READING PROGRESSION

The pupil can:

Year 1

- read common exception words automatically including words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs
- read words with contractions and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)
- re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

In age-appropriate books, the pupil can read vocabulary and check 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
- recognising and joining in with predictable phrases

In a familiar book that they can already read accurately and fluently, the pupil can:

- self-correct inaccurate reading and ask questions to help make sense of the text
- retell the stories or recount orally information from texts and begin to make predictions and inferences about stores read to them

The pupil can:

Year 2

- read accurately most words of two or more syllables
- read most words containing common suffixes*
- read most common exception words.*

In age-appropriate books, the pupil can:

- read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words per minute
- sound out most unfamiliar words accurately, without undue hesitation.

In a familiar book that they can already read accurately and fluently, the pupil can:

- check it makes sense to them
- answer questions and make some inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.

The pupil can:

Year 3

- read books that are structured in different ways and read for a range of purposes
- use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read

In age-appropriate books, the pupil can:

- read most words fluently, with unfamiliar words accurately decoded
- read most common exception words accurately including those with unusual correspondences between spellings and sounds

In a familiar book that they can already read accurately and fluently, the pupil can:

- discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence
- make predictions from the texts they are reading and summarise the main points in a paragraph

Year 4

The pupil can:

- prepare texts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- discuss how knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes supports them in understanding the meaning of new words
- listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction books
- declare and justify personal preferences for writers and types of overall text
- offer personal opinions on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying with evidence
- show a clear understanding of texts read and is able to locate information from different parts of the text
- clearly summarise the main ideas within specific chapters and paragraphs
- identify simple themes within similar texts
- make reasonable predictions from details implied or deduced from the text
- comment on specific aspects of text structure and presentation features

Year 5

The pupil can:

- read age-appropriate books with confidence and fluency (including novels)
- effectively use a range of reading strategies to appropriately access different types of text
- apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes in understanding the meaning of new words
- read widely and frequently, outside as well as in school, for pleasure and information
- read and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction books
- decide on the quality and effectiveness of a text by skimming to gain an impression
- recommend books that they have read and give reasons for their choices
- move easily across a text in order to locate information to answer questions
- accurately summarise the main and supporting ideas within specific chapters and paragraphs
- recognise the key conventions used across particular text types
- accurately identify the purpose of different texts
- identify themes and support with evidence from the texts

Year 6

The pupil can:

novels)

read age-appropriate books with confidence and fluency (including whole

- read aloud with intonation that shows understanding
- work out the meaning of words from the context
- explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, drawing inferences and justifying these with evidence
- predict what might happen from details stated and implied
- retrieve information from non-fiction
- summarise main ideas, identifying key details and using quotations for illustration
- evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader
- make comparisons within and across books.