

## Progression in Word Reading Overview

|                  | Phonics and Decoding   | Common Exception Words   | Fluency   |
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| <b>Nursery</b>   | <p>Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spot and suggest rhymes</li> <li>• count or clap syllables in words recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother</li> </ul>   |  | <p>Understand the five key concepts about print:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• print has meaning</li> <li>• the names of different parts of a book</li> <li>• print can have different purposes</li> <li>• page sequencing</li> </ul> <p>we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom</p>  |
| <b>Reception</b> | <p>Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.</p> <p>Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondences.</p> <p>Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.</p> <p>Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. <b>ELG</b></p> <p style="color: green;">Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.</p> <p style="color: green;">Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.</p> <p style="color: green;">Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.</p> | <p>Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme ie.</p> <p>Phase 2: is, I, the, put*, pull*, full*, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push*, he, of, we, me, be</p> <p>Phase 3: was, you, they, my, by, all, are, sure, pure</p> <p>Phase 4: said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do, were, here, little, says, there, when, what, one, out, today</p> <p style="color: green;">ELG To read some common irregular words.</p> | <p>Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondences.</p> <p>Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.</p> <p style="color: green;">ELG Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.</p> |

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| <b>Year 1</b> | <p>To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.</p> <p>To blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCs that they have been taught.</p> <p>To respond speedily, giving the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes.</p> | <p>To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.</p> | <p>To accurately read texts that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge, that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.</p> <p>To reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.</p> |
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|  | <p>To read words containing taught GPCs.</p> <p>To read words containing -s, -es, -ing, -ed and -est endings.</p> <p>To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.</p> |  |  |
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| <b>Year 2</b> | <p>To continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent.</p> <p>To read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes.</p> <p>To accurately read most words of two or more syllables.</p> <p>To read most words containing common suffixes.*</p> | <p>To read most Y1 and Y2 common exception words*, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.</p> | <p>To read aloud books (closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge), sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation.</p> <p>To reread these books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.</p> <p>To read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words per minute, in age-appropriate texts.</p> |
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| <b>Year 3</b> | <p>To use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words).</p> <p>To apply their growing knowledge of root words and prefixes, including in-, im-, il-, ir-, dis-, mis-, un-, re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti- and auto- to begin to read aloud.*</p> <p>To apply their growing knowledge of root words and suffixes/word endings, including -ation, -ly, -ous, -ture, -sure, -sion, -tion, -ssion and -cian, to begin to read aloud.*</p> | <p>To begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words* discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and these occur in the word.</p> | <p>At this stage, teaching comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.</p> |
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| <b>Year 4</b> | <p>To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill.</p> <p>To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.*</p>                     | <p>To read all Y3/Y4 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and these occur in the word.</p>                  |  |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <p>To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.</p>   | <p>To read most Y5/ Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.</p> |  |
|               | <p>To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/ word endings, including -sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, -ant/-ance/-ancy, -ent/- ence/-ency, -able/-ably and -ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.*</p>                   |  |  |
| <b>Year 6</b> | <p>To read fluently with full knowledg of all Y5/ Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings* and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.</p> | <p>To read all Y5/ Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.</p>  |  |