

Programme of Study – Word Reading



Year 1

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 [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)

Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words

Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

Year 2

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 correspondences 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

Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

Years 3 and 4

Pupils should be taught to:

Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in the Programme of Study - Spelling, 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

Years 5 and 6

Pupils should be taught to:

Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), as listed in the Programme of Study - Spelling, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.