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	EYFS (30 - 50mths to ELGs)	K	S1		k	SS2	
Reading – Word Reading	30 – 50 months 40 – 60 months Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Decoding	To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities.  Toshowan awarenessof rhyme and alliteration.  To recognise rhythm in spoken words.  To continue a rhyming string.  Tohearand say the initial sound in words.  To segmentthe sounds in simple words and blend them together and know which letter represents some of them.	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 correctsound 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	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 for graphemes.  To accurately read most words of two or more syllables.  To read most	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 beginto 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	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode anyunfamiliar 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 speedand 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 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.



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	Tolink sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.  To use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud	contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.	words containing common suffixes.*	begin to read aloud.*			
Common Exception Words	To read some common irregular words.	To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and wherethese occur in words.	To read most Y1 and Y2 common exception words*, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	To begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words.*	To read all Y3/Y4 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and these occur in the word.	To read most Y5/ Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	

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ill propried for the second for the	o show interest in lustrations and rint in books and rint in the nvironment. To recognise amiliar words and igns such as own ame and dvertising logos. To look and handle cooks independently holds books the orrect way up and urns pages).  To ascribe meanings or marks that they ee in different claces.  To begin to break the flow of speech into words.  To begin to read words and simple entences.  To read and inderstand simple entences.	To accurately read texts that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge, that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.  To reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.	To read aloud books (closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge), sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, 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 per minute, in age-appropriate texts.	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.
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Reading - Comprehension					
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.		

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To demonstrate		To a di and an ar		ideas drawn	based on personal	
understanding		To ask and answer		from more than	choice.	To listen to
when talking with		questions about a		one paragraph		
others about what		text.		and summarise		guidance and
they have read.				these.		feedback on the
		Tamadialinka				quality of their
		Tomakelinks				explanations and
		between the text				contributions to
		they are reading and				discussions and to
		other texts they have				make
		read (in texts that				improvements
		they can read				when
		independently).				participating in
						discussions.
						To draw out key
						information and
						to summarise
						the main ideas
						in a text.
						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.
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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 words.  To use vocabulary and forms of speech thatare increasingly influenced by their experiences of books.	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 words and phrases for effect.	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 has created an impact on the reader.	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, 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	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives.  To make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with	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



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					implied.	evidence from	inferences based
						the text.	on indirect clues
	To listen to and	To recite simple	To continue to	To prepare and	To recognise and	To continually	To confidently
	join in with stories	poems by heart.	build up a	perform poems and	discuss some	show an	perform texts
	andpoems, one-		repertoire of	play scripts that show	different forms of	awareness of	(including poem
	to-one and also in		poems learnt by	some awareness of the	poetry (e.g. free	audience when	learnt by heart)
	small groups.		heart,	audience when	verse or narrative	reading out loud	using a wide
	To join in with		appreciating these	reading aloud.	poetry).	using intonation,	range of device
	repeated refrains in		and reciting some	To begin to use	To prepare and	tone, volume	to engage the
Pc	rhymes and stories.		with appropriate	appropriate intonation	perform poems	and action.	audience and fo
et	,es and stories		intonation to	and volume when	and play scripts		effect.
~	To use intonation,		make the meaning clear.	reading aloud.	with appropriate		
an	rhythm and		clear.	0.11	techniques		
d F	phrasing to make				(intonation, tone,		
ĕr	the meaning clear				volume and		
ō	to others.				action) to show		
Poetry and Performance	To develop				awareness of the		
an	preference for				audience when		
e	forms of				reading aloud.		
	expression.						
	To play						
	cooperatively as						
	part of a group to						
	develop and act						
	out a narrative.						
	To express						
	themselves						
	effectively,						
	showing						
	awareness of						

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listeners' needs.					
To know that	To recognise that	To retrieve and	To use all of the	To use	To retrieve, recor
information can	non- fiction books	record information	organisational	knowledge of	and present
be relayed in the	are often	from non- fiction	devices available	texts and	information from
form of print.	structured in	texts.	within a non-	organisation	non-fiction texts
form of print.  To know that information can be retrieved from books and computers.	structured in different ways.	texts.	within a non- fiction text to retrieve, record and discuss information.  To use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.	organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and non- fiction texts.	non-fiction texts.  To use non-fiction materials for purposeful information retrieval (e.g. in reading history, geography and science textbook and in contexts where pupils are genuinely motivated to find out information (e.g. reading information leaflets before a

<sup>\*</sup> 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.