ST BERNADETTE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENGLISH MILESTONES



The National Curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- Develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- Acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- Appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
- Write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
- Use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- Are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

Reading – Progression in Skills								
	Milestone 1	– End of EYFS	Milestone 2 – End of Year 2		Milestone 3 –	End of Year 4	Milestone 4 – End of Year 6	
	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading-Word	Nursery:		Year 1:		Year 3:		Year 5:	
Reading	Discriminates between sounds.		To respond speedily, giving the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 44		To use their phonics knowledge to decode quickly and accurately		To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar	
	Keeps a simple r	hythm and	Develop their ability to hear and remember more than three sounds in a row and explore adjacent consonants to read CVCC, CCVC, CCVCC and CCCVC words.				words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to	
	matches rhymin	g words.			root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet (linked to Spelling Shed rules and root)			
	Recognises own	name.						
	Says the initial so	ound in a word.						
	Starting to orally	blend some			, ,		read aloud and to u	, ,,,,



simple CVC words.

Reception:

Reads books with a range of Phase 2 & 3 cvc words.

Reads all Phase 2 and most Phase 3 tricky words.

Is attempting to read a selection of CCVC & CVCC words through oral blending.

To read words containing -s, -es, -ing, -ed and -est endings.

To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)

To read aloud accurately books with a range of all previous taught GPC's and also Higher Levels 5 words including adjacent consonants from Basics 4, applying phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode and to re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

Year 2:

They will be able to read accurately the sounds in words that contain all graphemes taught so far and recognise switch it spellings and sounds for alternative pronunciations.

continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent To read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

Year 4:

To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill

To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet (linked to Spelling Shed rules and weekly spellings.)

To read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word To read year 5/6 exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word

Year 6:

To read fluently with full knowledge of all year 5/6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.

To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet



read accurately words of two or more	
syllables that contain the same	
graphemes as above	
read words containing common	
suffixes	
read further common exception	
words, noting unusual	
correspondences between spelling	
and sound and where these occur in	
the word	
read most words quickly and	
accurately, without overt sounding	
and blending, when they have been	
frequently encountered	
read aloud books closely matched to	
their improving phonic knowledge,	
sounding out unfamiliar words	
accurately, automatically and without	
undue hesitation	
re-read these books to build up their	
fluency and confidence in word	
reading	



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Reading-	Nursery:	Year 1:	To draw on what they already know or	To draw on what they already know or
Comprehension	Retells a simple story using story	check that the text makes sense to	on background information and	on background information and
	vocabulary & visual clues e.g.	them as they read and correct	vocabulary provided by the teacher	vocabulary provided by the teacher
	talking through a familiar book.	inaccurate reading		
			To use dictionaries glossaries and	To discuss their understanding and
	Joins in with familiar rhymes and		indexes to check meaning of words	explore the meaning of words in
	songs (approx. 6)		they	context
			have read	
	Answers simple how and why		To work out the meaning of words in	To predict what might happen from
	questions		context	details stated and implied.
	Reception:		To predict what might happen from	To draw inferences such as inferring
	Demonstrates understanding of		details stated and implied.	characters' feelings, thoughts and
	what has been read to them by			motives from their actions and
	retelling stories and narratives		To draw inferences such as	justifying inferences with evidence.
	using their own words and		inferring characters' feelings,	
	recently introduced vocabulary		thoughts and motives from their	
			actions and justifying inferences	
	Anticipate – where appropriate –		with evidence	
	key events in stories			
	Answers a range of literal &			
	inferential questions about a			
	book that has been read to			
	them.			
	Can retell a story using some			
	story language			
	Shows an understanding of GR			
	books			



Writing-	Nursery:	Year 1:	Year 3:	Year 5:
Transcription-	Shows a preference for a	Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil	Form lower-case letters of the correct	Write legibly and with increasing
Handwriting	dominant hand.	comfortably and correctly.	size relative to one another.	speed by: choosing which shape of letter to use when given choices and
	Holds pencil in fingers rather	Begin to form lower-case letters in the	Use the diagonal and horizontal	deciding whether or not to join
	than a whole hand grasp, using a	correct direction, starting and finishing	strokes needed to join letters.	specific letters
	comfortable grip.	in the right place.		
			Write capital letters and digits of the	
	Demonstrates good control,	Form capital letters.	correct size, orientation and	
	when holding pens and pencils.		relationship to one another and to	
		Form digits 0-9.	lower-case letters.	
	Makes marks to represent their	Understand which letters belong to		
	name/writes some of their 1st	which handwriting 'families' (i.e.		
	name.	letters that are formed in similar ways)		
		and to practice these.		
	Copies some recognisable letter			
	shapes from familiar words e.g.			
	name			
	Reception	Year 2:	Year 4:	Year 6:
	Can sit at a table to write.	Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another.	Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters	Write legibly and with increasing speed by: choosing which shape of
	Uses a comfortable grip		and understand which letters, when	letter to use when given choices and
	(preferably tripod) with some	Start using some of the diagonal and	adjacent to one another, are best left	deciding whether or not to join
	consistency.	horizontal strokes needed to join	unjoined.	specific letters
		letters.		
	Writes most lower-case letters		Increase the legibility, consistency and	
	correctly.	Write capital letters and digits of the	quality of handwriting (e.g. by ensuring	
		correct size, orientation and	that the downstrokes of letters are	
	Write some recognisable upper-	relationship to one another and to	parallel and equidistant; that lines of	
	case letters.	lower-case letters.	writing are spaced sufficiently so that	



Sometimes uses finger spacing between words with the help of a counter or finger spacer.	Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.	the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch).	
	Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practice these.		



			Gran	nmar – Progress	ion in Skills			
	Milestone 1 – End of EYFS		Milestone 2 – End of Year 2		Milestone 3 – End of Year 4		Milestone 4 – End of Year 6	
	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Grammar - Word	names/shops Orally segments words. Reception: Writes cvc word using Phase 2 arphonemes. Spells Phase 2arwords: Phase 2: the into. Phase 3:he, you, are, he my	some simple cvc s and labels ad most Phase 3	Year 1: Use plural noun suffixes to verbis needed to the room. Change the meaning adjectives by adding Year 2: Form nouns using somess, — er and by context example, whiteboard Form adjectives using —ful, — less Use the suffixes —er and use —ly in Standadjectives into adverse.	os where no change of to the standing of verbs and genefix un suffixes such as — impounding [for ord, superman] ing suffixes such as suffixes such as suffixes such as suffixes to turn order to turn	Year 3: Form nouns with a [for example super- Use a or an accordinext word begins with sonant] Year 4: Recognise the gram between plural and use standard Englist inflections instead of forms [for example, of we was, or I did is super-	ng to whether the with a vowel or con- matical difference I possessive —s sh forms for verb of local spoken , we were instead	Year 5: Convert nouns or a using suffixes [for e-ify] Use verb prefixes [ide-, mis-, over- ar Year 6: Recognise vocabula for formal speech a including subjunctive	example, —ate; —ise for example, dis—, nd re—] ary and structures and writing,
Grammar sentence -	_	o the marks they	Combine words to make sentences		Year 3: Express time, place	•	Year 5: Use relative clause:	•
Cohesion Varying	make.	stions	Leave spaces betwe	en words	conjunctions [for expenses adverted by adv	•	who, which, where that, or an omitted	
sentence type	Asks simple que	SUOTIS.	Join words and clau	ses using and	therefore], or prepare			



	Reception: Speaks in full sentences. Starting to write lists, labels, captions & short sentences. Sometimes use finger spacing between words with the help of a counter or finger spacer.	Sequence sentences to form short narratives Year 2: Use subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but) Write sentences with different forms: Statement, question, exclamation or command	example, before, after, during, in, because of] Year 4: Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although	Year 6:
Grammar Cohesion - Within paragraphs			Year 3: Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions Year 4: Use Fronted adverbials [for example, later that day, I heard the bad news.] Choose appropriate pronouns or nouns within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.	Year 5: Use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly] Year 6: using a range of cohesive devices, including adverbials (also repetition, ellipsis etc) within and across sentences and paragraphs
Grammar Cohesion - Between Paragraphs			Year 3: Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions	Year 5: Link 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 before]



Grammar Cohesion - Tenses	Nursery: • Uses future and past tenses when speaking e.g. "I am going to the park" and "I went to the shop"? Reception: • Uses past, present & future forms accurately when talking.	Year 1: Uses past, present & future forms accurately when talking. Simple past tense 'ed' Year 2: Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently Use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting]	Year 4: Use Fronted adverbials [for example, later that day, I heard the bad news.] Year 3: Use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play Year 4: Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past	Year 6: Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices [for example, repetition, adverbials, ellipsis] Year 5: Link ideas using tense choices Use modal verbs [for example, might, should, will, must] or adverbs [for example, perhaps, surely] to indicate degrees of possibility Year 6: Use 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 broken (by me)]. Use subjunctive forms such as If I were
Grammar - Punctuation		Year 1: Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark	Year 3: Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech	or Were they to come in some very formal writing and speech Year 5: Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis



Reception:

- Uses capital letters to start their own & other familiar names.
- Starting to experiment with full stops, capital letters and exclamation marks within their writing.

Year 2:

Use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences

Use commas to separate items in a list

Use apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]

Year 4:

Use commas after fronted adverbials

Indicate apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]

Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"]

Year 6:

Use the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses [for example, it's raining; I'm fed up]

Use the colon to introduce a list and use semi-colons within lists

Punctuate bullet points consistently

Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover



	Writing Composition – Progression in Skills								
	Milestone 1	– End of EYFS	Milestone 2 – End of Year 2		Milestone 3 – End of Year 4		Milestone 4 – End of Year 6		
	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Writing	Nursery:		Year 1:		Plan writing:		Plan writing:		
composition	Makes writing-li	ke shapes and	Write sentences: Sa	y out loud what is	Plan writing by disc	ussing the	Identify the audien	ce for and purpose	
	squiggles.		going to be written	about	structure, vocab an	d grammar of	of writing		
							Note and develop i	nitial ideas, drawing	
	Gives meaning t	o their marks	Compose a sentenc writing it	e orally before	Discuss and record	ideas	on reading and rese	earch	
	Shows a prefere	nce for a			Draft and write:		Draft and write:		
	dominant hand.		Sequence sentence	s to form short	Compose and rehea	arse sentences	Enhance meaning through selecting		
			narratives		orally Build a varied and rich		appropriate grammar and vocabulary		
	Starting to make	e marks to			vocabulary		Describe settings, characters and		
	represent their	•	Re-read and check sense		Build an increasing range of sentence		atmosphere		
	some of their 1s	^t name.			structures		Integrate dialogue to convey character		
			Discuss what has been written with		In narratives, create		and advance the action		
			the teacher or other pupils		characters and plot		Précis longer passages		
					In non-narrative use	•	Use a wide range o	f devices to build	
			Read writing aloud clearly enough to		organisational devices such as heading,		cohesion		
			be heard by peers and the teacher		sub-headings			and presentational	
	Reception:		Year 2:				devices		
	Orally formulates & says a		Develop positive attitudes towards		Evaluate and edit:				
	sentence/caption	n prior to	and stamina for wri	ting:	Assess the effectiveness of own and		Evaluate and edit:		
	writing.		M/rita narrativas ab	aut narcanal	others' writing		Propose changes to		
			Write narratives above experiences and the	•	Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency		grammar and punc		
	Orally composes	s a sentence &	and fictional)	ose of others (real	·	•	effects and clarify r Use consistent and	_	
	holds it in memo	ory before	and nedonal)		Proof-read for spell punctuation errors	•	Subject and verb ag		
	starting to write		Write about real ev	ents	writing using appro		using singular and p		
			vviite about real ev	CIICS	and controlling the		Distinguish betwee		
			Write poetry				•		
			write poetry		so that the meaning	g is clear.	speech and writing		



Starting to write short		Choose the appropriate register
sentences/captions that are	Write for different purposes	Proof-read for spelling and
phonetically decodable.	Plan or say out loud what is going to	punctuation errors
Read sentences back to an adult.	Plan or say out loud what is going to be written about	
	Write down ideas, key words, new vocabulary	
	Encapsulate what is to be written, sentence by sentence	
	Make simple additions, revisions and corrections:	
	Evaluate writing with the teacher and other pupils	
	Re-read to check sense	
	Proof-read to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	
	Read aloud with intonation	