

English Progression of Skills

SPEAKING AND LISTENING					
Early Years	Years 1 to 6				
Listening and attention ELG	Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers.				
Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and	Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge.				
actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.	Use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary.				
Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.	Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions.				
Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-	Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings.				
forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.	Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments.				
Speaking ELG					
Hold conversation when engaged in back-and- forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.	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.

READING – Word Recognition							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound blending; read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.	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.	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	both to read aloud and t meaning of new words the Read further exception v	mology and morphology) o understand the hey meet. vords, noting the unusual en spelling and sound, and	Apply their growing kno prefixes and suffixes (m both to read aloud and meaning of new words to	orphology and etymology to understand the	

Read words containing	Read words containing	
taught GPCs and -s,	common suffixes	
-es, -ing, -ed, -er and	read further common	
-est endings read other	exception words,	
words of more than	noting unusual	
one syllable that	correspondences	
contain taught GPCs.	between spelling and	
	sound and where these	
Read words with	occur in the word.	
contractions [for		
example, I'm, I'll, we'll],	Read most words	
and understand that	quickly and accurately,	
the apostrophe	without overt sounding	
represents the omitted	and blending, when	
letter(s).	they have been	
	frequently	
Read aloud accurately	encountered.	
books that are		
consistent with their	Read aloud books	
developing phonic	closely matched to	
knowledge and that do	their improving phonic	
not require them to use	knowledge, sounding	
other strategies to	out unfamiliar words	
work out words.	accurately,	
	automatically and	
Re-read these books to	without undue	
build up their fluency	hesitation.	
and confidence in word		
reading.	Re-read these books to	
	build up their fluency	
	and confidence in word	
	reading.	

READING – Comprehension						
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Comprehension ELG Demonstrate	Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and	Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and	Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:		Maintain positive attitud understanding of what th	ney read by:
understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their	understanding by: Listening to and discussing a wide range	Listening to, discussing and expressing views	Listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.		Continuing to read and d wide range of fiction, po- and reference books or t	etry, plays, non-fiction extbooks.
own words and recently introduced vocabulary.	of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read	about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a	ways and reading for a range of purposes.		Reading books that are s ways and reading for a ra	ange of purposes.
Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories.	independently. Being encouraged to link what they read or	level beyond that at which they can read independently.	Using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read. Increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends,		books, including myths, I stories, modern fiction, f heritage, and books from traditions.	egends and traditional iction from our literary
Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about	hear read to their own experiences. Becoming very familiar	Discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are	and retelling some of these orally. Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books preparing poems and play scripts.		Recommending books the their peers, giving reason	s for their choices.
stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.	with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their	related. Becoming increasingly familiar with and	Reading aloud and to per understanding through in and action.		Identifying and discussin conventions in and acros writing.	
	particular characteristics. Recognising and	retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales.	Discussing words and phr reader's interest and ima	•	Making comparisons with learning a wider range of Preparing poems and pla	poetry by heart.
	joining in with predictable phrases.	Being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways.	Recognising some differe example, free verse, narr		and to perform, showing through intonation, tone the meaning is clear to a	and volume so that
	Learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart.	Recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry.			Understand what they re Checking that the book m discussing their understa meaning of words in con	nakes sense to them, nding and exploring the

Discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known.

Understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:

Drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher.

Checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading.

Discussing the significance of the title and events.

Making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. Discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary.

Discussing their favourite words and phrases.

Continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.

Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:

Drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary.

Provided by the teacher.

Checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading.

Asking questions to improve their understanding of a text.

Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.

Predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.

Identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these.

Identifying 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.

Asking questions to improve their understanding.

Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.

Predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.

Summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas.

Identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

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

Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.

Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.

Participate in discussions about books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, building on their own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously.

Explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary.

Provide reasoned justifications for their views.

Pro	edicting what	Making inferences	
	ight happen on	on the basis of	
the	e basis of what	what is being said	
ha	is been read so	and done.	
far	r.		
		Answering and	
Pa	articipate in	asking questions.	
dis	scussion about		
wh	hat is read to	Predicting what	
the	em, taking turns	might happen on	
an	nd listening to	the basis of what	
wh	hat others say.	has been read so	
		far.	
Ex	plain clearly		
the	eir	Participate in	
un	nderstanding of	discussion about	
wh	hat is read to	books, poems and	
the	em.	other works that	
		are read to them	
		and those that	
		they can read for	
		themselves, taking	
		turns and listening	
		to what others say	
		explain and discuss	
		their understanding	
		of books, poems and	
		other material, both	
		those that they listen	
		to and those that they	
		read for themselves.	

WRITING – Transcription							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Writing ELG	Spell:	Spell by:	Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1).		Use further prefixes and the guidance for adding	d suffixes and understand them.	
Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be ready by others.	Words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught. Common exception words. The days of the week. Name the letters of the alphabet: Naming the letters of the alphabet in order using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound Add prefixes and suffixes: Using the spelling rule for adding —s or —es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs.	Segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly. Learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones. Learning to spell common exception words. Learning to spell more words with contracted forms. Learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book]. Distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones.	Spell further homophone Spell words that are ofter Appendix 1). Place the possessive aport words with regular plurat boys'] and in words with example, children's]. Use the first two or three check its spelling in a dic	es. en misspelt (English estrophe accurately in els [for example, girls', el irregular plurals [for eletters of a word to tionary. ple sentences, dictated by	Spell some words with 'example, knight, psalm, Continue to distinguish and other words which Use knowledge of morp spelling and understand	silent' letters [for solemn]. between homophones are often confused. shology and etymology in that the spelling of some at specifically, as listed in sk the spelling and	

WRITING – Handwriting							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
ELG Fine motor	Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil	Form lower-case letters of the correct size	Use the diagonal and hor needed to join letters and		Write legibly, fluently a by:	nd with increasing speed	
Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing.	comfortably and correctly.	relative to one another. Start using some of the	letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.		Choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to		
Using the tripod grip in almost all cases; use a	Begin to form lower- case letters in the correct direction,	diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand	Increase the legibility, co their handwriting [for exa the down strokes of lette	ample, by ensuring that	specific little. Choosing the writing im	plement that is best suited	
range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery.	starting and finishing in the right place. Form capital letters.	which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.	equidistant; that lines of sufficiently so that the as of letters do not touch].		for a task.		
Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.	Form digits 0-9.						

Understand which	Write capital letters
letters belong to which	and digits of the correct
handwriting 'families'	size, orientation and
(i.e. letters that are	relationship to one
formed in similar ways)	another and to lower
and to practise these.	case letters
	use spacing between
	words that reflects the
	size of the letters.

Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Writing ELG	Write sentences by:	Develop positive attitudes towards	Plan their writing by:		Plan their writing	by:
Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.	Saying out loud what they are going to write about.	and stamina for writing by: Writing narratives		ilar to that which they are der to understand and e, vocabulary and	writing, selecting	dience for and purpose of the the appropriate form and using as models for their own.
Spell words by identifying sounds in	Composing a sentence orally before writing it.	about personal experiences and those of others (real and	Discussing and record	ng ideas.	_	ping initial ideas, drawing on rch where necessary.
them and representing the sounds with a letter	Sequencing sentences to form short narratives.	fictional).	Draft and write by:		_	es, considering how authors naracters and settings in what
or letters.	Re-reading what they	Writing about real events.	Composing and rehea (including dialogue), p	rsing sentences orally progressively building a		listened to or seen performed.
Write simple phrases and sentences that can	have written to check that it makes sense.	Writing poetry.	varied and rich vocable range of sentence stru		Draft and write by	:
be read by others.	Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils	Writing for different purposes.	Organising paragraphs in narratives, creating plot.	s around a theme settings, characters and	Selecting appropri vocabulary, under can change and er	standing how such choices
read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.		Consider what they are going to write before beginning by:			and atmosphere a	ribing settings, characters nd integrating dialogue to and advance the action.

Planning or saying out In non-narrative material, using simple Precising longer passages. loud what they are organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]. going to write about. Using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. Evaluate and edit by: Writing down ideas and/or key words. Using further organisational and presentational including new Assessing the effectiveness of their own and devices to structure text and to guide the reader vocabulary. others' writing and suggesting improvements. [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]. **Encapsulating what** Proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary Evaluate and edit by: they want to say, to improve consistency, including the accurate sentence by sentence. use of pronouns in sentences. Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing. Make simple Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors additions, revisions read aloud their own writing, to a group or the Proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and and corrections to whole class, using appropriate intonation and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify their own writing by: controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning. meaning is clear. **Evaluating their** Ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense writing with the throughout a piece of writing. teacher and other pupils. Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between Re-reading to check the language of speech and writing and choosing that their writing the appropriate register. makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors correctly and perform their own compositions, using consistently, appropriate intonation, volume, and movement including verbs in the so that meaning is clear. continuous form.

Proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly].	
Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	

WRITING – Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Leaving spaces between words.	Leaving spaces between words.	Learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly	one clause by using a wider range of		Recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms.		
Beginning to punctuate sentences using a	Joining words and joining clauses.	(see English Appendix 2), including full stops,	although.		Using passive verbs t	to affect the presentation of	
capital letter and a full stop.	Using and beginning to	exclamation marks,	Using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense. Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition.		information in a sentence.		
	punctuate sentences. Using a capital letter	question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for			Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause.		
	and a full stop, question mark or	contracted forms and the possessive	Using conjunctions, adve		Using expanded nous		
	exclamation mark.	(singular).	express time and cause.		Using modal verbs or	adverbs to indicate degrees	
	Using a capital letter for names of people,		Using fronted adverbials		of possibility.		
	places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'.		Learning the grammar fo English Appendix 2.	or Years 3 and 4 in	_	s beginning with who, whose, that or with an relative pronoun.	

Learning the grammar for Year 1 in English Appendix 2. Use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.	Sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command. Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]. The present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form. Subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and coordination (using or, and, or but). The grammar for Year 2 in English Appendix 2. Some features of written Standard English.	Using commas after fronted adverbials. Indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns. Using and punctuating direct speech. Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.	Learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2. Indicate grammatical and other features by: Using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing. Using hyphens to avoid ambiguity. Using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. Using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses. Using a colon to introduce a list. Punctuating bullet points consistently.
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Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.	

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING – Word						
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
What are words?	Regular plural noun	Formation of nouns	Formation of nouns	The grammatical	Converting nouns or	The difference
	suffixes -s or -es [for	using suffixes such as	using a range of	difference between	adjectives into verbs	between vocabulary
How are words made?	example, dog, dogs;	-ness, -er and by	prefixes [for example	plural and	using suffixes [for	typical of informal
	wish, wishes],	compounding [for	super-, anti-, auto-].	possessive -s.	example, -ate; -ise;	speech and vocabulary
	including the effects	example, whiteboard,			-ify].	appropriate for formal
	of these suffixes on	superman].	Use of the forms a or	Standard English forms		speech and writing
	the meaning of the		an according to	for verb inflections	Verb prefixes [for	[for example, find out
	noun.	Formation of	whether the next	instead of local spoken	example, dis-, de-,	- discover; ask for -
		adjectives using	word begins with a	forms [for example, we	mis-, over- and re-].	request; go in - enter].
	Suffixes that can be	suffixes such as -ful,	consonant or a vowel	were instead of we was,		
	added to verbs where	-less. (A fuller list of	[for example, a rock,	or <i>I did</i> instead of <i>I</i>		How words are
	no change is needed	suffixes can be	an open box].	done].		related by meaning as
	in the spelling of root	found on page 46 in				synonyms and
	words (e.g. helping,	the Year 2 spelling	Word families based			antonyms [for
	helped, helper).	section in English	on common words,			example, big, large,
		Appendix 1).	showing how words			little].
	How the prefix un-		are related in form			
	changes the meaning	Use of the suffixes -er,	and meaning [for			
a	of verbs and	<i>-est</i> in adjectives and	example, solve,			
	adjectives [negation,	the use of -ly in	solution, solver,			
	for example, unkind,	Standard English to	dissolve, insoluble].			
	or undoing: untie the	turn adjectives into				
	boat].	adverbs.				

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING – Sentence							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
How words can combine to make sentences.	How words can combine to make sentences. Joining words and joining clauses using and.	Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but). Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]. How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command.	Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of].	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair). Fronted adverbials [for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news].	Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun. Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs [for example, perhaps, surely] or modal verbs [for example, might, should, will, must].	Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence [for example I broke the window in the greenhouse versus. The window in the greenhouse was broke (by me)]. The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come in some very formal writing ar	

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING – Text						
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Writing words.	Sequencing sentences to form short	Correct choice and consistent use of	Introduction to paragraphs as a	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas	Devices to build cohesion within a	Linking ideas across paragraphs using a
Writing lists.	narratives.	present tense and past tense	way to group related material.	around a theme.	paragraph [for example, then, after	wider range of cohesive devices:
Sequencing sentences to form		throughout writing.	Headings and	Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within	that, this, firstly].	Repetition of a word
short narratives.		Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting].	sub-headings to aid presentation. Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He	and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.	Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her	or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], and ellipsis.
			went out to play].		before].	Layout devices [for example, headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure text].

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING – Punctuation							
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Separation of words with spaces.	Separation of words with spaces.	Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and	Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate	.Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to	Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.	Use of the semicolon, colon and dash to mark the boundary	
Introduction to capital letters, full stops,		exclamation marks to demarcate sentences.	direct speech.	indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end	Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity.	between independent clauses [for example, It's raining; I'm fed up	

Introduction to capital	Commas to separate	punctuation within	Use of the colon to
letters, full stops,	items in a list.	inverted commas:	introduce a list and
question marks and		The conductor	use of semi-colons
exclamation marks to	Apostrophes to	shouted, "Sit down!"]	within lists.
demarcate sentences	mark where letters		
Capital letters for	are missing in	Apostrophes to mark	Punctuation of bullet
names and for the	spelling and to mark	plural possession [for	points to list
personal pronoun <i>l.</i>	singular possession	example, the girl's	information.
	in nouns [for	name, the girls'	
	example, the girl's	names].	How hyphens can be
	name].		used to avoid
		Use of commas after	ambiguity [for
		fronted adverbials.	example, man eating
			shark versus
			man-eating shark,
			<i>recover</i> versus
			re-cover].

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING – Terminology						
Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Grapheme, phoneme, digraph, trigraph, phonics, full stop, letter, capital letter, sentence.	Letter, capital letter word, singular, plural sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark.	Noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb, tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma.	Preposition, conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks').	Determiner pronoun, possessive pronoun adverbial.	Modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause parenthesis, bracket, dash cohesion, ambiguity.	Subject, object active, passive synonym, antonym ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points.