Progression in Reading Comprehension



Purpose:

Reading is a fundamental part of the school curriculum as it provides the key to accessing so much of the world around us. Comprehension skills are taught as children progress and develop as fluent, competent readers who understand what they have read.

Read for Pleasure								
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
 Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, when reading one-to-one and in small groups. Looks at and enjoys print independently 	 Enjoys an increasing range of print and digital books, both fiction and non- fiction 	 Read for pleasure Listen to a wide range of challenging stories, poems and non-fiction 	 Read for pleasure Become increasingly familiar with and retell a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales 	 Read for pleasure Listen to a range of challenging stories, poems, plays, non- fiction and reference books, myths, legends and fairy stories 	 Read for pleasure Listen to a wide range of challenging stories, poems, plays, non-fiction and reference books, myths, legends and fairy stories 	 Read for pleasure Read/discuss an increasingly wide range of challenging stories, poems, plays, non-fiction and reference books, myths, legends and fairy stories Read books that are structured in different ways for a range of purposes Increase familiarity with wide range of myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from literary heritage and books from other cultures 	 Read for pleasure Continue to read/discuss an increasingly wide range of challenging stories, poems, plays, non-fiction and reference books, myths, legends and fairy stories Read a wide variety of books that are structured in different ways for a range of purposes Increase familiarity with wide range of myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from literary heritage and books from other cultures 	

			Poetry and F	Performance			
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
 Sings to self and makes up simple songs 	 Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate try to move in time with music. 	 Recite some poems/rhymes by heart Join in with predictable phrases 	Continue to learn/present poems by heart	 Recognise different forms of poetry Perform poems and playscripts for audience (starting to use appropriate intonation, tone, volume and actions 	 Recognise and name different forms of poetry Perform poems and playscripts for audience (using appropriate intonation, tone, volume and action) 	 Learn a wider range of poetry by heart Perform poems and playscripts for audience (using appropriate intonation, tone, volume to convey meaning) Explain their understanding through discussions, formal presentations and debates 	 Learn a wider range of poetry by heart Perform poems and playscripts for audience (using appropriate intonation, tone, volume to convey meaning) Explain their understanding through detailed discussions, formal presentations and debates
			Vocat	oulary			
 Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories 	• Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play	 Discuss meanings of new words/vocabulary provided 	 Recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry Discuss and clarify meaning of new words/phrases Discuss favourite words and phrases 	 Begin to discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest 	• Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest	Evaluate authors' use of figurative language	 Evaluate authors' use of figurative language and consider effect on the reader Check that the book makes sense to them, discuss and explore meanings of words in context

Inference									
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Talks about events and principal characters in stories.	 Describes main story settings, events and principal characters in increasing detail. Is able to recall, discuss and verbally answer questions about stories or information that they have read themselves. 	 Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done 	 Answer questions in discussion with the teacher and make simple inferences Answer questions and make inferences Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done 	 Respond appropriately to simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives. Check that the text makes sense to them and ask questions to improve understanding of text Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning 	 Begin to support their inferences with evidence form the text. Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning 	Infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives and justify using evidence	 Draw inferences such as characters' feelings, thoughts and motives and justify using evidence and indirect clues 		
			Predi	iction					
 suggests how a story might end 	 Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; 	 Make predictions based on what has been read so far 	 Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far 	 Predict what might happen from details stated and implied 	 Make reasoned predictions of what might happen clearly derived from details both stated and implied 	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied	 Predict what might happen from details stated and implied 		

	Explain and Retrieve								
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 Begin to understand why and how questions Uses talk to explain what is happening Knows that information can be retrieved from books, computers and mobile digital devices. 	 Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate; 	 Discuss their reading and make links to own experiences drawing on what they know Take turns to explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them Retrieve and record information from non-fiction 	 Ask and answer questions Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher to make links between the book they are reading and other books they have read Retrieve and record information from non-fiction books that are presented in different ways 	 Identify themes and conventions Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning Check that the text makes sense to them and ask questions to improve understanding of text Retrieve and recall key information from non-fiction 	confidently records information from non-fiction	 Check that the book makes sense to them, discuss and explore meanings of words in context Ask questions to improve understanding of text Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning Retrieve, record and present information from analysis of a text 	 Identify how language, structure and presentation 		
			Sequence an	d Summarise					
 Begin to be aware of how stories are structured Begin to sequence events from a familiar story. 	 Is able to recall and discuss stories or information that has been read to them, or they have read themselves Is increasingly able to order and sequence events using everyday language related to time 	 Become familiar with and retell key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales Discuss significance of titles/events Self-check to make sure text makes sense and correct inaccurate reading 	 Discuss sequence of events in books Self-check to make sure text makes sense and correct any errors 	 Retell some stories orally Identify main ideas across paragraphs and summarise these 	 Confidently retell some stories orally Identify main ideas across paragraphs and summarise these Identify themes and conventions and summarise these accurately and concisely 	 Identify and discuss themes and conventions across a range of texts Make comparisons within and across books, commenting on similarities and differences between texts Summarise main ideas identifying key details Begin to distinguish between fact and opinion 	 Identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing with identification of viewpoint developed through close reference to the text Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas Distinguish between fact and opinion 		

Respond to Reading								
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 Creates sounds, movements, drawings to accompany stories 	 Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories. 	 Join in with discussions about what they have heard/read 	 Discuss and express views about a wide range of texts at a level beyond that at which they can read independently Participate in discussions about texts, explaining their understanding of what they have read so far Take turns in high-quality discussions about what they have heard/read 	 Take turns in high- quality discussions about what they have heard/read and begin to express a point of view 	 Discuss and compare texts from a wide variety of genres and writers 	to peers giving	 Recommend books to peers, explaining their reasoning through explicit explanation developed by close reference to the text Discuss books and courteously challenge others' opinions, providing reasoned justifications for Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher to make links between the book they are reading and other books they have read their views 	