National Curriculum for English Reading –Year 1 & Year 2



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Word Reading	 apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings 	 Pupils should be taught to: continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above read words containing common suffixes read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
	 read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll, we'll, and under-stand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s) read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading 	 read most words quickly and accurately without overt sounding and blending when they have been frequently encountered read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

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Comprehension	Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:	Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:
	listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non- fiction 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 non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
	 being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences 	discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related
	 becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics 	becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales
	recognising and joining in with predictable phrases	being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different
	learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart	ways
		recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry
	 discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known 	discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
	Understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:	discussing their favourite words and phrases
	 drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher 	
	 checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and 	 continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear
	 correcting inaccurate reading discussing the significance of the title and events 	Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:
	making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done	drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher
	 predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far 	checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading

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- participate in discussion about what is read to them,
 taking turns and listening to what others say
- explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them
- making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done
- answering and asking questions
- predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been
 read so far
- participate in discussion about books, poems and other works
 that are read to them and those that they can read for
 themselves, 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