

## Reading skills

### To read words accurately:

Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words.

Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.

Read words with contractions (for example, I'm, I'll, we'll) and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s).

Apply a growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology).

### To understand texts:

- Discuss events.
- Predict events.
- Link reading to own experience.
- Join in with stories or poems.
- Check that reading makes sense and self-correct.
- Ask and answer questions about texts.
- Discuss favourite words and phrases.
- Listen to and discuss a wide range of texts.
- Recognise and join in with recurring language (including in role-play).
- 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.
- Predict from details stated and implied.
- Recall and summarise main ideas.
- Discuss words and phrases that capture the imagination.
- Retrieve and record information from fiction and non-fiction, using titles, headings, subheadings and indexes.
- Ask questions to improve understanding.
- Prepare poems and plays to read aloud with expression, volume, tone and intonation.
- 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.
- Make comparisons within and across books.
- Learn a wide range of poetry by heart.
- Discuss understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context.
- Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.