

Strategy for Teaching Reading

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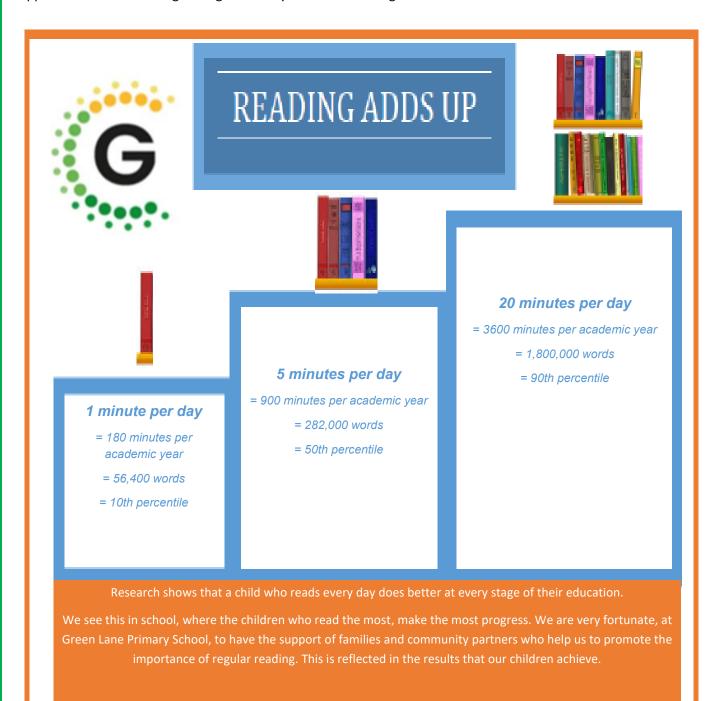
The Importance of Reading

'Reading helps my memory and it excites me. I imagine that I am in another world. In one world, I had a pet dragon that flew me through hoops to score goals. It was amazing!' Gerald -Y3

'It helps me learn about the world around me and learn lots of new words. Reading is fun because you can make interesting sounds and voices and make guesses about what will happen next.' Nusaybah -Y2

'The thing I like about reading is that it makes me relaxed because I don't have to do anything else. It helps my brain and take me to a new place. I enjoy learning about new words I never knew before.' Aariz -Y4

At the Priestley Academy Trust we want our children to develop into confident readers who have a love of words and books. We want all our children to develop a comprehensive understanding of texts and be able to apply these skills in different contexts. This journey starts as soon as children enter our school in EYFS and continues through to Year 6 where we prepare them to be ready for the move into secondary. We use a range of strategies to make this happens and weave reading throughout every strand of learning.



Reading Through School

Overview

At the Priestley Academy Trust we are committed to teaching all of our pupils to become skilled readers. We aim to develop a love of books and language as well as the skills to comprehend a variety of texts and expose them to a rich diet of vocabulary as they move through school. We begin by teaching pupils the skill of reading with our aim being to develop the will to read and to read for pleasure.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." Frederick Douglass



Developing children's spoken language

At the Priestley Academy Trust, we recognise that becoming a fluent, skilled and attentive reader starts at the earliest stages, before children encounter a book for the first time. As such our schools provide a language rich environment in which adults talk with children throughout the day. Adults in our schools engage children in high-quality dialogue and direct teaching so they can:

develop their knowledge across all areas of learning, using the vocabulary they need to support their learning. articulate what they know and understand.

These back-and –forth interactions with adults form the foundations for language and cognitive development across our schools.



Organisation of Reading

The teaching of reading within the school day will vary between year groups. These are as follows:

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics	Twice-weekly key person sessions following a clear timetable of planned activities. Daily rhymes and singing and a dedicated phonics activity area in provision.	Daily 45 min phonics sessions focusing on set 1 with additional interventions for any pupils 'falling behind'.	Daily 45 min phonics sessions focusing on sets 1, 2, and 3, with additional interventions for any pupils 'falling behind'.	At the beginning of the year, daily 45 min phonics sessions focusing on sets 1, 2, and 3, with additional interventions for any pupils 'falling behind'.	Regular sessions phonics support a Additional sessio lowest 20% to e possible.	s required.	e required	for the
Whole- Class Reading	Twice-weekly key person session based around a class book		a story and discuss their thoughts children have			d reading u	ising VIPERS	;.
1:1 reading	Library session, sharing stories and teaching book handling.				ek. Individuals are l s should be identifie			
Reading books	Children access wordless books which they explore in class and at home.	use these as the thome reading 'Lea' Children who has scheme of book with choose a book fromust be at an approperation of the scheme of book.'	ext for 1:1 reading arning to Read Bove completed the vill become 'Freem the classroom or opriate level. The	ok'. e Read Write Inc Reader' They will collection and this is is called a 'Free	For whole class re and extracts cho VIPERS scheme o website. For children who need an approprious from the Reto Read Book'. Children who have	sen by the f work fron are still r riate phono ad Write Ir	e teacher f m the Litera require pho plogically do no scheme '	from the acy Shed onics will ecodable (Learning
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Reading aloud	Every day and at ever range of texts such a together. This daily s	s stories, poems, pi	cture books and in	nformation books. \	We all share, laugh	_		

Phonics

Evidence shows that teaching phonics is the best way to teach children to read words. At Green Lane Primary School, we use a validated systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) to deliver phonics and early reading to pupils who are learning to read. Each of our programmes teaches pupils grapheme phoneme correspondence, to blend phonemes into spoken words and segment spoken words into phonemes. Alongside explicit phonics teaching children also receive reading practice to develop their fluency in reading. Pupils have access to phonetically controlled book which they read and re-read over the course of the week to develop automicity with words reading.



"Teach a child to read, and keep that child reading and we will change everything. And I mean everything." Jeanette Winterson

We teach phonics exclusively through *Read Write Inc* alongside carefully chosen resources to ensure complete consistency and fidelity to the scheme.

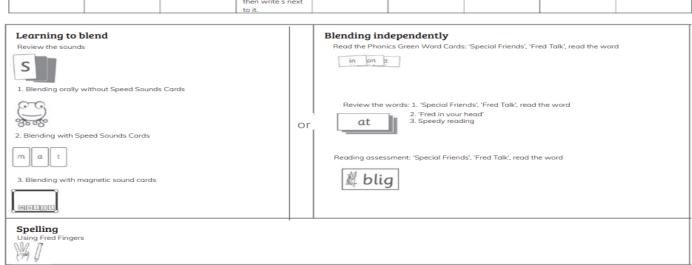
In Nursery, we teach phonics in key worker groups. Sessions typically begin with repetitive tasks e.g. recap of names, singing rhymes followed an activity appropriate to the phase.

In Reception and Key Stage 1, children follow a five-day plan. The daily lesson structure ensures consistency across all year groups and develops familiar learning routines. Lessons are 45 minutes long. Group sizes will vary depending on class size, the range of pupil abilities and staffing.

From Year 3 onwards, pupils who require it will continue to receive taught phonics lessons. These are organised within the year group or across the Key Stage.

Set1



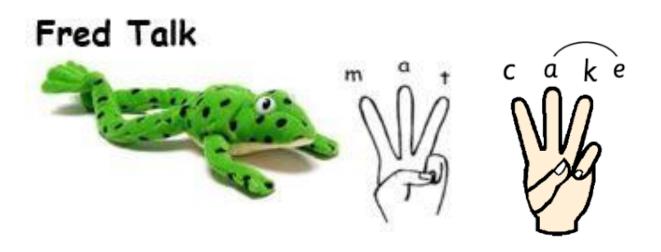


Set 2

Speed Sounds				Word Time				
Sound	Say the sound	Read the sound	Review the sounds	Read the words	Review the words	Reading assessment	Spell with Fred Fingers	Spell review
ay	See blueprint lesson on p.50.							
ee	ee – what can you see? Choose 3–4 words: see, three, been, green, seen, keep, need, sleep, feel	ee	Spot the new sound in the pack.	Use Phonics Green Word Cards: see, three, been, green, seen, sleep	words from previous Set 2 lessons and Word Times 1.6 and 1.7.	Ask children to read a few nonsense words printed from online. (Search for Set 2 Nonsense Words in Read Write Inc. Phonics Online.)	Words to spell (choose 2–3): see, three, been, green, seen, sleep	Ask children to write two or three previously taught words.

Set 3

Speed Sounds				Word Time				
Sound	Say the sound	Read the sound	Review the sounds	Read the words	Review the words	Reading assessment	Spell with Fred Fingers	Spell review
ea (special friends)	See blueprint less	on on p.56.						
oi (special friends – see p.56)	oi – spoil the boy Choose 3–4 words: join, coin, voice, choice, noise	oi	Spot the new sound in the pack.	join Use Phonics Green Word Cards: join, voice, coin	Words from previous Set 2 and 3 lessons.	Ask children to read a few nonsense words printed from online. (Search for Set 3 Nonsense Words in <i>Read Write Inc. Phonics</i> Online.)	Words to spell (choose 2–3): join, voice, coin	Ask children to write two or three previously taught words.



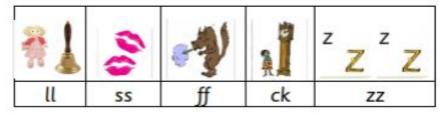
Phonics Teaching Schedule

From Monday to Wednesday a new sound is taught to the pupils in the order below.

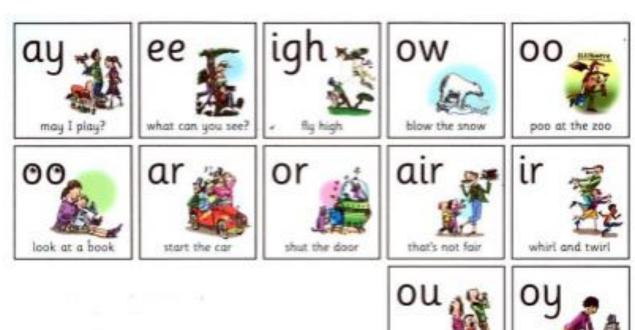
Thursdays and Friday are review days where pupils review the 3 new sounds learnt that week, including multisyllabic words.

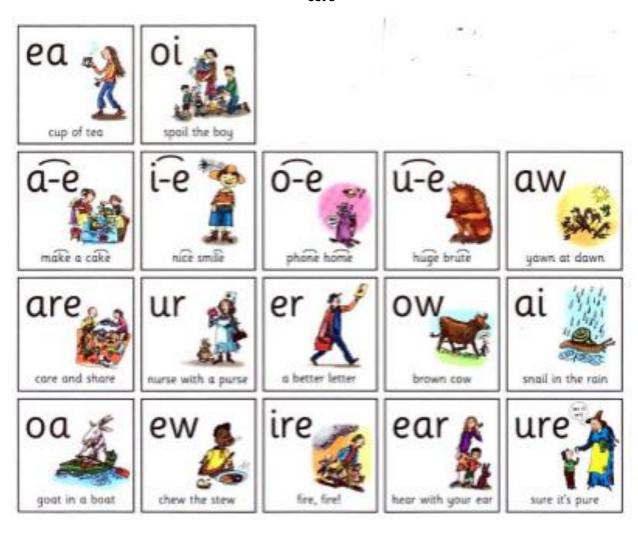
Set 1





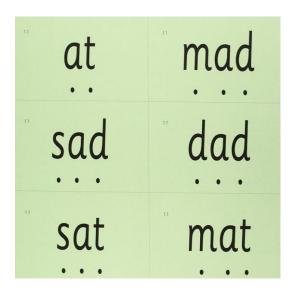
Set 2





During the speed sound session pupils read words called 'green words. These are words which they can sound out.

Pupil also read 'red words' which are common exception words which they learn by sight.





Whole-class Reading

In Reception and Key Stage 1, group reading teaching takes place daily with the Phonics teaching time This is in groups and sizes vary, depending on the cohort and staffing. The focus of the reading sessions follows the teaching schedule for phonics, using phonetically decodable books from the *Read Write Inc* books, Sets 1 to 3.

Pupils take black and white copies of the books home to continue to practice their reading. Books are organised into colours and there are multiple books, so that children who need additional practice have a number of opportunities to read different books that focus on the same set of sounds appropriate to their current learning.

Where children require further support, additional teaching and activities takes place. Staff hear children reading their *Read Write Inc* book independently outside of the group reading session and accurately assess their own reading successes and needs. Assessments (taken in either a group or independent session) of a child's reading are recorded on the online portal and are reflected on the Coloured Reading Cards.

Teaching of Whole-Class Reading in Reception and Key Stage 1 follows this outline schedule:



Teaching of Whole-Class Reading in Key Stage 2 follows this outline schedule:

Reading sessions, as a whole class, take place across KS2 3 to 4 times a week. The sessions are focussed around high quality texts that tempt and excite pupils. Lessons are linked to a specific reading domain/s which tie into our reading assessment scheme as well as continuing to develop children's fluency in reading. These reading skills are specifically taught and practised with the guidance of the teacher. Once these skills have been developed, pupils are given the opportunity to demonstrate these independently.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 have a reading to Free Reader Book and a Library Choice Book which they take home with them daily. Free Reader Book are chosen from the classroom book stock which has age appropriate, whereas Library Choice books are any books that a pupil takes an interest in.

Background knowledge The Scarborough Reading Rope in Figure 1 outlines the key elements which come together for a child to develop into a skilled reader. To address these Vocabulary breadth, precision, links, etc skills, we teach phonics / spelling alongside language comprehension (VIPERS). Language structures syntax, semantics, etc. Language comprehension Verbal reasoning inference, metaphor, etc Literacy knowledge print concepts, genres, etc Word recognition Sight recognition of familiar words. Decoding alphabetic principle, spelling-sound correspondences. Phonological awareness syllables, phonemes, etc.

FIGURE 1: THE MANY STRANDS THAT ARE WOVEN INTO SKILLED READING?

VIPERS

Teaching of whole-class reading in Key Stage 2 follows a weekly cycle following the VIPERS method to reading on the Literacy Shed website.

What are Vipers?

VIPERS is an acronym to aid the recall of the 6 reading domains as part of the UK's reading curriculum. They are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts.

VIPERS stands for:

Vocabulary

Inference

Prediction

Explanation

Retrieval

Sequence or Summarise

The 6 domains focus on the comprehension aspect of reading and not the mechanics: decoding, fluency, prosody etc. As such, VIPERS is not a reading scheme but rather a method of ensuring that teachers ask, and students are familiar with, a range of questions. VIPERS allows teachers to track the type of questions asked and the children's responses to these which allows for targeted questioning afterwards.

What a VIPERS week could look like

+		Year 2 to Year	6 - VIPERS Whole Class Reading Plan ((30 - 45mins)
	Revisit	Teach	Practise	Apply
	sion 1 What is Prediction What skill does it require?	discuss or research potential themes/topics/Tell Me Grid	Modeling With help from the children in the class model a possible prediction. Using evidence from the image/title exto support answer. Teacher model the though process of their prediction 'thinking out loud'.	Independent Prediction Children make notes around the image/title or create a mind map of their initial thoughts. Children make notes around the image/title or create a mind map of their initial thoughts. Children orally rehearse their prediction with a partner, sharing their thought and their reasons for their thought. Children write a prediction that is supported by reasoning. Sentence Stems When I look at the front cover/image of the text, I predict that Within the text, I think is ging to happen because Saced on what I already know about think that From what I have seen/read; I think that
Fo	uion 2 What does word wy/Decode weap/Decode weap? Why is it important understand vocabular	Have 1 word as the teacher reads the book/test ask the children to put up their hands when the teacher says the word. While reading the test stop and model how to decode any tricky words. Teacher models the 8-step strategy for finding the meaning of the word. Teaching 'thinking out loud' to explain the process of finding the meaning, on the step strategy for the strategy for t	Shared Reading (Tier 2 words) In pairs or small groups, children take turn reading the test and highlighting language they are unfamiliar with. Together they use the 8-step strategy to work out the meaning. Children practice explaining their though processes to each other, just at the teacher had done. The pair/group present their findings to the class.	Due to happening, I think that — will happen next because Independent SER by Locabulary flock (Tier 2 world). Independent SER by Locabulary flock (Tier 2 world). Children chose 2 to 5 words which they would like to explore further. They use the 8-step strategy to work out the meaning. Desist remind me of another word is likew? Can il identify the root word? Could irreplace it with another word that I know, to that the sentence still makes sense? Do the illustrations give you any clear? Hast got a prefix or suffix? What does the prefix or suffix tell me about the meaning? What word class is if? What job is it doing in the sentence? Using all the infermation you have now, can i make a sensible guest? Is LAST RESORT! If you still don't know, use a dictionary to find out the meaning.
				How could it be presented? • Math key words to the picture/definition • Mind map • Match words to synonyms • Draw the word • Writing key words in a sentence • Vecabulary Comprehension question printed or displayed on INB
Fo	ulon 3 Why is flue important mg or fluency		Scaffolding As a class or a small group, teat mark where they might pause or take a small breath, empathis a word or phrase and where they might change the speed. Encourage children to consider how the punctuation and the type of sentence may impact on how they read. Practice reading aloud together.	Independent Choose a paragraph to read independently. Text mark using skills taught and practice reading aloud. Preform the paragraph to the class/group.
	What is a summen why are the helpful?	Unpicking a summery Explore what a summary is and what it contains.	Shared Summery You a question about the whole text, the setting or the character. Write a summary together discuss which parts are the key pieces of information that must be include. For example: What is the purpose of this text? How does the character feel at the end of the story?	Independent Tasks You a question about the whole text, the setting or the character. Write a summery independently and children must consider which parts are the key pieces of information that must be included. Comprehension Tennis Learners Tut' back and forth the key information they have learns.
	sion 4 Discuss the reading for of that da	Read the book and stop to ask questions to see if the children are	Discussion Children talk about what they have read and discuss knowledge and key words. Teach modelling how to answer the question and how they children and consider the test for information.	Answer and discuss the comprehension questions A varied range of comprehension questions that covers appropriate content domains for the year group (VIPERS). Children to work through the questions by referring to the text and underlining key information that supports their answers.

Teachers use a range of texts for whole class teaching, including text extracts and occasionally film.

Vocabulary Find and explain the meaning of words in context.	Infer Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.	Predict Predict what will happen based from the details given or implied.	Explain how content is related and contributed to the meaning as a whole. Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language. Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text. Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.	Retrieve Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.	Summarise Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph.
What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood? Which word tells you that? Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood? Find one word in the text which means Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that	Example questions • Find and copy a group of words which show that • How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this? • How do the descriptions of show that they are • What impression of do you get from these paragraphs? • What voice might these characters use? • What was thinking when • Who is telling the story?	Example questions • From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about? • What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after? • What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this? • Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops? • Do you think will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.	Example questions Why is the text arranged in this way? What structures has the author used? What is the purpose of this text feature? Is the use of effective? The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this. What is the author's point of view? What affect does have on the audience? How does the author engage the reader here? Which words and phrases did effectively? Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? How are these sections linked?	Example questions How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know? How did? How often? Who had? Who had? What happened to? What does do? How is? What can you learn from from this section? Give one example of The story is told from whose perspective?	Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened? What happened after? What was the first thing that happened in the story? Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story? In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?

Tracking the Whole-Class Reading Texts

To ensure there is a board range of coverage, which includes a range of text types and content domains, teachers should track the texts completed. This ensures children are receiving a board and balanced diet. It is essential that there is a poetry unit at least once every half term.

You can view a list of all the comprehensions, their text type and their focus by clicking the 'overview' button on the Literacy Shed website. This list also indicates which comprehensions have accompanying teaching slides.

Stage 1 Overview

Stage 2 Overview

Stage 3 Overview

Stage 6 Overview

Full Overview

The overview could look something like this.

Autumn 1

	Text Name	Text Type	Content Domain
Week 1	Hansel and Gretel	Narrative	Retrieval
Week 2	The Frog Prince	Narrative	Inference
Week 3	Homes Around the	Information	Retrieval
	World		
Week 4	How <u>To</u> Build A Den	Instructions	Retrieval
Week 5	Fireworks Night	Poetry	Vocabulary
Week 6	Little Red Riding Hood	Narrative	Vocabulary
Week 7	What is Recycling?	Information	Mixed

Autumn 2

	Text Name	Text Type	Content Domain
Week 1	The Stone Age	Information	Retrieval
Week 2	Krag and The Beast	Narrative	Retrieval
Week 3	Ho to Mummify a	Instructions	Summary
	Tomato		
Week 4	On a Mission	poetry	Vocabulary
Week 5	Important Animals	Information	Retrieval
Week 6	Floods and Droughts	Explanation	Vocabulary
Week 7	The Wave	Letter	Inference
Week 8	The Place for me	Narrative	Inference

1:1 Reading

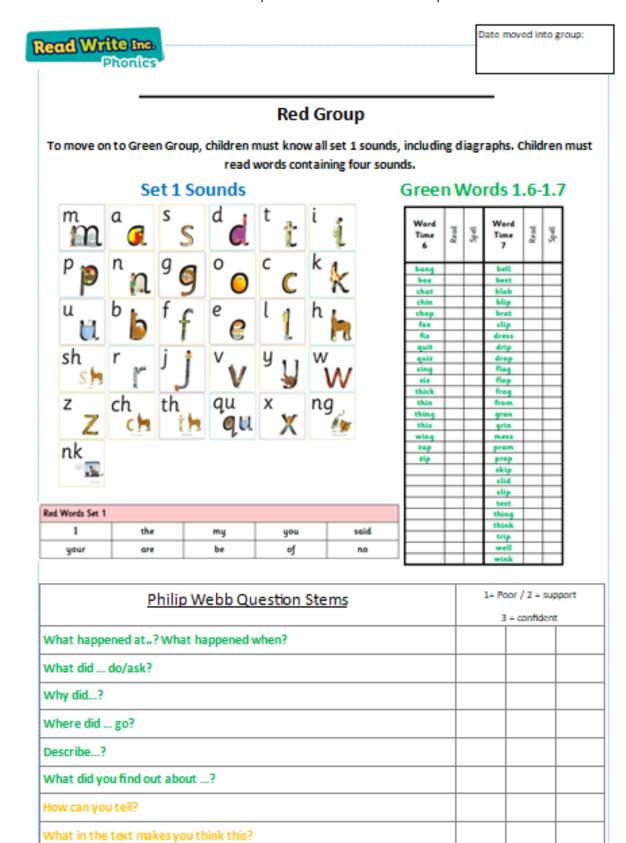
In Reception and KS1, the whole cohort are heard read at least once a week. Individuals are heard with different frequency depending on need (daily, twice weekly or weekly), this should be identified on the Reading Record sheet (in addition to the daily whole class reading and phonics). Staff use this to assess the pupil's phonics ability and book skills as well as begin some oral comprehension. All 1:1 reading will be carried out using the child's *Read Write Inc* book relevant to their stage of phonics learning. This reading book will be taken home the following week for additional practice.

In KS2, 1:1 reading will take place each week, the whole cohort will be heart at least once a week with frequency depending on need and this will be recorded on the Reading Record sheet that is set up in each classroom. For children who are still require phonics will need an appropriate phonologically decodable book from the Read Write Inc scheme **'Learning to Read Book'**. Free readers will choose an appropriate book from the classroom stock or the library.

Group		In Speed Sounds lessons, teach children to:	To progress into the next group children should be able to:		
Set 1 Sounds Group A	ma	Read first 16 Set 1 sounds Learn to blend: Word Time 1.1 to 1.3 Spell using Fred Fingers	Read first 16 single-letter sounds speedily		
Sounds Group B		Read 25 Set 1 single letter sounds Learn to blend: Word Time 1.1 to 1.4 Spell using Fred Fingers	Read 25 single-letter sounds speedily Blend sounds into words orally		
Set 1 Sounds Group C	Z W pan	Read 25 Set 1 single letter sounds speedily Blend independently using Phonics Green Word cards: Word Time 1.1 to 1.5 Spell using Fred Fingers	Read all Set 1 single letter sounds speedily Read Word Time 1.1 to 1.5 words with Fred Talk		
Ditties	sh	Read Set 1 Special Friends Read Word Time 1.6 words (words with Special Friends) Review Word Time 1.1 to 1.5 Read 3-sound nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers	Read all Set 1 Sounds speedily Read Word Time 1.6 words (words with Special Friends) with Fred Talk Read 3-sound nonsense words with Fred Talk		
Red Ditty Books	Review Set 1 sounds speedily		Read all Set 1 Sounds speedily including II, ff, ss, and ck Read words with Special Friends; words with double consonants and 4-sound words with Fred Talk Read 3 and 4 sound nonsense words with Fred Talk		
Green	ay	Read Set 2 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words Review Set 1 Phonics Green Words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers	Read Word Time 1.6 and 1.7 words Read 4 and 5 sound nonsense words with Fred Talk Read previously taught words with Set 1 sounds speedily		
Purple	igh	Read Set 2 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words Review Set 1 Phonics Green Words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers Once secure, read Set 3 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words. Continue to spell Set 1 and Set 2 words.	Read the first six Set 2 sounds (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo) speedily Read these sounds in real words and nonsense words with Fred Talk Read previously taught words with Set 1 sounds speedily		
Pink	air ea	Read Set 2 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words. Review Set 1 and 2 Phonics Green Words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers Once secure, read Set 3 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words. Continue to spell Set 1 and Set 2 words.	Read all Set 2 sounds speedily Read these sounds in real words and nonsense words with Fred Talk Read previously taught words with Set 1 and 2 sounds speedily		
Orange	ā-ē	Read Set 3 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words Review Set 1 and 2 Phonics Green Words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: focus on Set 2 words	Read Set 1 and Set 2 sounds in longer words Read Set 1 and Set 2 sounds in 4 and 5 sound nonsense words Read previously taught words with Set 1 and Set 2 sounds speedily		
Yellow	W-e	Read Set 3 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words Review Set 1, 2 and 3 Phonics Green Words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: Set 2 and 3 words	Read the first six Set 3 sounds (ea, oi, a-e, i-e,o-e, u-e) speedily Read these sounds in real words and nonsense words Read a passage at 60-70 words per minute, attempting intonation to show comprehension		
Blue	Read Set 3 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words Review Set 1, 2 and 3 Phonics Green Words Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: Set 2 and 3 words		Read all Set 3 sounds speedily Read Set 3 Sounds in real words and nonsense words Read a passage at 70-80 words per minute, attempting intonation to show comprehension		
Grey	peanut	Read unfamiliar multi-syllabic words Review Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds and matching Phonics Green Words including longer words speedily Read nonsense words Spell using Fred Fingers: multi-syllabic, Set 2 and 3 words	Read all Set 3 sounds in nonsense words Read multi-syllabic words containing Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds Read a passage at 80-90+ words per minute with intonation that shows some comprehension		

The Reading Card

The **Reading Card** is an individual record of a child's reading journey while reading their Read Write Inc book. As the child moves through the scheme, their **Reading card** will log their achievements in phonics; track them as they progress through the **'Learning to Read Books'** and record their achievements as they move onwards to become independent readers.



What does ... think/feel? How do you know?

The School Library

The aim of our school library is to promote a love of reading and encourage pupils to develop a lifelong interest in reading for pleasure.

Pupils make use of the school library as frequently as possible. There are regular timetabled sessions per class as well as use of the library at playtime and lunchtimes.

Within timetabled sessions, pupils are taught to develop their attitudes to reading, for example, by enjoying shared stories, selecting books to build their own libraries back in classrooms, discussing book choices, likes, favourite authors etc.

Staff identified a number of activities they regularly use as part of library time, using a variety in each library session to keep them purposeful and interesting:

Suitable for	Grouping	Activity
EYFS	Whole class	Practise listening skills with a story followed by book talk.
EYFS		Sticker quiz – match books to sections of the library.
EYFS/KS1	Whole class	Read a book without looking at the blurb, and then ask children what the blurb should say.
KS1/2	Groups/pairs/individual	Set a question, which children need to ask by finding relevant books.
KS1/2	Groups	Have a book hunt based on author, genre, character etc.
All	Individuals	1:1 reading alongside a suitable activity e.g. others reading independently.
All	Whole class	Recommend a book they have read, talking about reasons.
All	Whole class	Story session, adults modelling expression.
All	Whole class	Story session, with more able readers playing the role of a storyteller.
All	Pairs	Peer reading, children matched in a variety of ways to suit the group dynamic.
All	Whole class or group	Re-stock classroom book stock, opportunities to select specific book types, discuss choices etc.
All	Whole class as individuals	Exchange books borrowed from the library. (Instead of using valuable library time writing a list, take pictures or a video of children with their book as a record).
All	Group or individual	Purposeful choosing: look through books children have chosen, learn how to handle the book appropriately, turn pages, talk about pictures, follow the print with a finger.
All	Class	Book handling skills: taking and returning books correctly, knowing that the spine faces the reader.

Children have free choice when using the library, and the books chosen from the library to create the classroom collection. Whilst staff guide and advise pupils with their book choice, children sometimes choose a book that interests them, but is not at their reading level. For this reason, considerable emphasis is placed upon ensuring we help parents to make a distinction between how they use these types of books at home to support their child's reading development and pleasure in reading.

Reading Spine

Our whole school Reading Spine has been developed alongside teachers and pupils to provide a range of books tailored to our school.

Each year group has key authors who feature repeatedly on their class Reading Spine. Authors have been selected from a diverse range of authors and genres including graphic novels and poetry, fiction and non-fiction. Our Reading Spine adapts each year to respond to pupils' interests and pupil/teacher recommendations. This allows us to add current authors and the latest book award winners to keep children engaged and their knowledge of literature up to date. Our Reading Spine starts in Nursery and runs through to Year 6.

Teachers subject knowledge of children's literature lies at the heart of reading for pleasure at our school. Teachers are encouraged to read books from the Reading Spine and to develop an in-depth knowledge of the books the pupils are reading. This allows adults to engage in high quality informal book talk with pupils.

As a school we regularly invite new and upcoming authors into school to share their journey into writing and to read extracts from their books to inspire children.

Here are some examples of our Reading Spine:

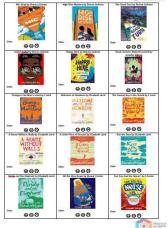
















Reading for Pleasure



As well as developing the skill of reading there is a strong focus on developing pupil's love of reading and the 'will' to read. Each class has access to a class library with books which have been carefully chosen by our pupils and teachers. These books are taken home by pupils to read and run alongside the pupils read to read books.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parents' educational background or income*.

We have worked extensively with the Open University and the Reading for Pleasure project team to support the development reading for pleasure from the moment pupils come to school. Children are encouraged to talk about their likes and dislikes around reading and to recommend and share what they are reading with others. Teachers have a good subject knowledge of authors and are encouraged to ask pupils what they are reading and share their book knowledge.

Reading Instruction is oriented towards:	Reading for Pleasure is oriented towards:
❖ Learning to Read	Choosing to read
❖ The Skill	❖ The Will
❖ Decoding and	Engagement and Response
Comprehension	
❖ System Readers	Lifelong Readers
Teacher Direction	Child Direction
Teacher Ownership	Child Ownership
Attainment	Achievement
The minimum entitlement:	The maximum entitlement:
reader in school	lifelong reader
The standards agenda	The readers own agenda

Literacy	1	2	3	4	5	6
Word Reading	Match all 40+ graphemes to their phonemes Blend sounds in known and unfamiliar words based on known GPCs Read words containing GPCs and s, es, ing, ed, er, est endings Read words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs Read words with contractions, understanding that the apostrophe represents missing letter(s) Read phonically decodable texts	Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught. Recognise and read alternative sounds for graphemes. Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs as above Read words containing common suffixes Read common exception words	Read further exception words from the Y3 list, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word. Attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words	Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words Read exception words from the Y4 list, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word. Attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.	Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words. Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word. Attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.	Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words. Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word. Attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.
Reading for pleasure	Learn some poems and rhymes by heart. Know and retell some key stories, including traditional and fairy tales.	Listen and respond to a wide range of poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently. Know and retell a range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales. Increase repertoire of poems learnt by heart, reciting them with appropriate intonation		cluding fairy stories and legends. Lite with appropriate intonation, tone, volume and action.	Recommend books to peers, giving reasons for Prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to tone, volume and action	perform, showing understanding through intonation,
Reading Comprehension	Read and correct miscues. Check that the text makes sense to them as they read. Talk about the title and the events. Understand and talk about the main characteristics of key stories. Use context and vocabulary provided to understand texts. Explain what they understand about a text. Link what they read, or hear read, to their own experiences and prior knowledge. Predicting, inferring, deducing and retrieving Make predictions based on the events in the text. Begin to draw inferences from the text and/or the illustrations.	Read for meaning, checking that the text makes sense and correcting inaccurate reading. Discuss the sequence of events in books and how they are related to each other. Use prior knowledge, context and vocabulary explored to understand texts. Answer and ask appropriate questions about texts. Predicting, inferring, deducing and retrieving Make predictions on the basis of what has been read so far. Draw simple inferences from illustrations and text on the basis of what is being said and done. Text structure Be aware that non-fiction books are structured in different ways. Language Know and recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry.	Identify the main idea of a text. Explain the meaning of words in context. Ask questions to improve understanding of a text. Predicting, inferring, deducing and retrieving Predict what might happen from details stated. Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions. Retrieve and record information from nonfiction. Text structure Begin to understand that narrative books are structured in different ways. For example, quest stories and stories with dilemmas. Know that non-fiction books are structured in different ways and be able to use them effectively. Identify how structure, and presentation contribute to the meaning of texts. Know some of the literary conventions in text types covered. Language Use dictionaries to check the meaning of unfamiliar words Begin to recognise some different forms of poetry.	Identify and summarise main ideas. Understand the themes in books. Ask questions to improve understanding of a text. Make connections between other similar texts and own experiences Predicting, inferring, deducing and retrieving Predict what might happen from details stated and deductions. Infer meanings and begin to justify them with evidence from the text. Retrieve and record information from nonfiction. Text structure Know that non-fiction books are structured in different ways for different purposes and be able to use them effectively. Understand and explain that narrative books are structured in different ways. For example, historical stories and fantasy stories. Identify some text type organisational features. For example, narrative, explanation, persuasion. Know some of the literary conventions in text types covered. Language Use dictionaries to check the meaning of unfamiliar words. Recognise some different forms of poetry. Explain the meaning of words in context.	Make comparisons between books. Identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing Ask questions to improve understanding. Summarise the main ideas drawn from a text. Make connections between other similar texts, prior knowledge and experience. Present a summary of a text. Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion. Identify the effect of the context on a text. For example, historical or other cultures. Predicting, inferring, deducing and retrieving Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions. Justify inferences with evidence from the text. Make predictions from details stated and implied information. Retrieve and record information. Collate information retrieved. Text structure Read books that are structured in different ways. Language Use strategies to explore the meaning of words in contexts including idiomatic and figurative language, Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to the meaning of a text.	Identify and discuss the conventions of different text types. Identify and discuss themes in a range of writing and across longer texts. Ask questions to extend understanding. Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas. Make connections between other similar texts, prior knowledge and experience and explain the links. Explain the main purpose of a text and summarise it. Identify and explain the effect of the context on a text. For example, historical, geographical. Predicting, inferring, deducing and retrieving Draw inferences e.g. inferring characters' feelings/thoughts/motives from their actions and develop explanations. Predict what might happen from details stated/implied across a text. Find relevant information and evidence from a range of texts. Record, collate and organise information or evidence appropriately Text structure Read books that are structured in different ways. Language Use strategies to explore the meaning of unfamiliar words, figurative and idiomatic language in context.

Authorial Intent			Discuss and record words and phrases that writers use to engage and impact on the reader.	Discuss and record words and phrases that writers use to engage and impact on the reader. Identify how writer has used precise word choices for effect to impact on the reader.	Identify and comment on writer's use of language for effect. For example, precisely chosen adjectives, similes and personification. Identify grammatical features used by writer – rhetorical questions, varied sentence lengths, varied sentence starters, empty words – to impact on the reader. Present author's viewpoint of a text.	Identify and comment on writer's choice of language. Identify and explain how writers use grammatical features for effect e.g. use of short sentences to build tension. Show awareness of the writers' craft by commenting on use of language, grammatical features and structure. Present and explain the author's viewpoint in a text.
Evaluating	Say what they like or dislike about a text. Talk about their responses in a group.	Talk about favourite words and phrases. Talk about and give an opinion to a range of texts. Talk about their responses in a group.	Express a personal point of view about a text. Explain ideas and opinions, giving reasons.	Express a personal point of view about a text. Explain ideas and opinions, giving reasons. Listen to and build on other's ideas about a text.	Express a personal point of view about a text, giving reasons. Listen to and build on others' ideas and opinions about a text. Compare different versions of texts.	Express own point of view, giving reasons linked to evidence from texts. Listen to and build on others' ideas and opinions about a text, including offering counter arguments Compare versions of texts and explain the differences and similarities.