Avonwood Reading Progression



	Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Yaer 5	Year 6
Decoding 8 Phonics	Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondences. Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.	To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. To blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCS that they have been taught. To respond speedily, giving the correct sound to graphemes for all the 40+ phonemes. To read words containing taught GPCS. 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.	To 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 accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. To accurately read most words of two or more syllables. To read most words containing common suffixes.	knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words). To apply their growing	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.	To read most words fluently and attempt 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/ word endings, including -sion, -tion, -cial, -tial, -ant/-ance/-ancy, -ent/- ence/-ency, -able/-ably and - ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.	To read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/ Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings* and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.
Common Exception Words	Read a few common exception words	To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.	To read most Y1 and Y2 common exception words*, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	exception words.	To read all Y3/Y4 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and these occur in the word	To read most Y5/ Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	

Fluency	Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondences. Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words. Re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.	To accurately read texts that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge, that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words. To reread texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.	To read aloud books (closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge), sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation. To reread these books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading. To read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g., at over 90 words per minute, in age-appropriate texts.	specifically. Any focus on wo	ord reading should support the	ng precedence over teaching wo	
Comparing contrasting, a commenting	nd	To listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry at a level beyond that at which they can read independently. To link what they have read or have read to them to their own experiences. To retell familiar stories in increasing detail. To join in with discussions about a text, taking turns and listening to what others say. To discuss the significance of titles and events.	To participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them (at a level beyond at which they can read independently) and those that they can read for themselves, explaining their understanding, and expressing their views. To become increasingly familiar with and to retell a wide range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales. To discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related. To recognise simple recurring literarylanguage in stories and poetry. To ask and answer questions about a text. To make links between the text they are reading and other texts they have read (in	discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. To use appropriate terminology when discussing texts (plot, character, setting).	To discuss and compare texts from a wide variety of genres and writers. To read for a range of purposes. To identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books. To refer to authorial style, overall themes (e.g., triumph of good over evil) and features (e.g., greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of presentational devices such as numbering and headings) To identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning. To identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these.	person in writing diaries and autobiographies) and differences between text	To read for pleasure, discussing, comparing, and evaluating in depth across a wide range of genres, including myths, legends, traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage and books from other cultures and traditions. To recognise more complex themes in what they read (such as loss or heroism). To explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates, maintaining a focus on the topic, and using notes where necessary. To listen to guidance and feedback on the quality of their explanations and contributions to discussions and to make improvements

			texts that they can read independently).				when participating in discussions.
							To draw out key information and to summarise the main ideas in a text.
							To distinguish independently between statements of fact and opinion, providing reasoned justifications for their views. To compare characters, settings, and themes within a text and across more than one text.
Words in Context and Authorial Choice	Learn new vocabulary. Use new vocabulary throughout the day. Retell the story once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Listen to and talk about	To discuss word meaning and link new meanings to those already known.	To discuss and clarify the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary. To discuss their favourite words and phrases.	makes sense to them,	Discuss vocabulary used to capture readers' interest and imagination.	by the author to create effect including figurative language. To evaluate the use of authors' language and	To analyse and evaluate the use of language, including figurative language and how it is used for effect, using technical terminology such as metaphor, simile, analogy, imagery, style and effect.
	selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.						

Inference and Prediction		To begin to make simple inferences. To predict what might happen based on what has been read so far.	To make inferences based on what is being said and done. To predict what might happen based on what has been read so far in a text.	To ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts, and motives. To justify predictions using evidence from the text.	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives that justifies their actions, supporting their views with evidence from the text. To justify predictions from details stated and implied.	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts, and motives. To make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text.	To consider different accounts of the same event and to discuss viewpoints (both of authors and of fictional characters). To discuss how characters change and develop through texts by drawing inferences based on indirect clues.
Poetry and Performance	Engage in story times. Retell the story once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Learn rhymes, poems, and songs. Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody. Develop storylines in their pretend play.	To recite simple poems by heart.	To continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these, and reciting some with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	To prepare and perform poems and play scripts that show some awareness of the audience when reading aloud. To begin to use appropriate intonation and volume when reading aloud.	To recognise and discuss some different forms of poetry (e.g., free verse or narrative poetry). To prepare and perform poems and play scripts with appropriate techniques (intonation, tone, volume, and action) to show awareness of the audience when reading aloud.	To continually show an awareness of audience when reading out loud using intonation, tone, volume, and action.	To confidently perform texts (including poems learnt by heart) using a wide range of devices to engage the audience and for effect.
Non-Fiction			To recognise that non-fiction books are often structured in different ways.	To retrieve and record information from non-fiction texts.	To use all the organisational devices available within a nonfiction text to retrieve, record and discuss information. To use dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read.	To use knowledge of texts and organisation devices to retrieve, record and discuss information from fiction and non-fiction texts.	To retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts . To use non-fiction materials for purposeful information retrieval (e.g., in reading history, geography and science textbooks) and in contexts where pupils are genuinely motivated to find out information (e.g. reading information leaflets before a gallery or museum visit

		or reading a theatre programme or review).