

Year 2 Expectations: Word Reading

- Decode automatically and fluently
- Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught
- Recognise and read alternative sounds for graphemes
- Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs
- Read words containing common suffixes
- Read further common exception words
- Read and notice unusual correspondence between grapheme and phoneme
- Read most words quickly and accurately when they have been frequently encountered without overt sounding and blending
- Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation
- Read books fluently and confidently

Year 2 Expectations: Reading Comprehension

- Talk about and give an opinion on a range of texts
- Discuss the sequence of events in books and how they are related to each other
- Use prior knowledge and context and vocabulary explored to understand texts
- Retell orally some stories, including fairy stories and traditional tales
- Read for meaning, checking that the text makes sense and correcting inaccurate reading
- Know and recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry
- Talk about favourite words and phrases.
- Increase repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear
- Answer and ask appropriate questions and make predictions on the basis of what has been read so far
- Draw simple inferences from illustrations, events and characters' actions and speech.

Year 2 Exceeding Expectations: Reading

- Enhance meaning through expression and intonation
- Identify and comment on main characters in stories and the way they relate to one another
- Self-correct, look backwards and forwards in the text and search for meaning
- Comment on the way characters relate to one another
- Show understanding of the main points of the text and re-tell the story
- Make sensible predictions about what is likely to happen in the story and to different characters
- Know how suspense and humour is built up in a story, including the development of the plot
- Recognise similarities in the plot or characters within different stories
- Extract information from non-fiction texts, appropriately using contents, index, chapters, headings and glossary
- Read poetry, using intonation and expression, and handle humour appropriately when needed