Reading Progression:

Reading progression for academic year 2024/2025 will be aligned to RWInc for EYFS to Year 4 and then follow the progression below for Years 5 and 6.

	Year 5	Year 6	
Decoding and Word Reading	To read most words fluently and decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed, recognising their meaning through contextual	Be familiar with most spelling patterns, including complex ones that they come across in reading.	
	clues.	To decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning	
	Apply growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings including – sion, -cial, -tial, - ant/-ance/-ancy, - ent/-ence/-ency, - able/-ably and – ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.	through contextual cues.	
Common Exception Words	To read most Y5/Y6 common exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.	To read all of the Y5/Y6 common exception words, discussing the unusual correspondence between spelling and where these occur in the word.	
Fluency	At this stage, teaching comprehension skills should be taking precedence over teaching word reading and fluency specifically. Any focus on word reading should support the development of vocabulary.		
	To read with appropriate phrasing, expression, pace and smoothness when accessing increasingly challenging age-related reading books.	To read with appropriate phrasing, expression, pace and smoothness when accessing increasingly challenging age-related reading books.	
	To show understanding by drawing on what they already know or on background	To show understanding by drawing on what they already know or on background information and	

	information and vocabulary provided by the	vocabulary provided by the teacher. To check that
	teacher. To check that the text makes sense to	the text makes sense to them as they read and to
	them as they read and to correct inaccurate	correct inaccurate reading.
	reading.	
Words in Context and Authorial	To discuss vocabulary used by the author to	To analyse and evaluate the use of language,
Choice	create effect including figurative language.	including figurative language and how it is used
		for effect, using technical terminology such as
	To evaluate the use of authors' language and	metaphor, simile, analogy, imagery, style and
	explain how it has created an impact on the	effect
	reader.	
Comparing, Contrasting and	Continue to read a wide range of genres,	Maintain positive attitudes to reading and
Commenting	identifying the characteristics of text types	understanding of what they have read by reading
	(such as the use of the first person in writing	and discussing an increasingly wide range of
	diaries and autobiographies) and differences	fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction, reference
	between text types.	books or textbooks.
	Continue to read books that are structured in	Read a broad range of books that are structured
	different ways and for a range or purposes.	in different ways and for a range of purposes.
	Identify themes and conventions in a wide	Identify themes and conventions in a wide range
	range of writing.	of writing. Recognising more complex themes in
		what they read (loss or heroism). Making
	Checking that the text makes sense to them,	comparisons within and across books.
	discussing their understanding and explaining	
	the meaning of the words in context.	Asking questions to improve their understanding.
		Providing reasoned justifications for their views.
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	understanding.	Discuss and evaluate how authors use language
		including figurative language, considering the
		impact on the reader.

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	language including figurative language.	Summarising the main idea drawn from more
		than one paragraph, identifying the key details
	Summarising the main idea drawn from more	that support the main ideas.
	than one paragraph.	
		Identify how language, structure and
	Identify how language, structure and	presentation contribute to meaning.
	presentation contribute to meaning.	
		Retrieve, record and present information from
	Retrieve, record and present information from	non-fiction. Distinguish between statements of
	non-fiction.	facts and opinions.
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		Compare characters, settings and themes within
		a text and across more than one text.
Discussion	Participate in discussion about both books	Participate in discussion about both books that
	that are read to them and those they can read	are read to them and those they can read for
	for themselves, building on their own and	themselves, building on their own and other's
	other's ideas.	ideas and challenging views courteously.
	Explain and discuss their understanding of	Explain and discuss their understanding of what
	what they have read, including through formal	they have read, including through formal
	presentations and debates.	presentations and debates, maintaining focus
		on the topic and using notes where necessary.
	Recommend texts to peers based on personal	
	choice.	
Inference and Prediction	To draw inferences from characters' feelings,	To consider different accounts of the same event
	thoughts and motives that justifies their	and to discuss viewpoints (both of authors and of
	actions, supporting their views with evidence	fictional characters).
	from the text.	
		To discuss how characters change and develop

	To make predictions based on details stated	through texts by drawing inferences based on
	and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text.	indirect clues.
Range of Texts and Familiarity	To 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.	To 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. To identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of texts.
Poetry and Performance	To continually show an awareness of audience when reading out loud using intonation, tone, volume and action.	To confidently perform texts (including poems learnt by heart) using a wide range of devices to engage the audience and for effect.
Non-fiction	To use knowledge of texts and organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and nonfiction texts.	To retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts. To use non-fiction materials for purposeful information retrieval (e.g. in reading history, geography and science textbooks) and in contexts where pupils are genuinely motivated to find out information (e.g. reading information leaflets before a gallery or museum visit or
		reading a theatre programme or review).