Key Learning in Reading: Year 2



Word Reading

As above and:

- Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation.
- Re-read books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.
- Read frequently encountered words quickly and accurately without overt sounding and blending.
- Read accurately by blending the sounds in words, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes.
- Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain alternative sounds for grapheme e.g. shoulder, roundabout, grouping.
- Read longer and less familiar texts independently.
- Apply phonic knowledge and skills to read words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent.
- Work out unfamiliar words by focusing on all letters in the word, e.g. not reading place for palace.
- Read words containing common suffixes e.g. –ness, -ment, -ful, -less -ly, -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -y.
- Read further common exception words, noting tricky parts (see below).

Comprehension

As above and:

Developing pleasure in reading and motivation to read

- Listen, discuss and express views about a range of texts at a level beyond that at which they can read independently, including stories, non-fiction, and contemporary and classic poetry.
- Orally retell a wider range of stories, fairy tales and traditional tales.
- Sequence and discuss the main events in stories and recounts.
- Read a range of non-fiction texts which are structured in different ways, including information, explanations, instructions, recounts, reports.
- Recognise the use of repetitive language within a text or poem (e.g. run, run as fast as you can) and across texts (e.g. long, long ago in a land far away...).
- Learn and recite a range of poems using appropriate intonation.
- Make personal reading choices and explain reasons for choices.

Understanding books which they can read themselves and those which are read to them

- Identify, discuss and collect favourite words and phrases.
- Introduce and discuss words within the context of a text, linking new meanings to known vocabulary.
- Use morphology to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words e.g. terror, terrorised.
- Uses tone and intonation when reading aloud.
- Activate prior knowledge and raise questions e.g. What do we know? What do we want to know? What have we learned?
- Check that texts make sense while reading and self-correct.
- Demonstrate understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts by asking and answering who, what, where, when, why, how questions.
- Explain and discuss their understanding, giving opinions and supporting with reasons e.g. Hansel was clever when he put stones in his pocket because...
- Develop and demonstrate their understanding of characters and events through role play and drama, drawing on language from the text.
- Make inferences about characters and events using evidence from the text e.g. what is the character thinking, saying and feeling?
- Make predictions based on what has been read so far.
- Identify how specific information is organised within a non-fiction text e.g. sub-headings, contents, bullet points, glossary, diagrams.
- Locate information from non-fiction texts using the contents page, index, labelled diagrams and charts.

Participating in discussion

- Participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say.
- Make contributions in whole class and group discussion.
- Consider other points of view.
- Listen and respond to contributions from others.