Word Reading Progression

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Understand the five	Say a sound for each	Apply phonic	Apply phonic	Apply their growing	Apply their growing	Apply their growing	Apply their growing
key concepts about	letter in the alphabet	knowledge to decode	decoding until	knowledge of root	knowledge of root	knowledge of root	knowledge of root
print:	and at least 10	words.	automatic and	words, prefixes and	words, prefixes and	words, prefixes and	words, prefixes and
 print has meaning 	digraphs		reading is fluent.	suffixes (morphology	suffixes (morphology	suffixes (morphology	suffixes (morphology
• print can have		Read aloud phonically		and etymology), both	and etymology), both	and etymology), both	and etymology), both
different purposes	Read words consistent	decodable texts.	Read common suffixes	to read aloud and to	to read aloud and to	to read aloud and to	to read aloud and to
• we read English text	with their phonic		(-s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er, –	understand the	understand the	understand the	understand the
from left to right and	knowledge by sound-	Re-read books to	est, -y, -er, -ment, -ful,	meaning of new	meaning of new	meaning of new	meaning of new
from	blending	build fluency and	-ness, -less, -ly).	words they meet.	words they meet.	words they meet.	words they meet.
top to bottom		confidence.					
• the names of the	Read aloud simple		Re-read books to	Read further exception	Read further exception		
different parts of a	sentences and books	Read simple sentences	build fluency and	words noting the	words noting the		
book	that are consistent	and understand the	confidence in word	unusual	unusual		
 page sequencing 	with their phonic	meaning inc. what a	reading.	correspondences	correspondences		
	knowledge, including	pronoun is.		between spelling and	between spelling and		
Develop their	some common		Note punctuation to	sound, and where	sound, and where		
phonological	exception words.	Speedily read al 40+	read with appropriate	these occur in the	these occur in the		
awareness, so that		letters/ groups for	expression.	word. Taught through	word. Taught through		
they can:		40+ phonemes inc.		spelling.	spelling.		
 spot and suggest 		alternative sounds for	Read accurately by				
rhymes		graphemes.	blending, inc.				
• count or clap			alternative sounds for				
syllables in a word		Read Y1 common	graphemes.				
recognise words		exception words					
with the same initial		noting unusual	Read Y2 common				
sound,		correspondence	exception words,				
such as money and		between spelling and	noting unusual				
mother		sound (identifying	correspondence.				
		where they appear).					

Engage in extended	Read polysyllabic	Read aloud books	
conversations about	words containing	matched to phonic	
stories, learning new	taught GPCs.	knowledge by	
vocabulary.		sounding unfamiliar	
	Read common suffixes	words automatically.	
	(-s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er		
	and -est).	Read polysyllabic	
		words containing	
	Read contractions and	above graphemes.	
	understand that the		
	apostrophe represents	Read most words	
	omitted letters.	quickly and accurately	
		without overt	
	Read accurately by	sounding and	
	blending taught GPCs.	blending.	
	Develop some fluency		
	and expression,		
	pausing at full stops.		