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	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Decoding	 Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences Read some letter groups that each represent one sound & say sounds for them Read simple phrases & sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences & a few exception 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 multisyllable words containing taught GPCs •read contractions and understanding use of	*read multisyllable words containing these	understand the meaning of new words 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	*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	 Enjoys an increasing range of print & digital books, both fiction and non-fiction Knows that information can be retrieved from books, computers & mobile digital devices 			poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks *reading books that are structured in	poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks *reading books that are structured in	*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	reference books or textbooks
Familiarity with texts	 Describes main story settings, events & principal characters in increasing detail 	stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics	*becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales 5 *recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry	books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally	*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 and across a wide range of writing 	*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 and across a wide range of writing
Poetry & Performance	 Re-enacts and reinvents stories / poems they have heard in their play Beginning to understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes Uses combinations of art forms, e.g. moving and singing, making and dramatic play 	*learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart	learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting	*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	*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	*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	*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	naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of	d *discussing word meanings, linking new meanings f to those already known		*using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	*using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read		
Understanding	 Uses talk to organise, sequence & clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events Give explanation of why events happened in a story 	*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	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	discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context *asking questions to improve their understanding of a text	*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		
Inference	• Engages with books & other reading materials at an increasingly deeper level, & their knowledge of language structure, subject knowledge & illustrations to interpret the text	*discussing the significance of the title and events *making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done		*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	*drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence	
Prediction	 Understands a range of complex sentence structures including negatives, plurals and tense markers 	*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	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied	*predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
Authorial Intent				reader's interest and imagination	e *discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination d *identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning	presentation contribute to meaning	*identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning *discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader
Non-fiction			*being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways	*retrieve and record information from non-fiction	*retrieve and record information from non-fiction	*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion *retrieve, record and present information from nonfiction	*distinguish between statements of fact and opinion *retrieve, record and present information from nonfiction
Discussing reading	 Is able to recall & discuss stories or information that has been read to them, or they have read themselves Listens & responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion Understands questions such as who; why; when; where and how Links statements & sticks to a main theme or intention 		other works that are read to them & those that they	read to them and those they can read for	*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	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,	peers, giving reasons for their choices *participate in discussions about books, building on