READING

Key Concepts	Milestone 1 (Year 1 & 2)	Milestone 2 (Year 3 & 4)	Milestone 3 (Year 5 & 6)
Read words accurately This concept involves decoding and fluency.	• Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. • Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes. • 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.	• Apply a growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology). • Read further exception words, noting the spellings.	• Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes. • Read age-appropriate books with confidence and fluency (including whole novels). (Note: this should be through normal reading rather than direct teaching.)

	• 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.		
Understand texts This concept involves understanding both the literal and more subtle nuances of texts.	• Discuss events. • Predict events. • 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.	• 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.	• 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.

	• 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. • Make inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.	• 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. • Predict what might happen from details stated and implied. • Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these. • Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. • Ask questions to improve understanding of a text.	• 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. • Summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details that support the main ideas. • Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. • Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader. • Retrieve and record information from non-fiction. • Participate in discussion about books, taking turns and listening and responding to what others say. • Distinguish between statements of fact and opinion. • Provide reasoned justifications for views.