

	Milestone 1 – Years 1 & 2	Milestone 2 – Years 3 & 4	Milestone 3 – Years 5 & 6
To listen carefully and understand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sift information and focus on the important points. • Seek clarification when a message is not clear. • Understand instructions with more than one point. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in discussions, making relevant points. • Ask for specific additional information to clarify. • Understand the meaning of some phrases beyond the literal interpretation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how to answer questions that require more than a yes/no or single sentence response. • Recognise and explain some idioms. • Understand irony (when it is obvious).
To develop a wide and interesting vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use subject specific vocabulary to explain and describe. • Suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed. • Identify homophones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use time, size and other measurements to quantify. • Use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in discussion. • Use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic being discussed or the audience that is listening. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use adventurous and sophisticated vocabulary. • Explain the meaning of words, offering alternatives. • Use a wide range of phrases that include determiners, modifiers and other techniques to add extra interest and clarity.
To speak with clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak in a way that is clear and easy to understand. • Demonstrate good phonic knowledge by clearly pronouncing the sounds within words. • Identify syllables within words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use verbs with irregular endings. • Use a mixture of sentence lengths to add interest to discussions and explanations. • Use intonation to emphasise grammar and punctuation when reading aloud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary the length and structure of sentences. • Ask questions and make suggestions to take an active part in discussions. • Comment on the grammatical structure of a range of spoken and written accounts.
To tell stories with structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure stories have a setting, plot and a sequence of events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring stories to life with expression and intonation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrate detailed and exciting stories.

Progression of Skills

English Communication

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recount experiences with interesting detail.• Predict events in a story• Give just enough detail to keep the audience engaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read the audience to know when to add detail and when to leave it out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the conventions and structure appropriate to the type of story being told.• Interweave action, character descriptions, settings and dialogue.
To hold conversations and debates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take turns to talk, listening carefully to the contributions of others.• Vary language between formal and informal according to the situation.• Add humour to a discussion or debate where appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make relevant comments or ask questions in a discussion or a debate.• Seek clarification by actively seeking to understand others' points of view.• Respectfully challenge opinions or points, offering an alternative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiate and compromise by offering alternatives.• Debate, using relevant details to support points.• Offer alternative explanations when others don't understand.

- An exceptional talent for listening attentively so as to understand what is being said.
- A rich and varied vocabulary that gives clarity and interest to conversations.
- Clear speech that can be easily understood by a range of audiences.
- An excellent grasp of the rules used in English conversation, such as tenses and the grammatical structure of sentences.
- A highly developed ability to tell stories that capture the interest and imagination of the audience.
- A delight in initiating and joining in conversations.
- Respect for others when communicating, even when views differ.