

Early Years Founda	tion Stage Reading		
16-26 months Interested in books and rhymes and may have favourites.	• Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. • Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. • Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a'.	30-50 months Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities. • Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. • Recognises rhythm in spoken words. • Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. • Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. • Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. • Suggests how the story might end. • Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. • Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. • Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. • Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. • Looks at books independently. • Handles books carefully. • Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. • Holds books the correct way up and turns pages. • Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.	40-60 months Continues a rhyming string. Hears and says the initial sound in words. Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them. Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. Begins to read words and simple sentences. Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books. Enjoys an increasing range of books. Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

Early learning goal -

reading Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Word Reading/ Decoding	apply phonic knowledge to decode words speedily read all 40+ letters/groups for 40+ phonemes read accurately by blending taught GPC read common exception words read common suffixes (-s, -es, -ing, -ed, etc.) read multisyllabic words containing taught GPCs read contractions and understanding use of apostrophe read aloud phonically-decodable texts	secure phonic decoding until reading is fluent read accurately by blending, including alternative sounds for graphemes read multisyllablic words containing these graphemes read common suffixes read exception words, noting unusual correspondences read most words quickly & accurately without overt sounding and blending	apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, 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.	apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, 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.	• apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.	• apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.
Range of reading	Iistening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and nonfiction 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.	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.	Beginning to: Istening 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.	Embedding: • 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	Beginning to:	Embedding: • continuing to read and discuss an increasingly 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 • making comparisons within and across books
Familiarity with texts	becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics. recognising and joining in with predictable phrases.	becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry.	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.	Embedding: • 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.	increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions. identifying and discussing themes and conventions in	Embedding: • increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions. • identifying and discussing themes and



					and across a wide range of writing.	conventions in and across a wide range of writing.
Poetry and Performance	learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart.	continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	Beginning to: • preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action. • recognising some different forms of poetry.	Embedding: • preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action. • recognising some different forms of poetry.	Beginning to: • learning a wider range of poetry by heart. • preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.	Embedding: • learning a wider range of poetry by heart. • preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.
Word meanings	discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known.	discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary. discussing their favourite words and phrases.	Beginning to: • using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.	Embedding: • using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.		
Understanding	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 correcting inaccurate reading.	discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related. 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 correcting inaccurate reading	Beginning to: • 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. *identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these.	Embedding: • 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 *identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these	Beginning to: • checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context • asking questions to improve their understanding • summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas	Embedding: • checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context • asking questions to improve their understanding • summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas
Inference	discussing the significance of the title and events. making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.	making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. answering and asking questions.	Beginning to: • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.	Developing: • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.	Embedding: • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	Mastering: • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
Prediction	predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.	• predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.	Beginning: • predicting what might happen from details stated and	Developing: • predicting what might happen from details stated and	Embedding: • predicting what might happen from details stated and	Mastering: • predicting what might happen from details stated and





			implied.	implied.	implied.	implied.
Authorial Intent			Beginning to: • discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. • identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.	Embedding: • discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination. • identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.	Beginning to: • identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning • discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the	Embedding: • identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. • discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the
Non-Fiction	Beginning to: • being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways.	Embedding: • being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways.	Beginning to: • retrieve and record information from non-fiction.	Embedding: • retrieve and record information from non-fiction.	reader Beginning to: distinguish between statements of fact and opinion. retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.	reader. Embedding: distinguish between statements of fact and opinion. retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.
Discussing reading	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.	participate in discussion about books, poems & other works that are read to them & 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.	• 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.	• 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.	recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices. participate in discussions about books, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously. explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, *provide reasoned justifications for their views.	recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices. participate in discussions about books, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously. explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, *provide reasoned justifications for