

Steps in Progression Document Word reading

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading Word reading: Fluency	Re-read books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading Read aloud accurately books consistent with their developing phonic knowledge	Read most familiar words quickly and accurately, without overt blending Re-read familiar books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading	Continue to build up their fluency, stamina and confidence in word reading	Continue to build up their fluency, stamina and confidence in reading increasingly longer texts	Develop fluency, stamina and confidence in reading a wider range of longer texts	Develop fluency, stamina and confidence in reading a wide variety of longer texts from a range of genres
Reading Word reading: Phonics, etymology and morphology Refer to PoS Appendix 1 for detailed information	Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words Respond speedily with the correct graphemes for all 40+ phonemes, including graphemes with alternative sounds Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing taught GPCs Read words (incl. polysyllabic words) containing taught GPCs and –s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and – est suffixes Compound words	Continue to apply phonics as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent Accurately read (by blending sounds) words of two+ syllables containing taught graphemes, recognising alternative sounds for graphemes Read words containing common suffixes Read aloud books matched to their phonic knowledge, blending unfamiliar words automatically	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet



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Reading Word reading: Non-rule words	Read the following common exception words: the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our – and/ or others, according to the programme used Read words with contractions [e.g. I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)	Read further common exception words: door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas	Read further common exception words: accident(ally), address, arrive, believe, breathe, build, calendar, centre, certain, complete, continue, decide, different, disappear, earth, enough, experience, extreme, favourite, forward(s), grammar, guard, heard, height, imagine, important, island, learn, library, medicine, minute, naughty, occasion(ally), opposite, particular, perhaps, position, possible, pressure, promise, quarter, recent, reign, sentence, special, strange, suppose, therefore, thought, various, woman/women	Read further common exception words: actual(ly), answer, appear, bicycle, breath, busy/business caught, century, circle, consider, describe, difficult, early, eight/eighth, exercise, experiment, famous, February, fruit, group, guide, heart, history, increase, interest, knowledge, length, material, mention, natural, notice, often, ordinary, peculiar, popular, possess(ion), potatoes, probably, purpose, question, regular, remember, separate, straight, strength, surprise, though/although, through, weight	Read further common exception words: accommodate, according, aggressive, ancient, appreciate, available, awkward, bruise, cemetery, communicate, competition, conscious*, convenience, criticise (critic + ise), definite, determined, dictionary, embarrass, equip (-ped, -ment), exaggerate, existence, familiar, forty, government, harass, identity, individual, interrupt, leisure, marvellous, muscle, neighbour, occupy, opportunity, persuade, prejudice, profession, pronunciation, recognise, relevant, rhyme, sacrifice, shoulder, sincere(ly), stomach, suggest, system, thorough, variety, vehicle	Read further common exception words: accompany, achieve, amateur, apparent, attached, average, bargain, category, committee, community, conscience, controversy, correspond, curiosity, desperate, develop, disastrous, environment, especially, excellent, explanation, foreign, frequently, guarantee, hindrance, immediate(ly), interfere, language, lightning, mischievous, necessary, nuisance, occur, parliament, physical, privilege, programme, queue, recommend, restaurant, rhythm, secretary, signature, soldier, sufficient, symbol, temperature, twelfth, vegetable, yacht