Year 2 reading progression

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. 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



	Word Reading	Comprehension Clarify	Comprehension Summarise	Comprehension Select and Retrieve	Comprehension Respond and Explain	Inference	Language for Effect	Themes and Conventions
Autumn term	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 graphemes taught so far	Understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently, and those they listen to Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary, provided by the teacher Discuss and clarify the meanings of words, linking new	Identify and discuss the main events or key points in a text Retell a story clearly and with appropriate detail	Answer questions Ask questions Extract information from the text and discuss orally with reference to the text	Participate in discussions about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say	Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far and their own experience Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done	Recognise simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear (Year 2 writing National Curriculum)	Listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of contempor ary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independen tly Become increasingly familiar with and retell a wider range of stories, fairy stories

	Read words containing common suffixes Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation	meanings to known vocabulary • Check that the text makes sense to them as they read and correct inaccurate reading						and traditional tales
Spring term	Read further common exception words, noting unusual correspond ences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word Re-read books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading	Use the context/ grammar of the sentence to decipher new or unfamiliar words	Discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related	Understand how to use alphabeticall y ordered texts to retrieve information	Explain and discuss their understandin g of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that theyread for themselves	Make simple inferences about characters' thoughts and feelings and reasons for actions	 Discuss favourite words and phrases Identify how vocabulary choice affects meaning 	Read non-fiction books that are structured in different ways

Summer term	Read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered	Identify or provide own synonyms for specific words within the text						Make comparisons between books, noting similarities, differences and preferences between e.g. layout, features and setting
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As we move through the school year, each skill is revisited multiple times with increasing independence each time,