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Our curriculum for English equips our pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word and recognises that although it is a subject in its own right, spoken language, reading, writing and vocabulary are integral aspects of the teaching of every subject and provide access to the whole curriculum. It recognises that our pupils need to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others, and that they need to read and listen effectively so that others can communicate with them.

We want to unlock the world of print for our pupils as soon as they are ready. We believe the structure and systems within synthetic phonics are the best way for young children to quickly learn to decode. We provide books that practise what the children know to instil confidence and a sense of achievement.

Notes:

WAT schools follow the sequence of synthetic phonics teaching as outlined in the Unlocking Letters and Sounds Scheme. (DfE Accredited Scheme.)

The progression is structured broadly to follow Phases 2 to 5 of Letters and Sounds, but some phases are subdivided into smaller sections, offering structured opportunities for revision ('Mastery') and for spelling development. The phases are organised as follows:

- Phase 2
- Phase 4 Mastery
- Phase 3
- Phase 4 Revision (including NC Y1 requirements)
- Phase 3 Mastery
- Phase 4

- Phase 5b)
- Phase 5c)
- Phase 5a) spellings recap and Phase 5b) Mastery
- Phase 5c) Mastery
- During the teaching of phase 2-5, Phase 1 will continue to be taught, with a focus on Aspect 7 (oral blending and segmenting).

Phase 5 a Mastery (including NC Y1 requirements)

- Phase 6 coverage is achieved in discrete ULS lessons and also in English lessons rather than after Phase 5 at the end of Year 1, as this would be too late to achieve the outcomes of the Y1 curriculum in writing (for example: covering past tense endings and use of suffixes which the children will need earlier in the year).
- Our schools agreed approach to teaching the Common Exception Words (CEW) follows the approach of Unlocking Letters and Sounds Scheme;
 - Discretely as part of the phonics session.
 - o Sound Talk the new CEW and break down into sounds. Ask how many sounds the word has and then blend it together several times.
 - Teacher writes it down.
 - o Discuss the parts which match the phonemes and those that are not phonetically plausible.
 - Then practise recognising the word to aid automaticity of reading.
- Our whole-school approach that staff should take to support children to read CEWs in their texts is:
 - Allow them to apply their phonics knowledge as much as possible.
 - o Discuss aspects that do not match their known GPCs, using this opportunity as a teaching point.

Milestone	Normal Timescale	Outcome		Key Words to READ	Key Words to SPELL		Assessment expectation
A	Pre School autumn term	Understands sound discrimination - aspect 1 (environmental), 2 (instrumental sounds) and 3 (body percussion)	Practitioners will focus on the three strands of tuning into sound, listening and remembering, and talking about sounds throughout all aspects. Practitioners should introduce later aspects at this stage if appropriate to individuals. Skills within aspects 1,2 and 3 to be included in daily provision are: 1. Identify and describe different sounds and noises in the environment, e.g. long, short, high, low, loud, quiet. 2. Experience and develop awareness of sounds with instruments and noise makers. 3. Develop awareness of sounds and rhythms using body percussion.		None	Phase 1 Books without words supports phase 1 aspects 1- 7	1. Recall and describe sounds in the environment.
В	Pre School spring term	Understands aspect 4 (rhythm and rhyme), 5 (alliteration) and 6 (voice sounds)	Practitioners will focus on the three strands of tuning into sound, listening and remembering, and talking about sounds throughout all aspects. Practitioners should continue to revisit aspects 1,2 and 3 and introduce later aspects at this stage if appropriate to individuals. Skills within aspects 4,5 and 6 to be included in daily provision are: 4. Articulate words correctly in rhythm (identify syllables). 5. Listen to sounds and know which are the same and different (beginning or end). 6. Articulate sounds using correct mouth movement.				4. Spot and suggest rhyme in songs. Sing or chant songs which rhyme. Able to clap or tap syllables. 5. Identify sounds which are the same and different. Identify and orally reproduce initial sounds in words. 6. Distinguish between the differences in vocal sounds.



















С	Pre School		Practitioners will focus on the three strands of tuning into		Blend orally when
	Summer term	Understands aspect 7	sound, listening and remembering, and talking about		given phonemes.
		(talking about sounds).	sounds throughout all aspects.		Orally segment words
					into phonemes.
			Practitioners can dip into later aspects at this stage if		Teacher led and
			appropriate to individuals. However, skills within aspect 7,		modelled
			for both taught phonics and daily provision, are:		
			7. Oral blending (of 3 sound words) and segmenting.		
			Teacher led and modelled		

Milestone	Normal Timescale	Outcome	Skill focus	CEWs to READ	CEWs to SPELL	•	Assessment expectation
			L			Stars Phonics.	
	•	se 1 will continue to be taugh		•		•	aspects will be further
revisited ar	1	of other early reading skills (1	1
D Letter names begin to be taught through singing the alphabet	week 3 of the Autumn Term.	Set 2: i, n, m, d Set 3: g, o, c, k Set 4: ck, e, u, r, Set 5: h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss read words with -s ending	Oral B & S of VC. <u>Correct articulation</u> <u>of individual</u> <u>phonemes</u> .	wk 1: - wk 2: - wk 3: the wk 4: to, into wk 5: no, I wk 6: go	No new words to spell	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning — past learning only. set 1: s a t p Tap Tap, Pat Pat, Pat sat set 2: i n m d Sid did, Tip Tip, Is Sam sad?, Is it? set 3: g o c k, the Pam and Sam, Pop!, Sam and Kit Can Nap, Can Dom Tip Tom? set 4: ck, eur, to, into Kick it In, Gus did it. Kim Can Run, The Top Pet set 5: h b f ff, no, I Big Bug, Is Dan a Fan? set 5: I II, ss, go Bad Bob, Bill Fell, Is Rob Flt?	Give correct articulation of new taught content of Milestone D when shown individual graphemes. Secure in aspect 1,2,3,5
E	Reception Autumn 2 Teach alongside aspects 6 and 7 the following series of letters. Week 1: j, v, w, x Week 2: y, z, zz, qu Week 3: ch, sh, th(voiced & unvoiced) ng Week 4: ai, ee, igh, oa Week 5: oo, ar, or, ur Week 6: -ing endings Assess and Review		Oral B & S of VC and CVC. Blending VC and CVC.	wk 1: go wk 2: me wk 3: he, she wk 4: was, you wk 5: they, all wk 6: -	wk 1: - wk 2: the, into, go, to wk 3: - wk 4: I, no wk 5: - wk 6: -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning — past learning only. 7 titles using all phase 2 GPC & CEW to use end of Phase 2 & first week phase 3 to consolidate 9 further titles focus on specific phase 2 GPC & CEW for target children Phase 3: 39 titles to match each set of sounds	Give correct articulation of Milestone D phonemes and new taught content of Milestone E when shown individual graphemes. Orally blend and blend for reading CVC words. Secure in aspect 7
F			Oral B & S of VC and CVC. Blending and segmenting VC and CVC.	wk 2 : her wk 3: -	No new words to spell wk 1: - wk 2: - wk 3: - wk 4: - wk 5: - wk 6: -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only.	Give correct articulation of Milestone D&E phonemes and new taught content of Milestone F when shown individual graphemes. Orally blend and blend for reading CVC words. Orally segment to spell and write appropriate graphemes for CVC words.
G	Reception Spring 2 Teach alongside aspects 4,	Phase 3 Mastery contd. Secure in phase 3 ai, ee, igh, oa oo, ar, or, ur,	Oral B & S of VC and CVC.	wk 1: revisit was, you wk 2: revisit they, all	No new words to spell wk 1: - wk 2: -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently	Give correct articulation of Milestone E&F phonemes and new taught content of



















Week 2: Revisit oo, ar, or, ur Week 3: Revisit ow, oi, ear, air Week 4: Revisit ure, er, Week 5: Assess & Review phase 3 work	Able to read simple 2-syllable words and captions.	segmenting VC and CVC.	are, my wk 4: revisit	wk 4: - wk 5: - wk 6: -	learning only. Phase 3: 39 titles include revisiting previous phase 3 sounds	Milestone G when shown individual graphemes. Orally blend and blend for reading CVC words. Orally segment to spell and write appropriate graphemes for CVC words. Know most letter names.
Teach alongside aspects 4, 6 the following series of letters. Week 1: CVCC & CCVC Week 2: CVCC & CCVC Week 3: CVCC & CCVC Week 4: CVCC & CCVC Week 5: CVCC & CCVC Week 5: CVCC & CCVC & - ed endings Week 6: CVCC & CCVC & -	teach blending of words with adjacent consonants that contain graphemes taught in Phase 2 CCVC, CVCC words Read words containing -ed endings with no change to the root word Read words containing -ing	Blending and segmenting VC and CVC.	have wk 2: like, do, so wk 3: some, come wk 4: were, there wk 5: little, one	we, me, be wk 2: was, you wk 3: they, all, are wk 4: my, her wk 5: - wk 6: -	reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only. Phase 4 22 titles available more to arrive Sept 2022	Give correct articulation of a sample of phonemes covered in Milestone D-G when shown individual graphemes. Orally blend and blend for reading CVC words. Orally segment to spell and write appropriate graphemes for CVC words. Know most letter names. Secure in aspects 4, 6
Week 1: CVCC (phase 3) Week 2:CCVC (phase 3) Week 3: polysyllabic CVCC & CVCC Week 4: CCVCC words Week 5: CCVCC and polysyllabic CCVCC Week 6: CCCVCC	teach blending of words with adjacent consonants that contain graphemes taught in Phase 3 CVCC, CCVC words Blending Polysyllabic CVCC	CVCC and CCVCC, CCCVC and CCCVCC. Blending and segmenting of CCVC, CVCC and CCVCC, CCCVC and CCCVCC.	said, have wk 2: revisit like, do, so wk 3: revisit some, come wk 4: revisit	wk 1: - wk 2: - wk 3: - wk 4: - wk 5: - wk 6: -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only. Phase 4 22 titles available (more to arrive Sept 2022)	
Autumn 1 Week 1: Revise phase 4 add -s & -es Week 2:Revise phase 4 add -ing suffix Week 3: Revise phase 4 add -ed, & -er suffixes Week 4: Revise phase 4 add -er & -est suffixes Week 5: Revise phase 4 add un- prefix Week 6: Read contractions	Revise Phase 4 plus NC Y1 requirements: (6 weeks) Secure in Phase 4 Teach: adding -s and -es as a plural marker for nouns Teach adding -s and -es as a third person singular marker for verbs Revisit blending of words where -s and -es are added Teach adding the suffix -ing to verbs Teach adding the suffix -ed to verbs Teach adding the suffix -er to verbs to change them to a noun Revisit adding the suffix -er to adjectives Teach adding the suffix -er to adjectives Teach adding the prefix unto verbs Teach adding the prefix unto adjectives. Teach adding the prefix unto adjectives. Teach reading words with contractions		No new CEWs to read WAT: Consolidation and revision of CEW to read to this point.	WAT: Consolidation and revision of CEW to spell to this point.	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only. Phase 4 22 titles currently available (more to arrive Sept 2022)	
Autumn 2 Week 1: ay, ou, ie, ea &	Phase 5a) (6 Weeks) Teach new graphemes for reading: ay ou ie ea		their	wk 2: said, so wk 3: have	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently	



















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	Week 2: oi, ir, ue Week 3: aw, wh, ph, ew (s in blew) Week 4:ew (as in few, oe, au, ey & phoneme /zh/ Week 5: a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e Week 6: u-e (flute) u-e (cube)	Teach the days of the week Teach new graphemes for reading: oy ir ue (as in glue) ue (as in cue) Teach new graphemes for reading: aw wh ph ew (as in blew) Teach new graphemes for reading: ew (as in few) oe au ey Teach new phoneme /zh/ Teach new graphemes for reading: a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e Teach new graphemes for reading: u-e (as in flute) u-e (as in cube)		called wk 5: revisit	wk 6: were, there	learning – past learning only. Phase 5 31 titles currently available more to arrive Sept 2022	
L	ea & days of the week. use -nk (NC) Week 2: Revise oy, ir, ue & ph (NC) Week 3: Revise aw, wh, ph ew & wh (NC) Week 4: Revise ew (as in few) oe, au, ey & tch (NC) Week 5: Revise a-e, e-e, i- e, o-e & -ve (NC) Week 6: u-e (as in flute) u-e (as in cube) Assess & Review NC letters/suffixes	Phase 5a) Mastery plus Y1 NC requirements: (6 weeks) Secure in Phase 5a) Revise new graphemes for reading: ay ou ie ea Revise the days of the week Teach correct use of -nk (NC) Revise new graphemes for reading: oy ir ue (as in glue) ue (as in cue) Teach correct use of ph (NC) Revise new graphemes for reading: aw wh ph ew (as in blew) Teach correct use of -wh (NC) Revise new graphemes for reading: ew (as in few) oe au ey Teach correct use of -tch (NC) Revise new graphemes for reading: a-e e-e i-e o-e Teach correct use of -ve (NC) Revise new graphemes for reading: u-e (as in flute) u-e (as in cube) Revise all Phase 5a) Assess and review correct use of NC letters/suffixes		oh, their wk 2: revisit people wk 3: revisit Mr, Mrs wk 4: revisit looked, called wk 5: revisit called wk 6: revisit asked Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	wk 2: revisit said, so wk 3: revisit have wk 4: revisit like wk 5: revisit some, come wk 6: revisit were, there	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning — past learning only. Phase 5 31 titles currently available (more to arrive Sept 2022)	
M	Year 1 Spring 2 Week 1: a (acorn, fast, was) & e (he) Week 2: i (mind) o (no) & u (unit, put) Week 3: ow (snow), ie (chief), ea (head), er (her) Week 4: ou (you, would, mould), y (by, gym) Week 5: y (very, ch (school, chef) c (cell), g (gent), ey (they) Week 6: Assess and review alternative pronunciations of known graphemes for reading Assess and review reading new common exception words and correct use of NC endings.	i (as in mind), o (as in no), u (as in unit), u (as in put) ow (as in snow), ie (as in chief), ea (as in head), er (as in her) ou (as in you), ou (as in could), ou (as in mould), y (as in by), y (as in gym)	when spelling) Phase 5 To articulate the correct pronunciation when reading aloud.	where, who again wk 2: thought, through, mouse, work wk 3: many, laughed, because	wk 2: do wk 3: when what wk 4: out wk 5: - wk 6 -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only. Phase 5 31 titles currently available more to arrive Sept 2022	
N	Year 1 Summer 1 Week 1: alternatives for /ch/ ct (picture), tch (catch),	Phase 5c) (12 weeks) Teach alternative spellings of phonemes:	Read familiar words automatically. Decode new words quickly and silently. Decode aloud.	No new CEWs to read	wk 2: their wk 3: -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only.	



















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dge (fudge), mb (la Week 2: gn (gnat), (knit), wr (wrap), s (listen) Week 3: se (house, please), o (some), (happy) Week 4: ey (donke alternatives for /ea ere (here), eer (bee ar (father) Week 5: /ar/ al (ha alternatives for /aii ere (there), ear (pe are (bare), alternatives for /or Week 6: alternative /or/ our (four), aug (caught), alternatives for /ur ear (learn), or (wor	in catch), /j/ (as in fudge), /m/ (as in lamb) /n/ (as in gnat), /n/ (as in knit), /r/ (as in wrap), /s/ (as in listen) y), /s/ (as in house), /z/ (as in please), /u/ (as in some), /i/ (as in happy) lf), /i/ (as in donkey), /ear/ (as in here), /ear/ (as in beer), /ar/ (as in father) / (all) /ss for there), /air/ (as in pear), /air/ (as in bare), /or/ (as in all) / or/ (as in four), /or/ (as in caught), /ur/ (as in learn), /ur/ (as in word)		Consolidation and revision of CEW to read to this point.		Phase 5 31 titles currently available more to arrive Sept 2022	
Year 1 Summer 2 week 1: alternative /oo/ou (could), u (alternatives for /ai, ay (day) a-e (came alternatives for /ee ea (sea) week 2:alternatives /ee/ e-e (these), y (happy), ie (chief), (key) week 3: alternatives /igh/ ie (pie), y (by (like) alternatives f ow (low) week 4: alternative /oa/ oe (toe), o-e (alternatives for /y ue (cue), u-e (tune week 5: alternative /y(oo)/ ew (stew) alternatives for /oo (clue), u-e (june), e (blew) week 6: alternative /sh/ ci (special), ti (station), su (sugar (chef)	phonemes: /oo/ (as in could), /oo/ (as in put), /ai/ (as in day), /ai/ (as in came) /ee/ (as in sea) for /ee/ (as in these), /ee/ (as in happy), /ee/ (as in chief), /ee/ (as in key) for /igh/ (as in pie), /igh/ (as in by), /igh/ (as in like), /oa/ (as in low) for /oa/ (as in toe), /oa/ (as in bone), /(y)oo/ (as in cue), /(y)oo/ (as in tune) for /oo/ (as in stew), /oo/ (as in clue), /oo/ (as in blew) for /oo/ (as in special), /sh/ (as in sugar), /sh/ (as in chef)	s	Consolidation and revision of CEW to read to this point.	wk 2: called, asked wk 3: - wk 4: - wk 5: - wk 6: -	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning — past learning only. Phase 5 31 titles currently available more to arrive Sept 2022	
year 2 Autumn 1 Week 1: oi/oy, ow, ur/er/ir, or/aw/au ai/ay/a-e Week 2: ee/ea/e-e igh/ie/i-e, oa/oe/coo/ew/ue/u-e (oo/ew/ue/u-e (you) Week 3: Revisit a (fast, was), e (he), iweek 4: Revisit o (rounit & put), ow (soie (chief) week 5: Revisit out	graphemes with the same sound: oi/oy, ow/ou, /ey, ur/er/ir, or/aw/au, ai/ay/a-e), ee/ea/e-e/ey, igh/ie/i-e, oa/oe/o-e, oo/ew/ue/u-e (oo), ew/ue/u-e (you) acorn, (mind) Phase 5b (Mastery) (4 weeks) no), u Revisit alternative		reading all CEWs wk 2: Revise reading all CEWs wk 3: Revisit water, where, who, again wk 4: Revisit thought, through, mouse, work wk 5: Revisit different, any, eyes	No spelling apart from applying phonics accurately. No suggestions for review of CEWs	Note: no books reflecting sounds they are currently learning – past learning only. Phase 5 31 titles currently available (more to arrive Sept 2022)	



















	week 6: Revisit y (very) ch	ea (as in head), ou (as in							
		you),							
		ou (as in could), ou (as in							
		mould), y (as in by), y (as in							
		gym), y (as in very), ch (as in							
		school), ch (as in chef)							
		c (as in cell), g (as in gent), ey							
		(as in they)							
Q	Year 2 Autumn 2	Phase 5c (Mastery) (6		wk 1- 5:	ULS	Note: no books			
	Week 1: alternatives for	Weeks)		Revise reading	No spelling	reflecting sounds			
		Revisit alternative spellings				they are currently			
		of phonemes: /ch/ (as in			applying	learning – past			
		picture), /ch/ (as in catch),			phonics	learning only.			
		/j/ (as in fudge),			accurately.	icarring only.			
		/m/ (as in lamb), /n/ (as in		wk 6:	accurately.	Phase 5 31 titles			
					No suggestions	currently available			
		gnat), /n/ (as in knit), /r/ (as				· ·			
		in wrap)				more to arrive			
		/s/ (as in listen), /s/ (as in			CEWs	Sept 2022			
		house), /z/ (as in please),		exception					
		/u/ (as in some), /ee/ (as in		words.					
		happy), /i/ (as in donkey),				Once Phase 5 is			
	Week 3: alternatives for	/ear/ (as in here), /ear/ (as in			and revision of	mastered, pupils			
	r · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	beer)			CEW to spell to	are fluent			
	alternatives for /air/	phonemes: /ar/ (as in			this point.	confident readers			
		father), /ar/ (as in half), /air/			·	they then move to			
	are (bare), alternatives for					the school scheme			
		/air/ (as in pear), /air/ (as in				(at around			
		bare), /or/ (as in all), /or/ (as				Turquoise level)			
		in four), /or/ (as in caught),				rarquoise levely			
		/ur/ (as in				see below -			
		learn), /ur/ (as in word), /oo/				beyond Y2			
	Week 4: alternatives for	(as in could), /oo/ (as in put)				Autumn 2			
	/ai/ ay (day) a-e (came)								
		/ai/ (as in day), /ai/ (as in							
		came), /ee/ (as in sea), /ee/							
	(happy), ie (chief), ey	(as in these), /ee/ (as in							
	(key), alternatives for	happy), /ee/ (as in chief),							
	/igh/ ie (pie), y (by), i-e	/ee/ (as in key), /igh/ (as in							
	(like) alternatives for /oa/	pie), /igh/ (as in by), /igh/ (as							
		in like), /oa/ (as in toe), /oa/							
	alternatives for /y(oo)/ ue								
		cue), /(y)oo/ (as in tune),							
	alternatives for /y(oo)/ ew	7							
		/oo/ (as in clue), /oo/ (as in							
	-	June), /oo/ (as in blew),							
		/sh/ (as in special), /sh/ (as							
		in station), /sh/ (as in sugar),							
		/sh/ (as in chef)							
	alternatives for /sh/ ci								
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Assessment and review of all							
		alternative spellings of							
		phonemes.							
	Week 6: Assess & Review								
R	Beyond Y2 Autumn term	ULS: At this point phonics tea	ching will continue a	s an interventio	n for those child	ren who still require	e it.		
		Year 2 children will move on t	•			·			
		Note: Y1 NC coverage should		•	•				
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		WAT:							
		Reference will be made to so	unds families for sea	lling and use of	nhonics strategie	es for reading and s	pelling where appropriate		
			· ·	iiiig and use of	priorites strategic	co for reading and S	Jennis, where appropriate.		
		On an ongoing basis, pupils will be learning to:							
		on an ongoing basis, papils v							
			alalan angal angaran			malinal	and have for my		
		• read most words qui	ckly and accurately,	without overt s	ounding and ble	ending, when they h	ave been frequently		
			ckly and accurately,	without overt s	ounding and ble	ending, when they h	ave been frequently		
		read most words quie encountered				,	ave been frequently		
		• read most words qui				,	ave been frequently		
		read most words quie encountered				,	ave been frequently		