

Reading Progression of Skills

	EYFS 30 – 50 months 40 – 60 months Carologicality Circles	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Decoding	To show an awareness of rhyme and alliteration. To link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. To use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately.	To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. To blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCs that they have been taught. To give the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes. To read words containing taught GPCs. To read words containing -s, -es, - ing, -ed and -est endings. To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll, and we'll.	To continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. To read accurately by blending sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. To accurately read most words of two or more syllables. To read most words containing common suffixes.	To use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words). To apply their growing knowledge of root words and prefixes, including in-, im-, il-, ir-, dis-, mis-, un-, re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti- and auto- to begin to read aloud. To apply their growing knowledge of root words and suffixes/ word endings, including - ation, -ly, -ous, -ture, - sure, -sion, -tion, - ssion and -cian, to begin to read aloud.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes, and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/ word endings, including - sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, -ant/-ance/-ancy, - ent/-ence/-ency, - able/-ably and - ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.	To read fluently with full knowledge of all Year 5 / Year 6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.



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Common Exception Words	To read some common irregular words.	To read Year 1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.	To read most Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	To begin to read Year 3 / Year 4 exception words.	To read all Year 3 / Year 4 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	To read most Year 5 / Year 6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	To read all Year 5 / Year 6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	
	To recognise familiar words and signs such as own name and	To accurately read texts that are consistent with their	To read aloud books (closely matched to their improving	At this stage, teaching comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.				
	advertising logos. To ascribe meanings to marks that they see in different places.	knowledge, that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.sounding unfamilia accurate automationTo reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.To reread books to fluency or confiden word readTo read w accurate fluently w sounding blending over 90 w minute, ir	phonic knowledge), sounding out unfamiliar words accurately and automatically. To reread these books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.	To read with appropriate phrasing, expression, pace and smoothness when accessing increasingly challenging age- related reading books.	To read with appropriate phrasing, expression, pace and smoothness when accessing increasingly challenging age- related reading books.	To read with appropriate phrasing, expression, pace and smoothness when accessing increasingly challenging age- related reading books.	To read with appropriate phrasing, expression, pace and smoothness when accessing increasingly challenging age- related reading books.	
Fluency	To begin to read words and simple sentences.							
	To read and understand simple sentences.		To read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g., at over 90 words per minute, in age- appropriate texts.					