



# St John's Primary School

## ENGLISH Reading CURRICULUM MAP

### 2024 / 2025



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Word Reading and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.</li> <li>Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes.</li> <li>Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught.</li> <li><b>Read many common exception words from English Appendix 1.</b></li> <li>Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings.</li> <li><b>Read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs.</b></li> <li>Read words with contractions e.g. I'm, I'll, we'll, and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s).</li> <li><b>Read aloud many words containing taught GPCs quickly and accurately without overt sounding and blending.</b></li> <li>Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with developing phonic knowledge and that do not require use of other strategies to work out words.</li> <li>Re-read phonically decodable books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent.</li> <li><b>Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes for all 40+ phonemes.</b></li> <li>Recognise alternative sounds for graphemes.</li> <li><b>Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain graphemes taught so far.</b></li> <li><b>Read words containing common suffixes.</b></li> <li><b>Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.</b></li> <li><b>Read words in age-appropriate books accurately and fluently, without overt sounding and blending e.g. at over 90 words per minute.</b></li> <li><b>Read aloud books closely matched to his/her improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation.</b></li> <li><b>Re-read books, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words he/she meets, including dis-, mis-, in-, il-, im-, ir-, -ly, English Appendix 1.</li> <li>Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word with reference to spelling English Appendix 1.</li> <li>Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words they have read</li> <li>Discuss and explain the meaning of words and phrases that capture the readers' attention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply his/her growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words he/she meets, to include re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti-, auto-, -ation, -ous; (English Appendix 1)</li> <li>Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word with reference to spelling English Appendix 1.</li> <li>Use dictionaries to check the meaning of words they have read</li> <li>Discuss and explain the meaning of words and phrases that capture the readers' attention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read aloud and understand the meaning of new words that he/she meets linked to the expectations of Year 5 spelling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read aloud and understand the meaning of new words that he/she meets linked to the expectations of Year 6 spelling.</li> </ul>
Enjoyment and Performance	<p>Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which he/she can read independently.</li> <li>being encouraged to link what is read or heard read to his/her own experiences.</li> <li>becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics</li> <li>joining in with predictable phrases.</li> <li>learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart.</li> </ul>	<p>Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which he/she can read independently.</li> <li>discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related.</li> <li>becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales.</li> <li>recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry.</li> <li>continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading, listening to and discussing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stories/fiction</li> <li>Classic fiction</li> <li>Myths and legends</li> <li>Traditional tales</li> <li>Books from the past</li> <li>Stories from other cultures</li> <li>A range of poetry</li> <li>Non-fiction texts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reading books that are structured in different ways.</li> <li>Retelling some of these orally.</li> <li>Reading aloud poems and performing play scripts.</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading, listening to and discussing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stories/fiction</li> <li>Classic fiction</li> <li>Myths and legends</li> <li>Traditional tales</li> <li>Books from the past</li> <li>Stories from other cultures</li> <li>Non-fiction</li> <li>Read and identify a range of poetry e.g. free verse or narrative poetry</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reading books that are structured in different ways.</li> <li>Retelling some of these orally.</li> <li>Reading aloud poems and performing play scripts.</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.</li> <li>increasing his/her 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.</li> <li><b>preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increasing his/her familiarity with a wide range of books, including books from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions.</li> <li><b>reading age-appropriate books, including whole novels, with confidence and fluency.</b></li> <li>performing his/her own compositions to a range of audiences, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that the meaning is clear.</li> <li>learning a wider range of poetry by heart</li> </ul>
Comprehend and Retrieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand both the books he/she can already read accurately and fluently and those he/she listens to by discussing the significance of the title and events.</li> <li>Find simple information in a text.</li> </ul>	<p>Understand both the books that he/she can already read accurately and fluently and those that he/she listens to by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>drawing on what he/she already knows or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher.</li> <li><b>answering and asking questions and making links.</b></li> <li>Explain and discuss his/her understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that he/she listens to and those that he/she reads for himself/herself.</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checking the text makes sense</li> <li>Asking and answering questions to develop understanding</li> <li>identifying main ideas drawn from within one paragraph and summarise these.</li> <li>Retrieve and record information from non-fiction.</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checking the text makes sense</li> <li>Asking and answering questions to develop understanding</li> <li>identifying main ideas drawn from within one paragraph and summarise these.</li> <li>Identify themes in books</li> <li>Retrieve and record information from non-fiction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand what he/she reads by asking questions to improve his/her understanding of complex texts.</li> <li><b>Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Understand what he/she reads by summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas and using quotations for illustration.</b></li> </ul>

Infer, Deduce and Predict	<p><b>Understand both the books he/she can already read accurately and fluently and those he/she listens to by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.</li> <li>drawing on what is already known or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher.</li> <li>Predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</li> <li>Explain clearly his/her understanding of what is read to him/her.</li> </ul>	<p>Understand both the books that he/she can already read accurately and fluently and those that he/she listens to by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>answering questions and making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.</li> <li>Making inferences on the basis of what is said and done in a book he/she is reading independently.</li> <li>predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.</li> </ul>	<p>Understand what is reads independently by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions,</li> <li>justifying inferences with evidence from the text</li> <li>predict what might happen from details stated and implied</li> </ul>	<p>Understand what is reads independently by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions,</li> <li>justifying inferences with evidence from the text</li> <li>predict what might happen from details stated and implied</li> </ul>	<p>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recommending books that he/she has read to his/her peers, giving reasons for his/her choices.</li> <li>Understand what he/she reads by drawing inferences, such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</li> <li><b>Understand what he/she reads in increasingly complex texts by predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.</b></li> <li>Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by:</li> <li>identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing.</li> <li><b>making comparisons within and across books.</b></li> <li>Provide reasoned justifications for his/her views.</li> <li>Justify inferences and predictions with reference to the text.</li> </ul>
Language and Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Understand both the books he/she can already read accurately and fluently and those he/she listens to by checking that the text makes sense as he/she reads and correcting inaccurate reading.</b></li> <li>Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known.</li> </ul>	<p>Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary.</li> <li>discussing his/her favourite words and phrases</li> <li>Understand both the books that he/she can already read accurately and fluently and those that he/she listens to by checking that the text makes sense to him/her as he/she reads and corrects inaccurate reading.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning, including, paragraphs, headings, sub-headings, and inverted commas to punctuate speech.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning, including, paragraphs, headings, sub-headings, and inverted commas to punctuate speech, apostrophes for possession and fronted adverbials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Understand what he/she reads by checking that the book makes sense to him/her, discussing his/her understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context.</b></li> <li>Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes.</li> <li>Understand what he/she reads by identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.</li> <li><b>Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.</b></li> </ul>
Spoken Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to and discuss a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which he/she can read independently.</li> <li>Participate in discussion about what is read to him/her, taking turns and listening to what others say.</li> <li>Discuss the significance of the title and events.</li> <li>Say out loud what he/she is going to write about.</li> <li>Compose a sentence orally before writing it.</li> <li>Read aloud his/her writing clearly enough to be heard by the group and the teacher.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of poetry (including contemporary and classic), stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which he/she can read independently.</li> <li>Continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.</li> <li>Discuss his/her favourite words and phrases.</li> <li>Participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to him/her and those that he/she can read for himself/herself, taking turns and listening to what others say.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing basic understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.</li> <li>Participate in reasoned discussion about books, poems and other material that is read to him/her and those he/she can read for himself/herself, taking turns and listening to what others say.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing basic understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.</li> <li>Participate in clear reasoned discussion about books, poems and other material that is read to him/her and those he/she can read for himself/herself, taking turns and listening to what others say.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by identifying and discussing themes and conventions in writing.</li> <li>Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by making comparisons within a book. Participate in discussions about books that are read to him/her and those that can be read for himself/herself, building on his/her own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask specific reasoned questions to improve his/her understanding.</li> <li>Participate in discussions about books that are read to him/her and those that can be read for himself/herself, building on his/her own and others' ideas and challenging views courteously and with clear reasoning.</li> <li>Explain and discuss his/her understanding of what he/she has read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic and using notes where necessary.</li> </ul>

Subject Intent Statement

Children speak with confidence and are able to articulate ideas, accessing and utilising a broad range of vocabulary. They are immersed in a range of high quality texts as a stimulus for their own creativity and innovation. Children read for pleasure across different genres, and as such develop fluency and understanding using a range of skills. They are stimulated and engaged to create purposeful writing across the curriculum, with a clear understanding of the power of editing and refinement to develop their skills.

KS2 Whole Class Guided Reading books

Class	Books
Owls (Year 3)	<div>Horrid Henry</div> <div>Stone Age Boy</div> <div>Matilda</div> <div>Francesca Simon</div> <div>Satoshi Kitamura.</div> <div>Roald Dahl</div>
Deer (Year 4)	<div>Harriet’s Hare</div> <div>Bill’s New Frock</div> <div>Dick King Smith</div> <div>Ann Fine</div>
Falcons (Year 5)	<div>How to Train Your Dragon</div> <div>Carrie’s War</div> <div>Raiders Peril</div> <div>Kensuke’s Kingdom</div> <div>Cressida Cowell</div> <div>Nina Bawden</div> <div>Twinkl</div> <div>Michael Morpurgo</div>
Otters (Year 6)	<div>Oranges in No Man’s Land – Elizabeth Laird</div> <div>Holes Louis Sachar</div> <div>The Night the Diamonds Fell</div> <div>(short story by Johnny Zucker – Purple Mash)</div> <div>The Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll</div>

A variety of fiction and non-fiction texts are also used when teaching writing - See writing provision map for details.

