



Skill Focus	Birth- 3 Years	3-4 Years	Reception	Year 1	Year 2		
	(Nursery ready)	(Nursery)	-				
	Speaking and Listening						
Speaking and Listening	 Turn towards familiar sounds. Gaze at faces, copying facial expressions and movements like sticking out their tongue. Make eye contact for longer periods. Watch someone's face as they talk. Copy what adults do, taking 'turns' in conversations (through babbling) and activities. Try to copy adult speech and lip movements. Enjoy singing, music and toys that make sounds. Recognise and are calmed by a familiar and friendly voice. Listen and respond to a simple instruction. Make sounds to get attention in different ways. Babble, using sounds like 'baba', 'mamama'. Use gestures like waving and pointing to communicate. Reach or point to something they want while making sounds. Copy your gestures and words. Constantly babble and use single words during play. Use intonation, pitch and changing volume when 'talking'. 	Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult. Use a wider range of vocabulary. Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as: "Get your coat and wait at the door". Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" Sing a large repertoire of songs. Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. Develop their communication but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals,	Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Learn new vocabulary Use new vocabulary through the day. Use new vocabulary through the day. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in wellformed sentences. Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. Describe events in some detail Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen. Develop social phrases. Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.	 Use relevant strategies to build Articulate and justify answers, a Give well-structured description purposes, including for express Maintain attention and particip staying on topic and initiating a Use spoken language to develon hypothesising, imagining and e Speak audibly and fluently with Participate in discussions, prese and debates Gain, maintain and monitor the consider and evaluate different contributions of others 	their understanding and knowledge their vocabulary arguments and opinions ans, explanations and narratives for different ing feelings ate actively in collaborative conversations, and responding to comments up understanding through speculating, exploring ideas an increasing command of Standard English entations, performances, role play, improvisations		





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swimmed for swam. Understand frequently used words such as all gone', no' and bye-bye'. Understand simple instructions like "give to nanny" or "stop". Recognise and point to objects if asked about them. Generally focus on an activity of their own choice and find it difficult to be directed by a adult. Listen to other people's talk with interest but can easily be distracted by other things. Use the speech sounds p, b, m, w. Pronounce: I/I/Wyly fith sylvch/ic/Ly/, multi-syllabie words such as banana' and 'computer' 'computer' Listen to simple stories and understand what is happening, with the help of the pictures. Identify familiar objects and properties for example: 'Katie's coat', 'blue car', 'shiny apple'. Understand and act on longer sentences like 'make teddy jump' or find your coat Understand simple questions, about winko', 'what' and where' (but generally not 'why').
Understand single words in for 'ran', sontart





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Reading- Word Recognition	 Enjoy songs and rhymes, tuning in and paying attention. Join in with songs and rhymes, copying sounds, rhythms, tunes and tempo. Say some of the words in songs and rhymes. Copy finger movements and other gestures. Sing songs and say rhymes independently, for example, singing whilst playing. Notice some print, such as the first letter of their name, a bus or door number, or a familiar logo. Alvasto Alvasto Alvasto 	Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Children should say a sound for each letter of the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. 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 and say sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter—sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Pead words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words skills as the route to decode words words. Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word Read words containing taught GPCs and —s, —es, —ing —ed, — er and —est endings Read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs Read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words	sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation Re-read these books to build up their

Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.





Reading
Comprehension

- Enjoy sharing books with an adult.
- Pay attention and respond to the pictures or the words.
- Have favourite books and seek them out, to share with an adult, with another child, or to look at alone.
- Repeat words and phrases from familiar stories.
- Ask questions about the book. Make comments and shares their own ideas.
- Develop play around favourite stories using props.

Understand the five key concepts about print:

- print has meaning
- print can have different purposes
- we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom
- the names of the different parts of a book
- page sequencing
- extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.

- Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.
- Engage in story times.
- Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs.
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.
- Anticipate key events of the story.

Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens

Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:

- Listening 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
- 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
- Learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart
- Discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known

Understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:

- 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 significance of the title and events
- Making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done

Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:

- Listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and nonfiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- Discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related
- Becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales
- Being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways
- Recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry
- Discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
- Discussing their favourite words and phrases
- Continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear

Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:

- 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
- Making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done
- Answering and asking questions





	Predicting what might happen on the basis of whas been read so far Participate in discussion about what is read to their taking turns and listening what others say explain clearly their understanding what is read to them. Describe the main events simple fiction text or the lideas of a non-fiction text. Writing	 Participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and 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
Writing Transcription	Add some marks to their drawings, which they give meaning to. For example: "That says mummy." Make marks on their picture to stand for their name. Misser and then writing the sound with letter/s. Make marks on their picture to stand for their name. Misser and then writing the sound with letter/s. Make marks on their picture to stand for their name. Misser and then writing the sound with letter/s. Make marks on their picture to stand for their name. Misser and then writing the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. Make marks on their picture to stand for their name. Mords containing each of 40+ phonemes already taught Common exception word: Naming the letters of the alphabet: Naming the letters of the alphabet: Wising letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound Add prefixes and suffixes: Using the spelling rule for adding -s or -es as the plumarker for nouns and the third person singular mark for verbs Using the prefix un- Using -ing, -ed, -er and where no change is neede in the spelling of root wor [for example, helping, he	phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly • Learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones • Learning to spell common exception words • Learning to spell more words with contracted forms • Learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book] • Distinguishing between homophones and near homophones • Add suffixes to spell longer words, including —ment, —ness, —ful, —less, —ly • Apply spelling rules and guidance • Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far.





Writing Handwriting	 Enjoy drawing freely. Develop manipulation and control. Explore different materials and tools. 	helper, eating, quicker, quickest] Apply simple spelling rules and guidance Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. Form lower-case and capital letters correctly. Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient. Hold a pencil effectively using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Shows a preference for a dominant hand. helper, eating, quicker, quickest] Naply simple spelling rules and guidance Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. Begin to form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined Hold a pencil effectively using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Hold a pencil effectively using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Write common exception words taught so far. Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. Begin to form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and junctives, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters. Write capital letters and it is should be sat on the line.
Writing Composition		 Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy. Write short sentences with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop. Write sentences which can be recognised by others. Write sentences by: Saying out loud what they are going to write about Composing a sentence orally before writing it stop. Write sentences by:





	Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.	 Read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. Using simple adjectives to add detail to their writing. Sequencing sentences to write a paragraph or more. 	 Planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about Writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary Encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: Evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils Re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form Proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly] Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear. Re-drafting work and adding simple additions using ^ sign.
Writing Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation	 Children begin to use spaces between words some of the time. They are showing an awareness of capital letters and full stops. 	 Leaving spaces between words Joining words and joining clauses using at least three conjunctions (and, because, but). Beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark. Children will use these capital letters and full stops accurately most of the time. Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' Learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2 	Learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) Learn how to use: Sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly] The present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form Subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and coordination (using or, and, or but)





	Vocabulary, Grammar and P	Use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing. Punctuation	 The grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2 Some features of written Standard English Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.
Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Word		 Regular plural noun suffixes – s or –es [for example, dog, dogs; wish, wishes], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun Suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. helping, helped, helper) How the prefix un– changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives [negation, for example, unkind, or undoing: untie the boat] 	 Formation of nouns using suffixes such as –ness, –er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as –ful, –less (A fuller list of suffixes can be found on page 46 in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1) Use of the suffixes – er, –est in adjectives and the use of –ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs
Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Sentence		How words can combine to make sentences Joining words and joining clauses using and	Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and coordination (using or, and, but) Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon] How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command
Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Text		Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting]





Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Punctuation	Separation of words with spaces Introduction to capital letter full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences Capital letters for names a for the personal pronoun	•	Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences Commas to separate items in a list Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]
Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Terminology	letter, capital letter word, singular, plural sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark	• • •	noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb, tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma

Criteria that are highlighted in red are in addition to the requirements of the National Curriculum.



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