

YEAR 1

Speaking and Listening

- listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play/improvisations and debates
- gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
- select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

Word Reading

- To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.
- To read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing the GPCs that they have been taught.
- To respond speedily giving the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes.
- To read words with contractions.
- To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words. (the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our)
- To read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.
- To reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.

Word Comprehension

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:
 - ❖ Listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.
 - ❖ Being encouraged to link what they have 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.
 - ❖ Predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.
 - Participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say.
 - Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.

Handwriting

- To write lower case and capital letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place with a good level of consistency.
- To sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly.
- To form capital letters.
- To form digits 0 to 9
- To understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English Appendix 2](#) by:
- Leaving spaces between words
- Joining words and joining clauses using and
- Beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
- Learning three grammar for year 1 in [English Appendix 2](#)
- Use the grammatical terminology in [English Appendix 2](#)

Writing Transcription

Pupils should be taught to:

- Spell
- ❖ Words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught.
- ❖ Common exception words
- ❖ Days of the week.

- Name the letters of the alphabet
- ❖ Naming the letters of the alphabet in order.
- ❖ Using 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 plural marker for nouns and the third person singular for verbs.
- ❖ Using the prefix un-
- ❖ Using –ing, -ed, -er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words.

- Apply simple spelling rules and guidance as listed in [English Appendix 1](#)
- Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and the common exception words taught so far.

Writing Composition

Pupils should be taught to:

- Write sentences by:
- ❖ Saying out loud what they are going to write about
- ❖ Composing a sentence orally before writing it
- ❖ Sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- ❖ Re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense.
- Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils.
- Read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.