_	Milestone 1 – Years 1 & 2	Milestone 2 – Years 3 & 4	Milestone 3 – Years 5 & 6
To read words	 Apply phonic knowledge and skills 	Apply a growing knowledge of root	 Apply knowledge of root words,
accurately	as the route to decode words.	words, prefixes and suffixes	prefixes and suffixes.
		(etymology and morphology).	
	• Respond speedily with the correct		Read age-appropriate books with
	sound to graphemes (letters or groups		confidence and fluency (including
	of letters) for all 40+ phonemes,		whole novels).
	including, where applicable,	Read further exception words,	
	alternative sounds for graphemes.	noting the spellings.	(Note: this should be through normal reading rather than direct teaching.)
	Read accurately by blending sounds		
	in unfamiliar words containing GPCs		
	that have been taught.		
	Read common exception words,		
	noting unusual correspondences		
	between spelling and sound and		
	where these occur in the word.		
	Read words containing taught GPCs		
	and –s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and –est		
	endings.		
	• Read other words of more than one		
	syllable that contain taught GPCs.		
	Read words with contractions (for		
	example, I'm, I'll, we'll) and		
	understand that the apostrophe		
	represents the omitted letter(s).		
	Read aloud accurately books that		
	are consistent with phonic knowledge		

and that do not require other strategies to work out words.

- Re-read these books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.
- Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes.
- Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above.
- Read words containing common suffixes.
- 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 books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.

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English Reading

To understand texts

- Discuss events.
- Predict events. Year 1-
- Link reading to own experiences and other books.
- Join in with stories or poems.
- Check that reading makes sense and self-correct.
- Infer what characters are like from actions.
- Ask and answer questions about texts.
- Discuss favourite words and phrases.
- Listen to and discuss a wide range of texts.
- Recognise and join in with (including role-play) recurring language.
- Explain and discuss understanding of texts.
- Discuss the significance of the title and events.

- Draw inferences from reading.
- Predict from details stated and implied.
- Recall and summarise main ideas.
- Discuss words and phrases that capture the imagination.
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction, using titles, headings, sub-headings and indexes.
- Prepare poems and plays to read aloud with expression, volume, tone and intonation.
- Identify recurring themes and elements of different stories (e.g. good triumphing over evil).
- Recognise some different forms of poetry.
- Explain and discuss understanding of reading, maintaining focus on the topic.
- Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.

- Recommend books to peers, giving reasons for choices.
- Identify and discuss themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing.
- Make comparisons within and across books.
- Learn a wide range of poetry by heart.
- Prepare 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.
- Check that the book makes sense, discussing understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context.
- Ask questions to improve understanding.
- Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.
- Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.

• Make inferences on the basis of what	Predict what might happen from	Summarise the main ideas draw
is being said and done.	details stated and implied.	from more than one paragraph,
		identifying key details that suppor
	 Identify main ideas drawn from 	the main ideas.
	more than one paragraph and	
	summarise these.	 Identify how language, structure
		and presentation contribute to
	 Identify how language, structure 	meaning.
	and presentation contribute to	
	meaning.	 Discuss and evaluate how autho
		use language, including figurative
	Ask questions to improve	language, considering the impact of
	understanding of a text.	the reader.
		Retrieve and record information
		from non-fiction.
		Participate in discussion about
		books, taking turns and listening a
		responding to what others say.
		responding to mac others say.
		Distinguish between statements
		fact and opinion.
		 Provide reasoned justifications for
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- Excellent phonic knowledge and skills.
- Fluency and accuracy in reading across a wide range of contexts throughout the curriculum.
- Knowledge of an extensive and rich vocabulary.
- An excellent comprehension of texts.
- The motivation to read for both study and for pleasure.
- Extensive knowledge through having read a rich and varied range of texts.