



Reading – Learning Progression Map

Word Reading	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Decoding	Use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may need support with longer unknown words). When reading aloud: > apply a growing knowledge of root words and prefixes, including: in-, im-, il-, ir-, dis-, mis-, un-, re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti-and auto* > apply a growing knowledge of root words and suffixes, including -ation, -ly, -ous, -ture, -sure, -sion, -tion, -ssion and -cian. * Check unfamiliar words with a dictionary.	Read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. Apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes / word endings to read aloud fluently.* Check unfamiliar words with a dictionary.	Read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed /skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. When reading aloud: > Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, including: -sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, -ant/-ance/-ancy, -ent/- ence/-ency, -able/-ably and -ible/ibly.* Use a dictionary to clarify meanings where necessary.	Read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/ Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings* Decode unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. Use a dictionary to clarify meanings where necessary.
Common Exception Words	Begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words.*	Read all Y3/Y4 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	Read most Y5/Y6 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	Read all Y5/Y6 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.
Reading Fluency	Read aloud books, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without hesitation. Recognise punctuation, pausing at key moments.	Read clearly and apply punctuation accurately. Use expression and intonation with a growing awareness of the audience and purpose. Word reading should also support the development of vocabulary.	Read fluently, using punctuation, expression and intonation of a growing vocabulary, showing an awareness of the intended audience and purpose.	Use punctuation, expression and intonation of a wider vocabulary to create moods, showing an appreciation of the audience and purpose.

Comparing, Contrasting and	Recognise, listen to, recount	Read for a range of purposes.	Read a wide range of genres,	Read for pleasure, discussing,
Commenting	and discuss a wide range of	Discuss and compare texts	identifying the characteristics	comparing and evaluating in
ū	fiction, poetry, plays, non-	from a wide variety of genres	of text types (such as the use of	depth across a wide range of
	fiction and reference books or	and writers.	the first person in writing	genres, including myths,
	textbooks.		diaries and autobiographies).	legends, traditional stories,
		Identify themes & conventions		modern fiction, fiction from
	Use appropriate terminology	in a wide range of books.	Participate in discussions about	our literary heritage and books
	when discussing texts (plot,		books people read to them and	from other cultures and
	character & setting).	Refer to authorial style, overall	those they can read for	traditions.
	Identify similarities when	themes (e.g. triumph of good	themselves, building on their	
	comparing books by the same	over evil) and features (e.g.	own and others' ideas and	Recognise more complex
	author or theme.	greeting in letters, a diary	challenging views courteously.	themes in texts e.g. loss or
		written in the first person or		heroism.
		the use of presentational	Recommend texts to peers	
		devices such as numbering and	based on personal choice.	Discuss and explain what they
		headings).		have read, including through
			Make comparisons across	formal presentations and
		Identify how language,	texts: themes, characters,	debates. Maintain a focus on
		structure and presentation	settings, events and	the topic and use notes where
		contribute to meaning.	viewpoints.	necessary.
		Identify main ideas drawn from	Summarise key ideas in longer	Listen to guidance and
		more than one paragraph and	stories and link these to the	feedback on the quality of their
		summarise these.	overall theme/idea.	explanations and contributions
				to discussions. Refine the
				quality of their contribution.
				Draw out key information and
				summarise main ideas in a text.
				Distinguish independently
				between fact and opinion,
				providing reasoned
				justifications for their views.
				Compare characters, settings
				and themes within a text and
				across more than one text.

Words in Context &	Check that the text makes	Discuss vocabulary used to	Evaluate the use of authors'	Analyse and evaluate the use
Authorial Choice	sense to them, discussing their	capture readers' interest and	language and explain how it	of language, including
	understanding and explaining	imagination.	has created an impact on the	figurative language. Examine
	the meaning of words in		reader.	how authors use it for effect.
	context.			
				Use technical terminology such
	Discuss authors' choice of			as metaphor, simile, analogy,
	words and phrases for effect.			imagery, style and effect.
Inference & Prediction	Ask and answer questions	Draw inferences from	Draw inferences from	Consider different accounts of
	appropriately, including some	characters' feelings, thoughts	characters' feelings, thoughts	the same event and discuss
	simple inference questions	and motives that justifies their	and motives.	viewpoints (both of authors
	based on characters' feelings,	actions, supporting their views		and of fictional characters).
	thoughts and motives.	with evidence from the text.	Make predictions based on	
			details stated and implied,	Discuss how characters change
	Justify predictions using	Justify predictions from details	justifying them in detail with	and develop through texts by
	evidence from the text.	stated and implied.	evidence from the text.	drawing inferences based on
				indirect clues.
Poetry & Performance	Begin to use appropriate	Use appropriate techniques	Prepare and perform poems	Confidently perform texts
	intonation and volume when	(intonation, volume and action)	with appropriate techniques.	(including poems learnt by
	reading aloud	when performing poems and	Continue lle ale accessor accessor	heart) using a wide range of
	Durance and manfaura manage	play scripts, showing an	Continually show an awareness	devices to engage the
	Prepare and perform poems and play scripts that show	awareness of the audience.	of audience when reading aloud, using intonation, tone,	audience, and for effect.
	some awareness of the	Recognise different forms of	volume and action.	
	audience when reading aloud.	poetry.	Volume and action.	
Non-Fiction	Retrieve and record a variety of	Use all of the organisational	Use knowledge of texts and	Retrieve, record and present
	information from non-fiction	devices available within a non-	organisational devices to	information from non-fiction
	texts.	fiction text to retrieve, record	retrieve, record and discuss	texts.
		and discuss information.	information from fiction and	
			non-fiction texts.	Retrieve relevant information
		Use dictionaries to check the		from non-fiction materials (e.g.
		meaning of words they have		history, geography and science
		read.		textbooks) and in a range of
				other contexts (e.g. museum
				leaflets prior to a visit or
				reading a theatre review).

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