			Progression	in Reading			
	EYFS (30 - 50mths to ELGs) 30 - 50 months 40 - 60 months Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading - Word Reading Phonics and Decodin g	To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities. To show an awareness of rhyme and alliteration. To recognise rhythm in spoken words. To continue a rhyming string. To hear and say the initial sound in words. To segment the sounds in simple	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 respond speedily, giving the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes. To read words containing taught GPCs.	To continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. To read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds	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 autoto begin to	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	To read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/ Y6 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.

	words and blend them together and know which letter represents some of them. 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 read words containing -s, -es, -ing, -ed and -est endings. To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.	for graphemes. To accurately read most words of two or more syllables. To read most words containing common suffixes.*	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.*		endings, including -sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, -ant/-ance/- ancy, -ent/- ence/-ency, - able/-ably and - ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.*	
Common Exception Words	To read some common irregular words.	To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondence s between spelling and sound and where these	To read most Y1 and Y2 common exception words*, noting unusual correspondence s between spelling and sound and	To begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words.*	To read all Y3/Y4 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondence s between spelling and	To read most Y5/Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and	

		occur in words.	where these occur		these occur in	where these	
			in the word.		the word.	occur in the	
						word.	
Fluency	To show interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. To recognise familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos.	To accurately read texts that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge, that do not require them to use other strategies to work out	To read aloud books (closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge), sounding out unfamiliar words accurately,	teaching word read	hing comprehension ski ling and fluency specifi pment of vocabulary.	lls should be taking pre	
	To look and handle books independently (holds books the correct way up and turns pages). To ascribe meanings to marks that they see in different places. To begin to break the flow of speech into words. To begin to read words and simple sentences.	words. To reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.	automatically and without undue hesitation. To reread these books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. To read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words				

	To read and understand simple sentences.		per minute, in age-appropriate texts.				
Understanding and correcting inaccuracies	To know that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom. To understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes.	To check that a text makes sense to them as they read and to self- correct.	To show understanding by drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher. To check that the text makes sense to them as they read and to correct inaccurate reading.				
Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting	To listen to stories with increasing attention and recall. To anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.	To listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry at a level beyond that at which they can read independently. To link what	To participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them (at a level beyond at which they can read independently) and those that they can read for	To recognise, listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or	To discuss and compare texts from a wide variety of genres and writers. To read for a range of purposes. To identify	To read a wide range of genres, identifying the characteristics of text types (such as the use of the first person in writing diaries and	To read for pleasure, discussing, comparing and evaluating in depth across a wide range of genres, including myths, legends, traditional

To begin to be aware of the way stories are structured. To describe main story settings, even and principe characters. To enjoy of increasing range of book story without	them to their own experiences. To retell familiar stories in increasing detail. To join in with discussions about a text, taking turns and listening to what others say. To discuss the significance of titles and	themselves, explaining their understanding and expressing their views. To become increasingly familiar with and to retell a wide range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales. To discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are	textbook s. To use appropriate terminology when discussing texts (plot, character, setting).	themes and conventions in a wide range of books. To refer to authorial style, overall themes (e.g. triumph of good over evil) and features (e.g. greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of presentational	autobiographie s) and differences between text types. To participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others'	stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions. To recognise more complex themes in what they read (such as loss or heroism). To explain and discuss their understanding
characters To enjoy of increasing range of book To follow story	a text, taking turns and listening to what others say. To discuss the significance of titles and events.	fairy stories and traditional tales. To discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of	setting).	evil) and features (e.g. greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of	that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their	themes in what they read (such as loss or heroism). To explain and discuss their

actions.	they have read (in	more than one	guidance
	texts that they	paragraph and	and
- , , ,	canread	summarise	feedback on
To demonstrate	independently).	these.	the quality
understanding			of their
when talking			explanations
with others			and
about what			contribution
they have read.			s to
			discussions
			and to
			make
			improvement
			s when
			participating
			in
			discussions.
			To draw out
			key
			information
			and to
			summarise
			the main
			ideas in a
			text.
			To diamin order
			To distinguish
			independently
			between

							statements of fact and opinion, providing reasoned justifications for their views.
							To compare characters, settings and themes within a text and across more than one text.
Words in Context and Authorial Choice	To build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. To extend vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new	To discuss word meaning and link new meanings to those already known.	To discuss and clarify the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary. To discuss their favourite words and phrases.	To check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context. To discuss authors' choice of	Discuss vocabulary used to capture readers' interest and imagination.	To discuss vocabulary used by the author to create effect including figurative language. To evaluate the use of authors' language and explain how it	To analyse and evaluate the use of language, including figurative language and how it is used for effect, using technical terminology such as metaphor, simile, analogy,

	words. To use vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books.			words and phrases for effect.		has created an impact on the reader.	imagery, style and effect.
Inference and Prediction	To suggest how a story might end. To begin to understand 'why' and 'how' questions. To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.	To begin to make simple inferences. To predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.	To make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. To predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far in a text.	To ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives. To justify predictions using evidence from the text.	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives that justifies their actions, supporting their views with evidence from the text. To justify predictions from details stated and implied.	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives. To make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text.	To consider different accounts of the same event and to discuss viewpoints (both of authors and of fictional characters). To discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on

							indirect clues.
	To listen to	To recite simple	To continue to	To prepare	To recognise	To continually	To confidently
	and join in	poems by	build up a	and perform	and discuss	show an	perform texts
	with stories	heart.	repertoire of	poems and	some different	awareness of	(including
	and poems,		poems learnt by	play scripts	forms of	audience when	poems learnt
	one-to-one		heart,	that show	poetry (e.g.	reading out loud	by heart) using
_	and also in		appreciating	some	free verse or	using intonation,	a wide range of
906	small groups.		these and	awareness of	narrative	tone, volume	devices to
Poetry and Performance	To join in with		reciting some	the audience	poetry).	and action.	engage the
Q	repeated		with appropriate	when reading	To prepare and		audience and
JG T	refrains in		intonation to	aloud.	perform poems		for effect.
er Oer	rhymes and		make the	To begin to use	and play scripts		
for	stories.		meaning clear.	-	with		
ma	STOTIES.			appropriate intonation and	appropriate		
nce	To use			volume when	techniques		
	intonation,			reading aloud.	(intonation,		
	rhythm and			redding diodd.	tone, volume		
	phrasing to				and action) to		
	make the				show awareness		
	meaning clear				of the audience		
	to others.				when reading		
	To develop				aloud.		
	To develop				uloud.		
	preference for forms of						
	expression.						
	To play						
	cooperativel						

	y as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative. To express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. To know that information	To recognise that non- fiction	To retrieve and record	To use all of the	To use knowledge of	To retrieve, record and
Non-Fiction	can be relayed in the form of print. To know that information can be retrieved from books and computers.	books are often structured in different ways.	information from non- fiction texts.	organisational devices available within a non- fiction text to retrieve, record and discuss information. To use dictionaries to check the meaning of	texts and organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and non-fiction texts.	present information from non- fiction texts. To use non- fiction materials for purposeful information retrieval (e.g. in reading history, geography and science

		words that	textbooks) and
		they have	in contexts
		read.	where pupils
			are genuinely
			motivated to
			find out
			information
			(e.g. reading
			information
			leaflets before
			a gallery or
			museum visit or
			reading a
			theatre
			programme or
			review).

^{*} These are detailed in the word lists within the spelling appendix to the national curriculum (English Appendix 1). Teachers should refer to these to exemplify the words that pupils should be able to read as well as spell.