			
group, class and one-to-			
one discussions, offering			
their own ideas, using			
recently introduced			
vocabulary;			
- Offer explanations for			
why things might happen,			
making use of recently			
introduced vocabulary			
from stories, non-fiction,			
rhymes and poems when			
appropriate;			
- Express their ideas and			
feelings about their			
experiences using full			
sentences, including use of			
past, present and future			
tenses and making use of			
conjunctions, with			
modelling and support			
from their teacher.			

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Comprehension	(DM 2020: Communication	(DM 2020: Communication	Participate in discussion	Participate in discussion	Participate in discussion	Discuss and evaluate how
·	and Language)	and Language)	about what is read to	about books, poems and	about both books that are	authors use language,
Discuss and Evolain	Use a wider range of	Learn new vocabulary.	them, taking turns and	other works that are read	read to them and those	including figurative
Discuss and Explain	vocabulary.		listening to what others	to them and those that	they can read for	language, considering the
		Describe events in some	say	they can read for	themselves, taking turns	impact on the reader
	Know many rhymes, be	detail.		themselves, taking turns	and listening to what	
	able to talk about familiar		Explain clearly their	and listening to what	others say.	Participate in discussions
	books, and be able to tell a	Engage in storytimes.	understanding of what is	others say		about books that are read
	long story.		read to them.			to them and those they
		Listen to and talk about		Explain and discuss their	Retrieve and record	can read for themselves,
	Develop their	stories to build familiarity		understanding of books,	information from non-	building on their own and
	communication, but may	and understanding.		poems and other material,	fiction	others' ideas and
	continue to have problems			both those that they listen		challenging views
	with irregular tenses and	Retell the story, once they		to and those that they		courteously
	plurals, such as 'runned'	have developed a deep		read for themselves.		
	for 'ran', 'swimmed' for	familiarity with the text;				Explain and discuss their
	'swam'.	some as exact repetition				understanding of what
		and some in their own				they have read, including
	Develop their	words.				through formal
	pronunciation but may					presentations and
	have problems saying: -	Engage in non-fiction				debates, maintaining a
	some sounds: r, j, th, ch,	books.				focus on the topic and
	and sh - multi-syllabic					using notes where
	words such as	Listen to and talk about				necessary provide
	'pterodactyl',	selected non-fiction to				reasoned justifications for
	'planetarium' or	develop a deep familiarity				their views.
	'hippopotamus'	with new knowledge and				
		vocabulary.				Distinguish between
	Use longer sentences of					statements of fact and
	four to six words.					opinion
		Early Learning Goals				
	Be able to express a point					Retrieve, record and
	of view and to debate	Communication and				present information from
	when they disagree with	Language				non-fiction
	an adult or a friend, using	ELG: Listening, Attention				
	words as well as actions.	and Understanding				
		Children at the expected				
	Use talk to organise	level of development will:				
	themselves and their play:	- Listen attentively and				
	"Let's go on a bus you sit	respond to what they hear				
	there I'll be the driver."	with relevant questions,				
		comments and actions				
		when being read to and				
		during whole class				

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	discussions and small		
	group interactions;		
	- Make comments about		
	what they have heard and		
	ask questions to clarify		
	their understanding;		
	- Hold conversation when		
	engaged in back-and-forth		
	exchanges with their		
	teacher and peers		
	ELG: Speaking		
	Children at the expected		
	level of development will:		
	- Participate in small		
	group, class and one-to-		
	one discussions, offering		
	their own ideas, using		
	recently introduced		
	vocabulary;		
	- Offer explanations for		
	why things might happen,		
	making use of recently		
	introduced vocabulary		
	from stories, non-fiction,		
	rhymes and poems when		
	appropriate;		
	- Express their ideas and		
	feelings about their		
	experiences using full		
	sentences, including use of		
	past, present and future		
	tenses and making use of		
	conjunctions, with		
	modelling and support		
	from their teacher.		

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^{*}References for EYFS are taken from Development Matters. They are not intended to link into the Key stage One curriculum but rather to provide the foundation for children to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary for their future next steps.

^{**}EY practitioners will also consider the Characteristics of Effective Learning when considering the best ways to support children's progress

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