

## Key Assessment Criteria: *Being a reader*

### A Year 1 reader

#### Word reading

- I can match all 40+ graphemes to their phonemes.
- I can blend sounds in unfamiliar words.
- I can divide words into syllables.
- I can read compound words.
- I can read words with contractions and understand that the apostrophe represents the missing letters.
- I can read phonetically decodable words.
- I can read words that end with 's, -ing, -ed, -est
- I can read words which start with un-.
- I can add -ing, -ed and -er to verbs. (Where no change is needed to the root word)
- I can read words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs.

#### Comprehension

- I can say what I like and do not like about a text.
- I can link what I have heard or read to my own experiences.
- I can retell key stories orally using narrative language.
- I can talk about the main characters within a well known story.
- I can learn some poems and rhymes by heart.
- I can use what I already know to understand texts.
- I can check that my reading makes sense and go back to correct when it doesn't.
- I can draw inferences from the text and/or the illustrations. (beginning)
- I can make predictions about the events in the text.
- I can explain what I think a text is about.

### A Year 2 reader

#### Word reading

- I can decode automatically and fluently.
- I can blend sounds in words that contain the graphemes we have learned.
- I can recognise and read alternative sounds for graphemes.
- I can read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs.
- I can read words with common suffixes.
- I can read common exception words.
- I can read and comment on unusual correspondence between grapheme and phoneme.
- I read most words quickly and accurately when I have read them before without sounding out and blending.
- I can read most suitable books accurately, showing fluency and confidence.

#### Comprehension

- I can talk about and give an opinion on a range of texts.
- I can discuss the sequence of events in books and how they relate to each other.
- I use prior knowledge, including context and vocabulary, to understand texts.
- I can retell stories, including fairy stories and traditional tales.
- I can read for meaning and check that the text makes sense. I go back and re-read when it does not make sense.
- I can find recurring language in stories and poems.
- I can talk about my favourite words and phrases in stories and poems.
- I can recite some poems by heart, with appropriate intonation.
- I can answer and ask questions.
- I can make predictions based on what I have read.
- I can draw (simple) inferences from illustrations, events, characters' actions and speech.

## A Year 3 reader

### Word reading

- I can apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- I can read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.
- I attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.

### Comprehension

- I read a range of fiction, poetry, plays, and non-fiction texts.
- I can discuss the texts that I read.
- I can read aloud and independently, taking turns and listening to others.
- I can explain how non-fiction books are structured in different ways and can use them effectively.
- I can explain some of the different types of fiction books.
- I can ask relevant questions to get a better understanding of a text.
- I can predict what might happen based on details I have.
- I can draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.
- I can use a dictionary to check the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- I can identify the main point of a text.
- I can explain how structure and presentation contribute to the meaning of texts.
- I can use non-fiction texts to retrieve information.
- I can prepare poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

## A Year 4 reader

### Word reading

- I can apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- I can read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.
- I attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.

### Comprehension

- I know which books to select for specific purposes, especially in relation to science, geography and history learning.
- I can use a dictionary to check the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- I can discuss and record words and phrases that writers use to engage and impact on the reader.
- I can identify some of the literary conventions in different texts.
- I can identify the (simple) themes in texts.
- I can prepare poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.
- I can explain the meaning of words in context.
- I can ask relevant questions to improve my understanding of a text.
- I can infer meanings and begin to justify them with evidence from the text.
- I can predict what might happen from details stated and from the information I have deduced.
- I can identify where a writer has used precise word choices for effect to impact on the reader.
- I can identify some text type organisational features, for example, narrative, explanation and persuasion.
- I can retrieve information from non-fiction texts.
- I can build on others' ideas and opinions about a text in discussion.

## A Year 5 reader

### Word reading

- I can apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- I can read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound.
- I attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words.
- I can re-read and read ahead to check for meaning.

### Comprehension

- I am familiar with and can talk about a wide range of books and text types, including myths, legends and traditional stories and books from other cultures and traditions. I can discuss the features of each.
- I can read non-fiction texts and identify the purpose, structure and grammatical features, evaluating how effective they are.
- I can identify significant ideas, events and characters; and discuss their significance.
- I can recite poems by heart, e.g. narrative verse, haiku.
- I can prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

## A year 6 reader

### Word reading

- I can apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- I use my combined knowledge of phonemes and word derivations to pronounce words correctly, e.g. arachnophobia.
- I attempt the pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on my prior knowledge of similar looking words.
- I can read fluently, using punctuation to inform meaning.

### Comprehension

- I am familiar with and can talk about a wide range of books and text types, including myths, legends and traditional stories and books from other cultures and traditions. I can discuss the features of each.
- I can read books that are structured in different ways.
- I can recognise texts that contain features from more than one text type.
- I can evaluate how effectively texts are structured and presented.
- I can read non-fiction texts to help with my learning.
- I read accurately and check that I understand.
- I can recommend books to others and give reasons for my recommendation.
- I can identify themes in texts.
- I can identify and discuss the conventions in different text types.
- I can identify the key points in a text.
- I can recite a range of poems by heart, e.g. narrative verse, sonnet.
- I can prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.