



Key Learning in **Reading**



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What is Key Learning in Reading?

The *Key Learning in Reading* statements relate to the age appropriate reading skills, knowledge and understanding for each year group. These key pieces of learning will support pupils in becoming effective and reflective independent readers.

Where have they come from?

The Key Learning statements have been identified primarily from the National Curriculum 2014 programmes of study.

How are they different from the National Curriculum programmes of study?

The aim was to specify the key learning in reading for each year group, rather than age-phases in Key Stage 2. Further details have also been added to clarify and exemplify the statements in the programmes of study.

How might Key Learning in Reading be useful?

The *Key Learning* statements should help to focus whole class teaching and could be considered as unit objectives. Taught in the context of lively, engaging and creative units of work, they help to ensure that pupils make progress as readers. Teaching should ensure that skills are modelled and scaffolded and that pupils are given opportunities to apply them in a range of different contexts. Regular teaching of skills would normally take place through a combination of lively, engaging shared reading, focused, needs-based guided reading and the daily read-aloud programme. The texts used should be high quality, interesting, engaging and fascinating. Texts from a wide range of genres and authors should be read. Reading skills should be regularly applied across the curriculum.

Word Reading	Comprehension
As above and:	As above and:
Read aloud accurately books that	Developing pleasure in reading and motivation to read
are consistent with their developing	Listen to and discuss a range of texts at a level beyond that at which they can read independently, including stories, non-fiction and poems.
phonic knowledge.	Relate texts to own experiences.
Apply phonic knowledge and skills	Recognise and join in with language patterns and repetition.
as the route to decode words.	Use patterns and repetition to support oral retelling, e.g. fairy stories, traditional tales and stories by well-known authors.
Respond speedily with the correct	Orally retell familiar stories in a range of contexts e.g. small world, role play, storytelling.
sound to grapheme for the 44	Enjoy and recite rhymes and poems by heart.
phonemes.	Make personal reading choices and explain reasons for choices.
Recognise and use the different	
ways of pronouncing the same	Understanding books which they can read themselves and those which are read to them
grapheme; e.g. ow in snow and cow.	Introduce and discuss key vocabulary, linking meanings of new words to those already known.
Read accurately by blending	Activate prior knowledge e.g. what do you know about minibeasts?
sounds in unfamiliar words.	Check that texts make sense while reading and self-correct.
Read common exception words,	Develop and demonstrate their understanding of characters and events through role play and drama, drawing on language from the text.
noting tricky parts (see below).	Give opinions and support with reasons e.g. I like the Little Red Hen because she
Read words containing –s, -es, -ing,	Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.
<i>-ed, -er, -est</i> endings.	Demonstrate understanding of texts by answering questions related to who, what, where, when, why, how.
Split two and three syllable words	Identify and discuss the main events in stories.
into the separate syllables to	Identify and discuss the main characters in stories.
support blending for reading.	Recall specific information in fiction and non-fiction texts.
Read words with contractions e.g.	Locate parts of text that give particular information, e.g. titles, contents page and labelled diagram.
I'm, I'll, we'll and understand that	Discuss the title and how it relates to the events in the whole story e.g. Peace at Last by Jill Murphy.
the apostrophe represents the	Make basic inferences about what is being said and done.
omitted letter.	Make predictions based on what has been read so far.
Develop fluency, accuracy and	
confidence by re-reading books.	Participating in discussion
Read more challenging texts using	Listen to what others say.
phonics and common exception	■ Take turns.
word recognition.	

Word Reading	Comprehension
 Word Reading As above and: Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation. Re-read books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. Read frequently encountered words quickly and accurately without overt sounding and blending. Read accurately by blending the sounds in words, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain alternative sounds for grapheme e.g. shoulder, roundabout, grouping. Read longer and less familiar texts independently. Apply phonic knowledge and skills to read words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. Work out unfamiliar words by focusing on all letters in the word, e.g. not reading <i>place</i> for <i>palace</i>. Read words containing common suffixes e.g. <i>-mess, -ment, -ful, -less -ly, -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -y</i>. Read further common exception words, noting tricky parts (see below). 	As above and: Developing pleasure in reading and motivation to read I start, discuss and express views about a range of texts at a level beyond that at which they can read independently, including stories, non-fiction, and contemporary and classic poetry. Orally retell a wider range of stories, fairy tales and traditional tales. Sequence and discuss the main events in stories and recounts. Read a range of non-fiction texts which are structured in different ways, including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports. Read a range of non-fiction texts which are structured in different ways, including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports. Read a range of non-fiction texts which are structured in different ways, including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports. Read a range of non-fiction texts which are structured in different ways, including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports. Read a range of non-fiction texts which are structured in different ways, including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports. Reader anage of poems using appropriate intonation. Reader anage of poems using appropriate intronation. Reader anage of poems using appropriate intronation. Reader anage of poems using appropriate intronation. Reader anage of hoems using appropriate intronation. Reader anage of hoems using advices and texts. Reader anage of hoems using advices and they appropriate intronation. Reader anage and insteguestanding of unfamiliar words e.g. <i>terror</i> , <i>terrorised</i> . Reader and intronation when reading aloud. Reader the structure anage of non-fiction texts by asking and answering who, what, where, when, why, how question

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As above and:	As above and:
Read books at an age appropriate	Developing pleasure in reading and motivation to read
interest level.	Listen to and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction, e.g. fables, fairy tales, classic poetry, shape poetry, non-chronological reports, explanations.
Use knowledge of root words to	Regularly listen to whole novels read aloud by the teacher.
understand meanings of words.	Read a range of non-fiction texts, e.g. information, discussion, explanation, biography and persuasion.
Use prefixes to understand	Read books and texts for a range of purposes e.g. enjoyment, research, skills development, reference.
meanings e.g. <i>un-, dis-, mis-, re-</i> ,	Recognise some different forms of poetry e.g. narrative, calligrams, shape poems.
pre-, im-, in	Sequence and discuss the main events in stories.
Use suffixes to understand	Orally retell a range of stories, including less familiar fairy stories, fables and folk tales e.g. Grimm's Fairy Tales.
meanings e.g <i>ly, -ous</i> .	Identify and discuss themes e.g. good over evil, weak and strong, wise and foolish, mean and generous, rich and poor.
Read and understand words from	Identify and discuss conventions e.g. numbers three and seven in fairy tales, magical sentence repeated several times.
the Year 3 list (selected from the	Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.
statutory Year 3/4 word list) - see	
below.	Understanding the text
	Identify, discuss and collect favourite words and phrases which capture the reader's interest and imagination.
	Explain the meaning of unfamiliar words by using the context.
	Use dictionaries to check meanings of words they have read.
	Use intonation, tone and volume when reading aloud.
	Take note of punctuation when reading aloud.
	Discuss their understanding of the text.
	Raise questions during the reading process to deepen understanding e.g. I wonder why the character.
	Draw inferences around characters thoughts, feelings and actions, and justify with evidence from the text.
	Make predictions based on details stated.
	Justify responses to the text using the PE prompt (Point + Evidence).
	Discuss the purpose of paragraphs.
	Identify a key idea in a paragraph.
	Analyse and evaluate texts looking at language, structure and presentation e.g. <i>persuasive letter, diary and calligram</i> etc.
	Retrieving and recording information from non-fiction
	Prepare for research by identifying what is already known about the subject and key questions to structure the task.
	Evaluate how specific information is organised within a non-fiction text e.g. text boxes, contents, bullet points, glossary, diagrams.
	Quickly appraise a text to evaluate usefulness.
	Navigate texts in print and on screen.
	Record information from a range of non-fiction texts.
	Participating in discussion
	 Participate in discussion about what is read to them and books they have read independently.
	 Develop and agree on rules for effective discussion.
	 Take turns and listen to what others say.
	Make and respond to contributions in a variety of group situations e.g. whole class, pairs, guided groups, book circles.

Word Reading	Comprehension
As above and:	As above and:
Read books at an age appropriate	Developing pleasure in reading and motivation to read
interest level.	Listen to, read and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction in different forms e.g. fairy tales, folk tales, classic poetry, kennings, advertisements, formal
Use knowledge of root words to	speeches, magazines, electronic texts.
understand meanings of words.	Regularly listen to whole novels read aloud by the teacher.
Use prefixes to understand	Read books and texts, which are structured in different ways, for a range of purposes and respond in a variety of ways.
meanings e.g. in- , ir–, sub–, inter–	Learn a range of poems by heart and rehearse for performance.
super–, anti–, auto–.	Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.
Use suffixes to understand	Orally retell a range of stories, including less familiar fairy stories, myths and legends.
meanings e.g. –ation, - tion, –ssion, –cian, -sion.	Understanding the text
Read and understand words from	 Identify, discuss and collect effective words and phrases which capture the reader's interest and imagination e.g. metaphors, similes.
the Year 4 list (selected from the	 Explain the meaning of key vocabulary within the context of the text.
statutory Year 3/4 word list - see	 Use dictionaries to check meanings of words in the texts that they read.
below.	 Use punctuation to determine intonation and expression when reading aloud to a range of audiences.
	• Make predictions based on information stated and implied.
	Demonstrate active reading strategies e.g. generating questions, finding answers, refining thinking, modifying questions, constructing images.
	■ Justify responses to the text using the PE prompt (P oint + E vidence).
	Identify, analyse and discuss themes e.g. safe and dangerous, just and unjust, origins of the earth, its people and animals.
	Draw inferences around characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives, and justify with evidence from the text using point and evidence.
	■ Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these <i>e.g. character is evil because1/2/3 reasons, Clitheroe Castle is a worthwhile place to</i>
	visit because 1/2/3 reasons across a text.
	Analyse and evaluate texts looking at language, structure and presentation and how these contribute to meaning.
	Recognise and analyse different forms of poetry e.g. haiku, limericks, kennings.
	Retrieving and recording information from non-fiction
	Prepare for research by identifying what is already known about the subject and key questions to structure the task.
	Navigate texts, e.g. using contents and index pages, in order to locate and retrieve information in print and on screen.
	Record information from a range of non-fiction texts.
	Scan for dates, numbers and names.
	Analyse and evaluate how specific information is organised within a non-fiction text e.g. text boxes, sub-headings, contents, bullet points, glossary, diagrams.
	Explain how paragraphs are used to order or build up ideas, and how they are linked.
	Participating in discussion
	Participate in discussion about what is read to them and books they have read independently, taking turns and listening to what others say.
	Develop, agree on and evaluate rules for effective discussion.
	Make and respond to contributions in a variety of group situations e.g. whole class, independent reading groups, book circles.

Word Reading	Comprehension
As above and:	As above and:
Read books at an age appropriate	Maintaining positive attitudes to reading
interest level.	Listen to, read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction.
• Work out unfamiliar words by	Regularly listen to novels read aloud by the teacher from an increasing range of authors, which they may not choose themselves.
focusing on all letters in the word,	Independently read longer texts with sustained stamina and interest.
e.g. not reading invitation for	Recommend books to their peers with detailed reasons for their opinions.
imitation.	Express preferences about a wider range of books including modern fiction, traditional stories, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures.
Use knowledge of root words,	Learn a wider range of poems by heart.
prefixes and suffixes to investigate	Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and perform using dramatic effects.
how the meanings of words change	Understanding texts they read independently and those which are read to them
e.g. un+happy+ness,	Explain the meaning of new vocabulary within the context of the text.
dis+repute+able, dis+respect+ful,	Demonstrate active reading strategies e.g. challenging peers with questions, justifying opinions, responding to different viewpoints within a group.
re+engage+ment.	Use a reading journal to record on-going reflections and responses to personal reading.
Use suffixes to understand	Explore texts in groups and deepen comprehension through discussion.
meanings e.g. –cious, -tious, -tial, -	Provide reasoned justifications for their views.
cial.	Justify opinions and elaborate by referring to the text e.g. using the PEE prompt – Point+Evidence+Explanation.
Read and understand words from	Infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying inferences with evidence e.g. Point+Evidence+Explanation.
the Year 6 list (selected from the	Predict what might happen from information stated and implied.
statutory Year 5/6 word list) - see	Through close reading, re-read and read ahead to locate clues to support understanding and justify with evidence from the text.
below.	Make comparisons within and across texts e.g. similar events in different books such as being an evacuee in Carrie's War and Goodnight Mr Tom.
Use etymology to help the	Compare characters within and across texts.
pronunciation of new words e.g.	Compare texts written in different periods.
chef, chalet, machine, brochure –	Recognise themes within and across texts e.g. hope, peace, fortune, survival.
French in origin.	Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion across a range of texts e.g. first-hand account of an event compared with a reported example such as Samuel
	Pepys' diary and a history textbook.
	Skim for gist.
	• Scan for key information e.g. identify words and phrases which tell you the character is frustrated, or find words/phrases which suggest that a theme park is exciting.
	Use a combination of skimming, scanning and close reading across a text to locate specific detail.
	Retrieve, record, make notes and present information from non-fiction, including texts used in other subjects.
	Analyse the conventions of different types of writing e.g. use of dialogue to indicate geographical and/or historical settings for a story.
	Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning e.g. persuasive leaflet, balanced argument.
	Evaluating the impact of the author's use of language
	Explore, recognise and use the terms personification, analogy, style and effect.
	Explain the effect on the reader of the author's choice of language and reasons why the author may have selected these words, phrases and techniques.
	Participating in discussion and debate
	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.
	Prepare formal presentations individually or in groups.
	Use notes to support presentation of information.
	Respond to questions generated by a presentation.
	Participate in debates on issues related to reading (fiction/non-fiction).

English

Key Learning Indicators of Performance in Reading: Word Lists

Year 1 Common Exception Words						
the	а	do	to	today	of	
said	says	are	were	was	is	
his	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	and/or others according t	to the programme used			

Year 2 Commo	on Exception Words				
door	floor	poor	because	find	kind
mind	behind	child	children	wild	climb
most	only	both	old	cold	gold
hold	told	every	everybody	even	great
break	steak	pretty	beautiful	after	fast
last	past	father	class	grass	pass
plant	path	bath	hour	move	prove
improve	sure	sugar	eye	could	should
would	who	whole	any	many	clothes
busy	people	water	again	half	money
Mr	Mrs	parents	Christmas	- and/or others according to the programme used	

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Year 3					
accident(ally)	century	February	length	popular	strange
actual(ly)	circle	forward(s)	library	potatoes	thought
address	decide	fruit	minute	promise	through
answer	describe	heard	naughty	purpose	weight
arrive	early	heart	notice	quarter	woman/women
believe	earth	height	occasion(ally)	question	
bicycle	eight/eighth	history	often	reign	
centre	enough	learn	perhaps	sentence	

Year 4					
appear	continue	grammar	material	possible	suppose
breadth	different	group	medicine	pressure	surprise
breathe	difficult	guard	mention	probably	therefore
build	disappear	guide	natural	recent	though/although
busy/business	exercise	imagine	opposite	regular	
calendar	experience	important	ordinary	remember	
caught	experiment	increase	particular	separate	
certain	extreme	interest	peculiar	special	
complete	famous	island	position	straight	
consider	favourite	knowledge	possess(ion)	strength	

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Year 5					
apparent	cemetery	determined	explanation	interfere	оссиру
rhythm	amateur	communicate	develop	familiar	language
occur	secretary	ancient	community	dictionary	foreign
leisure	persuade	shoulder	available	conscience*	environment
forty	lightning	physical	soldier	average	convenience
equip (-ped, -ment)	government	muscle	programme	stomach	bargain
curiosity	excellent	hindrance	neighbour	queue	temperature
bruise	desperate	existence	individual	nuisance	recognise
twelfth	rhyme	vegetable			

Year 6					
accommodate	category	disastrous	immediate(ly)	privilege	sincere(ly)
accompany	committee	embarrass	interrupt	profession	sufficient
according	competition	especially	marvellous	pronunciation	suggest
achieve	conscious*	exaggerate	mischievous	recommend	symbol
aggressive	controversy	frequently	necessary	relevant	system
appreciate	correspond	guarantee	opportunity	restaurant	thorough
attached	criticise (critic + ise)	harass	parliament	sacrifice	variety
awkward	definite	identity	prejudice	signature	vehicle
yacht					

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