

National Curriculum for English Reading –Year 3 & Year 4



Word Reading	Year 2	Year 3 & Year 4
	<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 understand 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 	<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

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Composition	Year 2	Year 3 & Year 4
	<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related • becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales • being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways • recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry • discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, 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 <p>Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher 	<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks • reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes • using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read • increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally • identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books • preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action • discussing words and phrases that capture the reader’s interest and imagination • recognising some different forms of poetry (e.g. free verse, narrative poetry) <p>Understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context • asking questions to improve their understanding of a text

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Comprehension Continued . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence• predicting what might happen from details stated and implied• identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these• identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning, retrieve and record information from non-fiction• participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say.
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