



English Progression of Skills Year 1

Spoken Language

- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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 and debates
- ✓ gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- ✓ consider different viewpoints, attending to and building on contributions of others
- ✓ select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ understand how words can combine to make sentences
- ✓ use the conjunction ‘and’ to link words and join clauses
- ✓ separate words with spaces
- ✓ begin to use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences
- ✓ use capital letters for names of people, places and the days of the week
- ✓ use a capital letter for the personal pronoun I
- ✓ use the word ‘because’ to explain
- ✓ use time words to aid sequencing (to be formally introduced as time adverbs through grammar work in year 3)

Terminology: letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark

Text Types

- Story
 - Familiar stories and traditional tales
- Recount
- Explanation text
- Rhymes
- Poem with simple repeated structure

Spelling

- ✓ spell words containing the 40+ phonemes taught
- ✓ spell the days of the week
- ✓ spell common exception words
- ✓ name letters of the alphabet in order
- ✓ use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of same sound
- ✓ use regular plural noun suffixes –s or –es
- ✓ add suffixes to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words
- ✓ know how the prefix un– changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives

Handwriting

- ✓ sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- ✓ form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place using *Read Write Inc* sayings
- ✓ form capital letters:
 - Straight line: E F H I L T
 - Straight and slant line: A K M N V W X Y Z
 - Straight and curly line: B D G J P Q R U
 - Curly line: C S O
- ✓ understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’:
 - long ladder (l, i, t, u, j, y)
 - one-armed robot (r, b, n, h, m, p)
 - curly caterpillar (c, a, d, o, g, q and s, e, f)
 - zig-zag (z, v, w, x)



Word Reading

- ✓ apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words
- ✓ respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes
- ✓ read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught
- ✓ read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- ✓ read words containing taught GPCs and –s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and –est endings
- ✓ read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs
- ✓ read words with contractions, and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)
- ✓ read books aloud, accurately that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words
- ✓ reread these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

Reading comprehension

Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding.

- ✓ listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- ✓ link what they read or hear to their own experiences
- ✓ become very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics

Retrieve

- Answer retrieval questions about a story
- Identify the main events or key points in a text
- Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them
- Participate in discussion about what is read to me, taking turns and listening to what others say

Deduce & Infer

- Recognise why a character is feeling a certain way
- Express opinions about main events and characters in a story
- Make simple predictions about the characters
- Link what is read or heard to their own experience, with support

Language for effect

- Discuss what new words mean, linking new meanings to those already known
- Appreciate rhymes and poems and perform some by heart
- Recognise repetition of language in their reading
- Recognise obvious story language- ‘once upon a time... big bad wolf...’ and recognise a range of patterns in texts, including stories, thymes and non- fiction

Themes & Conventions

- Familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics
- Identify and explain the difference between fiction and non-fiction

Writing: Composition, Cohesion and Effect

Planning

- ✓ say out loud what they are going to write about
- ✓ independently choose what to write about
- ✓ orally rehearse, plan and develop own imaginative ideas for settings and characters in stories, using ideas from reading for some incidents and events
- ✓ begin to plan stories with a simple structure: beginning/middle/end
- ✓ assemble information on a subject e.g. food, pets

Drafting and writing

Narrative

- ✓ compose a sentence orally before writing it
- ✓ write stories by sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- ✓ use time words to aid sequencing and organise events
- ✓ re-tell/imitate familiar stories and recounts events; include main events in sequence, focusing on who is in the event, where events take place and what happens in each event
- ✓ include story language and sentence patterns e.g. one day, suddenly
- ✓ continue and uses a repeating pattern
- ✓ list words and phrases to describe details of first hand experiences using senses
- ✓ make some choices of appropriate vocabulary
- ✓ act out stories and portrays characters and their motives

Poetry

- ✓ continue and use a repeating pattern in poetry writing

Non-narrative

- ✓ sequence sentences to write simple non-fiction text types linked to topics of interest/study or to personal experience
- ✓ begin to make some choices of appropriate vocabulary (e.g. defensive, wooden castle as opposed to haunted, spooky castle)
- ✓ use simple features correctly e.g. greeting in a letter, numbers in a list

Proof-reading, editing and evaluating

- ✓ discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils
- ✓ re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense and attempts to edit for sense.

Presenting

- ✓ read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by peers and teacher



English Progression of Skills Year 2

Spoken Language

- ✓ 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

Text types

Persuasive letter
Report
Poetry
Plays
Information texts



Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ form nouns using suffixes (–ness, –er) and by compounding e.g. snowman
- ✓ form adjectives using suffixes such as –ful, –less
- ✓ use suffixes –er, –est, –ly to turn adjectives into adverbs
- ✓ use conjunctions for subordination (when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (or, and, but)
- ✓ use expanded noun phrases for description and specification, e.g the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon
- ✓ understand how the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command
- ✓ use present tense/ past tense consistently throughout writing
- ✓ use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress, e.g. she is drumming, he was shouting
- ✓ use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences
- ✓ use commas to separate items in a list
- ✓ use apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns, e.g. the girl’s name

Terminology: noun, noun phrase, adjective, adverb, verb, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, past tense, present tense, apostrophe, comma

Spelling

- segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
- learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling
- add –ing, -ed, -er, -est
- add ‘-es’ to nouns and verbs ending in ‘y’
- add suffixes: -ful, -less, -ly, -ment, -ness
- homophones (there/ their/ they’re, to/too/two, here/hear)
- learn to spell words with contracted forms
- learn how to use the possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)

Handwriting

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters (starting with digraphs) and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- write capital letters of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters



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Word Reading

- ✓ continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent
- ✓ read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes
- ✓ read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above
- ✓ read words containing common suffixes
- ✓ read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- ✓ read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered
- ✓ read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation
- ✓ reread these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

Reading Comprehension

Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding.

- ✓ listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- ✓ discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related
- ✓ become increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales
- ✓ being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways

Retrieve

- Use text marking to support retrieval of information or ideas from texts
- Scan non-fiction pages to find a relevant section of text
- Use dictionaries to check the meanings of new words they have read

Deduce & Infer

- Discuss reasons for actions and events based on evidence in the text
- Empathise with different characters’ point of view in order to explain what characters are thinking/feeling and the way they act
- Make predictions based on knowledge form/of the text and wide connections
- Answer questions and make inferences using knowledge of real life situations

Language for effect

- Explain what has happened so far in what they have read
- Identify words and phrases that make the reader feel simple emotions.

Themes & Conventions

- Make links between books they are reading and other books they have read

Writing: Composition, Cohesion and Effect

Drafting and Writing

Develop positive attitudes to and stamina for writing by writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional), writing about real events, writing poetry and writing for different purposes.

Planning

- ✓ consider what they are going to write before beginning by:
 - planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
 - encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence
 - writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary
- ✓ plan own story with a logical sequence of events
- ✓ assemble information on a subject

Narratives

- ✓ imitate or adapt familiar stories about familiar characters
- ✓ write own story, grouping complete sentences together to tell each part
- ✓ select appropriate words/phrases and include relevant details that sustain the reader/listener’s interest, justifying choices
- ✓ explore characters’ feelings and situations, using role play and improvisation
- ✓ use some formal story language
- ✓ maintain consistency in tense
- ✓ write some dialogue (no expectation of speech punctuation)
- ✓ suggest viewpoint with brief comments or questions on actions or situations

Poetry

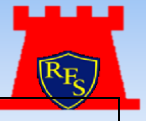
- ✓ choose words carefully for effect in poetry, e.g. use of alliteration
- ✓ write poems following a modelled style

Non-narrative

- ✓ write simple information texts incorporating labelled pictures and diagrams and use language appropriate to the text type
- ✓ use some features of the given form maintaining consistency in purpose and tense
- ✓ suggest viewpoint with brief comments or questions on actions or situations

Proof-reading, editing and evaluating

- ✓ make simple additions, revisions and corrections to writing by:
 - proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation
 - evaluating writing with the teacher and other pupils
 - re-reading to check writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently



Presenting

- ✓ read aloud what has been written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear



English Progression of Skills Year 3

Spoken Language

- ✓ 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

Text types

Myths and legends
 Folk tales
 Reference books
 Textbooks
 Dictionaries
 Non-fiction texts with contents and index pages
 Plays
 Letters
 Diary
 Instructions
 Poetry (free verse, narrative poetry)

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ form nouns using a range of prefixes, e.g. super-, anti-, auto-
- ✓ use 'a' or 'an' according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel, e.g. a rock, an open box
- ✓ understand word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning, e.g. solve, solution
- ✓ express time, place and cause using conjunctions, e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because, adverbs, e.g. then, next, soon, therefore, or prepositions, e.g. before, after, during, in, because of
- ✓ understand paragraphs as a way to group related material
- ✓ understand how headings and sub-headings aid presentation
- ✓ use present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past, e.g. 'He has gone out to play' contrasted with 'He went out to play'
- ✓ begin to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Terminology: preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter, inverted commas

(Formally introduce time adverbs (rather than time words))

Spelling

- add prefixes dis-, mis-, re-, sub-, tele-, super-, auto-
- add suffix '-ly' with root words ending in 'le' and 'ic'
- spell homophones

Handwriting

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting (for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch)



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Word Reading

- ✓ apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet
- ✓ read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

Reading Comprehension

Develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read.

- ✓ discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
- ✓ 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
- ✓ increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
- ✓ identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books

Retrieval

- Use text marking to support retrieval of information or ideas from longer pieces of text.
- Summarise key information including events or points from non fiction texts.
- Scan non-fiction pages to find a relevant section of a texts

Deduce & Infer

- Discuss reasons for actions and events based on evidence in the texts and using evidence from prior knowledge or experience
- Empathize with different characters’ point of view in order to explain multiple ways that characters may be thinking/feeling and how this changes the way they act
- Make plausible predictions based on knowledge from/of the text and wider connections

Language for effect

- Discuss understanding and explain the meanings of words in context
- Discuss words and phrases that capture the readers interest and imagination
- Identify where language is used to create mood, build tension or paint a picture

Themes & Conventions

- Identify main themes from more than one paragraph and summarise
- Recognise some different forms of poetry
- Identify themes and conventions in a range of books

In books read independently:

- ✓ check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
- ✓ ask questions to improve their understanding of a text
- ✓ draw inferences such as inferring characters’ feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justify inferences with evidence
- ✓ predict what might happen from details stated and implied
- ✓ identify main ideas drawn from more than 1 paragraph and summarise these
- ✓ identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
- ✓ retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- ✓ participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say

Writing: Composition, Cohesion and Effect

Write in a range of genres/forms, taking account of different audiences and purposes.

Planning

- ✓ compose and rehearse sentences orally, using a range of sentence structures
- ✓ rehearse dialogue
- ✓ discuss and record ideas
- ✓ identify key features in similar texts (structure, vocabulary and grammar)
- ✓ make decisions about how the plot will develop

Drafting and writing

Narrative

- ✓ create settings, characters and plot
- ✓ identify a clear structure for the story (opening, dilemma, resolution, ending)
- ✓ write an effective ending for a story
- ✓ organise paragraphs around a theme
- ✓ use range of sentence structures
- ✓ begin to use figurative language
- ✓ use some detail in the description of setting or characters’ feelings or motives
- ✓ use dialogue to reveal detail about character/ move the narrative forward
- ✓ attempt to adopt a viewpoint
- ✓ imitate authorial techniques gathered from reading narrative

Poetry

- ✓ write poems using the features of poetic forms studied

Non-narrative

- ✓ use simple organisational devices in non-narrative material, e.g. headings
- ✓ make notes from several sources of information and turn them into sentences
- ✓ group information, often moving from general to more specific detail
- ✓ begin to use paragraphs to group related materials
- ✓ use organisational devices to aid conciseness, e.g. numbered lists or headings
- ✓ attempt to adopt a viewpoint
- ✓ imitate authorial techniques gathered from reading
- ✓ select and use formal and informal styles and vocabulary appropriate to the purpose/reader

Proof-reading, editing and evaluating

- ✓ proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- ✓ evaluate and edit by proposing changes to vocabulary to improve consistency, showing awareness of the reader
- ✓ evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and other’s writing and suggesting improvements

Presenting

- ✓ read aloud own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the volume so that the meaning is clear



English Progression of Skills Year 4

Spoken Language

- ✓ 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

Text types

Poetry using similes
 Reference books
 Textbooks
 Dictionaries
 Myths and legends
 Folk tales
 Non-fiction texts with contents and index pages
 Plays
 Poetry (free verse, narrative poetry)
 Letters
 Diary
 Instructions
 Significant authors and poets

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ understand the grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s
- ✓ use Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms, e.g. *we were* instead of *we was*, or *I did* instead of *I done*
- ✓ expand noun phrases by adding modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
- ✓ use fronted adverbials, e.g. *Later that day, I heard the bad news.*
- ✓ use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
- ✓ choose appropriate pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
- ✓ use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech, e.g. a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: *The conductor shouted, “Sit down!”*
- ✓ use apostrophes to mark plural possession, e.g. the girl’s name, the girls’ names
- ✓ use commas after fronted adverbials

Terminology: determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial

Spelling

- spell words with endings sounding like –sion, -cian, -tion, -ssion
- add prefixes ‘in-’, ‘il-’, ‘im-’ and ‘ir-’
- add prefixes ‘anti-’ and ‘inter-’
- add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable (‘-ing’, ‘-er’, ‘-en’, ‘-ed’)
- add suffixes ‘-ous’, ‘-ly’ to words ending in ‘y’, ‘le’ and ‘ic’
- use possessive apostrophe with plurals
- spell homophones

Handwriting

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting (for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch)



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Word Reading

- ✓ apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet
- ✓ read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

Reading Comprehension

Develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read.

- ✓ discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
- ✓ 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
- ✓ increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
- ✓ identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books

Retrieval

- Use retrieval to answer questions which require the comprehension of multiple passages of text or scenes of narrative
- Be able to select appropriate information, which is accurate, and discard information that does not fit the parameters of the question
- Skim and scan to identify key ideas and answer questions from a text (non-fiction and fiction)
- Locate information quickly and effectively from range of sources by using techniques such as text marking and using the index

Deduce & Infer

- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied
- Draw inferences such as inferring characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences from evidence
- Discuss understanding and explain the meaning of words in context in relation to the above point.
- Summarise the qualities of characters by referencing multiple examples of inference and deduction.

Language for effect

- Identify structures of texts and deliberate choices in author’s language
- Talk about the author’s choice of language and structure and its effect on the reader in a wider range of texts.
- Discuss how and what the texts affects the reader by making reference to the author’s choice of language and/or structure

Themes & Conventions

- Read books that are structures in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
- Compare the structure of different stories to discover how they differ in pace, build up, sequence, complication and resolution

In books read independently:

- ✓ check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
- ✓ ask questions to improve their understanding of a text
- ✓ participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can

Writing: Composition, Cohesion and Effect

Write in a range of genres/forms, taking account of different audiences and purposes.

Planning

- ✓ compose and rehearse sentences orally, varying sentence structures
- ✓ rehearse dialogue
- ✓ discuss and record ideas
- ✓ identify key features in similar texts (structure, vocabulary and grammar)

Drafting and writing

Narrative

- ✓ create settings, characters and plot
- ✓ sequence events clearly to show how one event leads to another using appropriate grammatical structures and vocabulary
- ✓ use paragraphs shift to indicate a change in setting, character, time (rather than simply reflecting stages in planning)
- ✓ use Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms, e.g. *we were* instead of *we was*, or *I did* instead of *I done*
- ✓ include descriptive detail and make writing more vivid using specific nouns, adjectives, expanded noun phrases and figurative language (similes, metaphors)
- ✓ describe characters in such a way to provoke a particular feeling in the reader, e.g. sympathy or dislike
- ✓ develop mood and atmosphere using a range of vocabulary and dialogue between characters
- ✓ include details expressed in ways that engage the reader
- ✓ use techniques to get the reader on side (address them to engage or influence)
- ✓ imitate authorial techniques gathered from the reading of narrative texts

Poetry

- ✓ write poems imitating poetic structures studied
- ✓ include details expressed in ways that engage the reader

Non-narrative

- ✓ use simple organisational devices in non-narrative material, e.g. sub-headings
- ✓ organise or categorise information based on notes from several sources
- ✓ use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
- ✓ imitate authorial techniques gathered from reading
- ✓ use techniques to get the reader on side (address them to engage or persuade)

Proof-reading, editing and evaluating

- ✓ proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- ✓ evaluate and edit by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
- ✓ evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and other’s writing and suggesting improvements

Presenting

- ✓ read aloud own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the volume so that the meaning is clear



read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say

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English Progression of Skills Year 5

Spoken Language

- ✓ 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

Text Types

- Myths and legends
- Traditional stories
- Modern fiction
- Fiction from our literary heritage (pre 20th Century)
- Books from other cultures and traditions
- Poetry to learn by heart
- Poems using onomatopoeia, metaphor, personification
- Non-fiction
- Biography

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes, e.g. –ate; –ise; –ify
- ✓ understand verb prefixes, e.g. dis–, de–, mis–, over– and re–
- ✓ use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun
- ✓ indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs, e.g. *perhaps, surely, or* modal verbs, e.g. *might, should, will, must*
- ✓ use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph, e.g. *then, after that, this, firstly*
- ✓ link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, e.g. *later, place, e.g. nearby, and number, e.g. secondly, or tense choices, e.g. he had seen her before*
- ✓ use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
- ✓ use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity

Terminology: modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity

Spelling

- spell words with the letter string ‘ough’
- spell words ending in ‘-able’/ ‘-ably’ and ‘-ible’/‘-ibly’
- spell homophones
- spell words with ‘silent’ letters
- use spelling journals for etymology
- use a dictionary to support learning word roots, derivations and spelling patterns
- use strategies at the point of writing: using etymological/ morphological strategies for spelling

Handwriting

- write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
- choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task



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Reading Comprehension

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- read books that are structured in different ways
- read for a range of purposes
- increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions

Retrieval

- Ask questions to clarify understanding
- Skim and scan non-fiction texts at speed for research
- Talk confidently about the purpose of the text and the specific intentions of the author
- Use what I know about text structure to find information
- Identify, collate and discuss the key ideas and information from a range of sources
- Compare, contrast and evaluate different books
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Language for effect

- Recognise the use of irony and comment on the writer’s intention
- Discuss the difference between literal and figurative language and the effects of imagery
- Evaluate the success of a text providing evidence that refers to language, theme and style

Themes & Conventions

- Recognise language that is a feature of a particular genre and how this contributes to meaning
- Identify the purpose, audience and organization of different fiction/non-fiction
- Source fact and opinion in a range of texts

Writing: Composition, Cohesion and Effect

Write in a range of genres/forms, taking account of different audiences and purposes.

Planning

- identify the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using similar writing as models for their own
- note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
- consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed

Drafting and writing

Narrative

- précise longer passages
- use wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
- experiment with form in narrative writing e.g. flashbacks, alternative perspectives
- vary openings and endings in narrative e.g. use of dialogue, cliff hangers
- select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- vary pace of writing (different sentence lengths, moving between dialogue and reported speech, verb strings)
- use expressive and figurative language
- make use of structures that do not reflect spoken language
- develop some aspects of characterisation through what characters say and do
- describe setting, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action
- maintain style (appropriate to form, subject or audience) to sustain interest
- consider and evaluate different viewpoints (own and others’/biased and balanced)

Poetry

- use expressive and figurative language
- experiment with writing poetry using different forms

Non-narrative

- use organisational and presentational devices to structure text and guide reader
- construct appropriate introductions and conclusions
- maintain style (appropriate to form, subject or audience) to sustain interest
- develop ideas logically
- use features of a range of text types independently
- consider and evaluate different viewpoints (own and others’)

Proof-reading, editing and evaluating

- evaluate and edit by being able to:
 - assess the effectiveness of their own and other’s writing
 - propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
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Presenting

- perform own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear



English Progression of Skills Year 6

Spoken Language

- ✓ 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

Text Types

Myths and legends
 Traditional stories
 Modern fiction
 Fiction from our literary heritage
 Books from other cultures and traditions
 Poetry to learn by heart
 Poems with clear structure, e.g. haiku, sonnet, ballad
 Poems on a theme
 Non-fiction
 Auto-biography
 Novel with a film version

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- ✓ understand the difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing
- ✓ understand how words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms
- ✓ understand how use of the passive affects the presentation of information in a sentence
- ✓ link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections
- ✓ understand layout devices (headings, sub-heading, columns, bullets, tables)
- ✓ use a semi-colon, colon or dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses
- ✓ use colons to introduce a list and use semi-colons within lists
- ✓ use bullet points to list information
- ✓ understand how hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover]

Terminology: subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points

Spelling

- add suffixes beginning with vowels to words ending in ‘-fer’
- spell words with endings that sound like /ʃəs/ spelt ‘-cious’ or ‘-tious’
- spell words ending ‘-cial’ and ‘-tial’
- spell words ending in ‘-ant’, ‘-ance’ and ‘-ancy’
- spell words ending ‘-ent’, ‘-ence’ and ‘-ency’

Handwriting

- write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
- choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task



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- recommend books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices

Retrieval

- Checking that the book makes sense, discussing understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context
- Summarizing the main ideas, drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details, that support the main ideas
- Ask questions to improve understanding
- Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction
- Making comparisons within and across books
- Distinguish between statements of facts and opinions
- Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through informal presentations and debates

Deduce & Infer

- Predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
- Drawing inferences such as inferring characters feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
- Provide reasoned justifications for views
- Construct an opposing point of view using evidence to justify counter inferences.

Language for effect

- Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader

Themes & Conventions

- Participate in discussions about books, building on own and others ideas and challenging views courteously
- Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning
- Identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of texts.

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- ✓ consider how authors have developed characters and settings
- ✓ maintain a clear focus when selecting content to plan quickly and effectively

Drafting and writing

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- ✓ precise longer passages
- ✓ use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
- ✓ show flexibility in the use of narrative e.g. ability to experiment with story opening
- ✓ write a well-structured opening and appropriate ending
- ✓ understand the difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing
- ✓ select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- ✓ create vivid imagery through expressive and figurative language consistent with mood/atmosphere and develop these images throughout a narrative
- ✓ describe setting, characters and atmosphere
- ✓ integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action
- ✓ maintain interest for the reader through varied devices, structures and features
- ✓ develop points of view and 'authorial voice' e.g. asides to reader

Poetry

- ✓ create vivid imagery through expressive and figurative language consistent with mood/atmosphere and develop these images throughout a poem
- ✓ make appropriate use of structure in poetry, according to chosen form e.g. rhythmic or syllable patterns taking account of different audiences and purposes

Non-narrative

- ✓ use organisational and presentational devices to structure text and guide reader
- ✓ write well-structured introductions and appropriate conclusions
- ✓ use paragraphs purposefully to clearly structure main ideas across the text
- ✓ maintain interest for the reader through varied devices, structures and features
- ✓ choose appropriate presentational features to organise information and aid understanding
- ✓ develop points of view and 'authorial voice', e.g. viewpoints in discursive texts
- ✓ move between standard and non-standard forms of English appropriately
- ✓ choose register (formal/informal, personal/impersonal) appropriately and for effect

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