

Aims

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment.

The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding & develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information;
- acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language & appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage;
- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences;
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas;
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

Key Stage 1

- A developing reader is gaining control of the reading process.
- Children within this stage link reading to their own experiences and are able to read simple texts independently.
- They show interest in a growing range of reading material and are able to branch out into a variety of books and other texts, which include simple information texts, poetry and picture books, as well as digital texts and print in the environment.
- Children apply their developing phonic knowledge when reading words containing known graphemes, recognising alternative graphemes for known phonemes and alternative pronunciations for graphemes, checking that the text makes sense.
- They read words containing common suffixes and contractions and understand their purpose.
- They have a more extensive vocabulary of sight words and fluency is beginning to develop through recognition of larger units within words.
- Children continue to develop self-correction strategies when reading does not make sense and are able to use more than one strategy.
- Children bring varied sources of information in order to enable them to make meaning of what they read. Their improved fluency enables them to comprehend more of what they are reading.
- Children reflect on their reading, respond personally to what they have read by drawing on personal connections to the texts.
- They evaluate the books they meet and are able to articulate views and preferences, making connections to other texts they have encountered.
- Older children at this stage are developing fluency as readers and are reading certain kinds of material with confidence, such as short books with simple narrative shapes and with illustrations. They will often re-read favourite books.

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

- Moderately fluent readers are well-launched on reading. They read with confidence for more sustained periods, but still need to return to a familiar range of texts, whilst at the same time beginning to explore new kinds of texts independently.
- Children at this stage will be looking at larger units of words to help them to decode more effectively and read more fluently.
- Moderately fluent readers are developing confidence in tackling new kinds of texts independently.
- They are showing evidence of growing enthusiasm for a wider range of reading material that they self-select; this may include but is not limited to information books, longer picture books, comics, graphic novels, age appropriate newspapers, short chapter books and a range of digital texts.
- They are likely to move between familiar and unfamiliar texts in their reading choices, linking new texts to others read, and to personal experiences.
- They are more confident to express opinions including likes, dislikes and challenges, as well as responding to the questions and listening to the views of others.
- Older readers at this stage may still need help with the reading demands of the classroom and especially with reading across the curriculum.
- As their reading experiences increase, children's reading strategies and the language cues of print begin to mesh and they take on more and more of the reading for themselves, bringing to the activity all they know and can do to make the text meaningful.

Year 4:

- Fluent readers are capable readers, who now approach familiar texts with confidence but still need support with unfamiliar materials.
- They are developing stamina as readers, are able to read for longer periods and cope with more demanding texts.
- They will begin to read silently and monitor their reading. This transition period is an important one: in the initial stages, they sub-vocalise the words reading at the same pace as if they were reading aloud, but with experience and maturity, the words become 'thoughts in the head' and the rate of reading increases. During this time children still need support and guidance.
- Children at this stage use a fuller range of cueing systems, relying less on phonics, and are able to identify larger units such as syllables, using these to decode unknown words.
- Their increased fluency aids comprehension and allows them to start to self-correct.
- Readers within this stage are confident and independent with familiar kinds of texts, such as shorter chapter books, but may need support with the reading demands of information texts or longer and more complex fiction, poetry and digital texts. They select books independently and can use information books and materials for straightforward reference purposes, but still need help with unfamiliar material.
- Children's growing understanding of poetry, stories and texts of different sorts is revealed through discussion and writing.

- They are willing to reflect on reading and often use reading in their own learning.
- They are receptive to the views of others and engage in discussions about texts and their impact.
- They begin to infer beyond the literal from books and stories read independently.

Year 5:

- Experienced readers are avid readers; making choices from a wide range of material. They are comfortable with reading both silently and aloud to others.
- Students at this stage are fully launched as readers; they are able to read a wide range of texts independently and with ease.
- They are more able to cross check across a range of cues to ensure comprehension.
- They can confidently break up words in ways that support them in decoding unknown vocabulary without impeding their fluency.
- They are likely to be developing strong reading preferences and showing interest in new authors and genres.
- They recommend books to others based on their own reading preferences, giving reasons for their choices.
- They ask questions to enhance their understanding of the text and are able to make comparisons within and across different texts.
- They are more able to appreciate nuances and subtleties in text.
- Through discussion and in writing about their reading, they show that they are able to read between the lines and make explicit connections with other reading and personal experience, such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying their inferences with evidence.

Year 6:

- Independent readers are self-motivated, confident and experienced, and may be pursuing particular interests through reading.
- They are capable of tackling some demanding texts and can cope well with the reading of the wider curriculum. They read thoughtfully and appreciate shades of meaning.
- They are capable of locating, retrieving and drawing on a variety of sources in order to research a topic independently and of presenting information to the reader. Across a range of texts, they can distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.
- Students at this stage will be willing to take on more extended and more challenging texts. They become more fluent and experienced across the wide range of reading demands that exist in the primary classroom.
- They make predictions based on details stated and implied. With encouragement, these children become more critical of what they read, and what writers have to say, as well as beginning to notice the effect that writing has on them as a reader.
- They comment on how organisational structures and language, including figurative language, are used to contribute to meaning and how this impacts on the reader.
- They express views formed through both independent reading and the books that are read to them, explaining and justifying personal opinions, and courteously challenge those of others whose views may differ from those of their own.

St James' CofE Juniors – Reading

	Year 3 Reader	Year 4 Reader	Year 5 Reader	Year 6 Reader
Progression and Assessment Criteria	Attitudes - Enjoy listening to and discuss a wide range of texts including fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction which are age appropriate and beyond. - Discuss with others why they like particular books or authors, giving reasons. - Sustain their reading for enjoyment and to identify their personal preferences. - In age-appropriate texts, begin to read for a range of purposes. - Increase familiarity with a range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends. Fluency - Read, with fluency and automaticity, a range of age-appropriate text types. - Read with a growing awareness of a wider range of punctuation. - Read at a speed sufficient enough for them to focus on understanding. - Show a growing use of expression, intonation and volume. - Start to read multi-clause sentences using re-reading to develop control. - In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. - Prepare and recite age appropriate poetry and plays, with increasing accuracy and a growing use of intonation and expression. Word Reading (Decoding) - When reading age appropriate Year 3 texts: - Know the full range of GPCs, and use phonic skills consistently and automatically to address unfamiliar or challenging words. - Read most (80%) of the Year 3/4 common exception words by sight (including all those in the Year 2 Spelling appendix) noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound. - Determine the meaning of new words by sometimes applying knowledge of root words and their affixes e.g. disagree, misbehave, incorrect. - For those who did not pass year 1 phonics screening: Read real and pseudo words using graphemes from phases 2,3,4 and 5 Letters and sounds. - Score 35 or above on the phonics screening. (Official pass 32, Hardwick "secure" 35)	Attitudes - Enjoy listening to and discuss a wide range of texts including fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction which are age appropriate and beyond. - Discuss with others their feelings and opinions about different authors, books, genres and poetry. - Sustain their reading for enjoyment and to give a reason when identifying their personal preferences. - In age-appropriate texts, begin to read for a range of purposes. - Increase familiarity with a range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends. Fluency - Read, with fluency and automaticity, a range of age-appropriate text types. - Read with an awareness of a wider range of punctuation. - Read at a speed sufficient enough for them to focus on understanding. - Read using expression, intonation and are developing their use of volume. - Read multi-clause sentences with increasing control, re-reading where necessary. - In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. - Prepare and recite age appropriate poetry and plays, which has been learnt by heart, with a growing use of intonation and expression. Word Reading (Decoding) - When reading age appropriate Year 4 texts: - Know the full range of GPCs, and use phonic skills consistently and automatically to address unfamiliar or challenging words. - Read all of the Year 3/4 common exception words by sight noting unusual correspondence between spelling and sound. - Determine the meaning of new words by sometimes applying knowledge of root words and their affixes e.g. disagree, misbehave, incorrect. - For those who did not pass year 1 phonics screening: Read real and pseudo words using graphemes from phases 2,3,4 and 5 Letters and sounds. - Score 35 or above on the phonics screening. (Official pass 32, Hardwick "secure" 35)	Attitudes - Enjoy listening to a range of texts that are age appropriate and beyond. - Talk about a range of book and author preferences referring to details and examples in the text. - Share authors and book choices with their peers, offering recommendations and giving reasons why. - In age-appropriate texts, read for a range of purposes. - Increase familiarity with a wide range of books including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions. Fluency - Fluently and effortlessly reads a wide range of age-appropriate texts. - Develop good phrasing; adhering to punctuation, stress and intonation. - Read at a conversational pace throughout the reading. - Read with varied volume, intonation and expression. - Read complex sentences with increasing control. - In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. - Recite age appropriate poetry and plays, which has been learnt by heart, using varied volume, intonation and expression. Word Reading (Decoding) - When reading age appropriate Year 5 texts: - Know securely the different pronunciations of words with the same letter-string e.g. bought, rough, cough, though, plough. - Determine the meaning of new words by applying morphological knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. suspect/suspicious, change/changeable, receive/reception. - For those who did not pass year 1 phonics screening: Read real and pseudo words using graphemes from phases 2,3,4 and 5 Letters and sounds. - Score 35 or above on the phonics screening. (Official pass 32, Hardwick "secure" 35)	Attitudes - Enjoy listening to a range of texts that are age appropriate and beyond. - Discuss their personal reading with others and their personal response to their reading, challenging the views of others and supporting their ideas with evidence. - Share enthusiasm and new finds. - In age-appropriate texts, read for a range of purposes. - Increase familiarity with a wide range of books including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions. Fluency - Fluently and effortlessly read a full range of age-appropriate texts. - Read with good phrasing; adhering to punctuation, stress and intonation. - Read at conversational pace throughout the reading. - Read confidently with varied volume and expression across a range of text types - Read complex sentences with control. - In age-appropriate texts, they check reading makes sense to them, correcting any inaccurate reading. - Recite age appropriate poems and plays confidently with varied volume and expression so that the meaning is clear to an audience. Word Reading (Decoding) - When reading age appropriate Year 6 texts: - Determine the meaning of new words by applying morphological knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. ambitious, infectious, observation, innocence. - For those who did not pass year 1 phonics screening: Read real and pseudo words using graphemes from phases 2,3,4 and 5 Letters and sounds. - Score 35 or above on the phonics screening. 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St James' CofE Juniors – Reading

	Year 3 Reader	Year 4 Reader	Year 5 Reader	Year 6 Reader
Progression and Assessment Criteria	Stamina - Extend the range of books to independently read by browsing and selecting texts. Comprehension - Vocabulary - Identify where an author uses alternatives and synonyms for common or over used words and speculates about the shades of meaning implied. - Develop further strategies to find the meaning of an unfamiliar word, both in fiction and non-fiction, and checks whether a suggested meaning of an unfamiliar word makes sense in the context of the text. (E.g. Practises re-reading a sentence and reading on in order to locate or infer the meaning of unfamiliar words.) - Locate words in a dictionary by the first two letters. Comprehension - Retrieval - Skim opening sentences of each paragraph to get an overview of a page or section of text. - Scan contents, indexes and pages to locate and record specific non-fiction information. - Identify sections of a text needed to read carefully in order to find specific information or answer the question. - Clarify their understanding of events, ideas and topics by asking questions about them. Comprehension – Inference (Justifying Evidence) - Link what they read to their knowledge and experience of a topic and to their knowledge of similar texts. - Ask questions to develop understanding of characters' feelings, thoughts and motives as a result of their actions or events. - Think about clues and hints they have picked up on to begin to make inferences about events and characters. Comprehension - Predicting - Make predictions about a text based on prior knowledge of the topic, event or type of text. Modify predictions as they read on based on what is stated and implied.	Stamina - Developing their reading stamina as they read longer and more challenging texts. Comprehension - Vocabulary - Consider a writer's use of specific and precise vocabulary, including the meaning of technical or subject specific words (for example nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs) and discuss the meanings conveyed. - Identify unfamiliar vocabulary in a text and adopts appropriate strategies to locate or infer the meaning. (E.g. re-reading surrounding sentences and/or paragraphs to identify an explanation or develop a sensible inference, by identifying root words and derivatives, using the context and syntax, or using aids such as glossaries or dictionaries.) - Locate words in a dictionary by the third and fourth place letters. Comprehension - Retrieval - Skim reads a text to get an overview of it. - Scan for key words, phrases and headings to decide which sections of text to read more carefully to fulfil a particular purpose e.g. to summarise a text. - Identify sections of a text needed to read carefully in order to find specific information or answer the question. - Identify elements of a text which they do not understand and asks questions about it. Comprehension – Inference (Justifying Evidence) - Link what they read reading to prior knowledge and experience and to their knowledge of similar texts. - Ask questions to clarify their understanding of what is implied about main ideas, themes and events in texts they have read. - Think about what they've read and re-reads sections of the text to find evidence to support their interpretations of characters and events. Comprehension - Predicting - Make predictions about the events, characters or ideas in a text throughout their reading. Modify predictions on a regular basis throughout their reading based on what is stated and implied.	Stamina - Able to plan personal reading goals which reflect their interests and extend their range. Comprehension - Vocabulary - Distinguish between everyday word meanings and their subject specific use, e.g. the specific meaning of force in scientific texts. - Identify when they do not understand the vocabulary used in a text and uses taught strategies to check the plausibility and accuracy of their explanation or inference of the word to clarify the meaning. (E.g. re – reading, reading on, using the context). - Use dictionaries effectively to locate word meanings and other information about words, e.g. by using alphabetical order, understanding abbreviations, determining which definition is the most relevant to the context. Comprehension - Retrieval - Retrieve, record and present information accurately through skimming to gain an overall sense of the text. - Scan texts to gain specific information and identify sections of text to read more carefully/reads on as appropriate. - Carefully reads sections of text to research information and to answer questions, distinguishing between fact and opinion. - Ask questions to clarify their understanding of words, phrases, events and ideas in different texts. Comprehension – Inference (Justifying Evidence) - Find evidence and uses this to explain how and why it shows that a character's mood has changed over time. - Refer to the text when asking questions to understand what is implied about main ideas and details. - Deduce the reasons for the way that characters behave throughout the text. Comprehension - Predicting - Make regular and increasingly plausible predictions as they read. Modify their ideas as they read the next part of the text based on what is stated and implied.	Stamina - Developing their reading stamina and completes the independent reading of some longer texts. Comprehension - Vocabulary - Collect unfamiliar vocabulary from texts they have read, including technical vocabulary met in other subjects, defining meanings and using the vocabulary when recording ideas about the text. - Identify when they do not understand the vocabulary used in a text and uses taught strategies to check the plausibility and accuracy of their explanation or inference of the word to clarify the meaning. (E.g. re – reading, reading on, using the context, knowledge of syntax or word roots). - Use dictionaries, glossaries and other alphabetically ordered texts confidently and efficiently in order to locate information about words met in reading. - Identify the most appropriate meaning of a word used in a text from alternative definitions given in a dictionary. Comprehension - Retrieval - To skim and scan to retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts. - Evaluate the value of a text for an identified purpose drawing on information acquired by skimming and scanning. - Carefully reads sections of text to research information and to answer questions, distinguishing between fact and opinion. - Ask questions to clarify their understanding of words, phrases, events and ideas in different texts. Comprehension – Inference (Justifying Evidence) - Find evidence and uses this to explain how it shows a character's thoughts and motives and the atmosphere of the text. - Ask questions to clarify and explore their understanding of what is implied in the text. - Refer to dialogue and description to make judgements about a character's motivations and attitudes. Comprehension - Predicting - Make plausible predictions and explains what they are basing them on. - Discuss how and why they need to modify their predictions as they read on based on what is stated and implied.

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