	Year 3 skills	Year 4 Skills	Year 5 skills	Year 6 Skills
Word reading			·	
Phonics and decoding	To use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words) To apply their growing knowledge of root words and prefixes, including in-, im-, il-, ir-, dis-, mis-, un-, re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti- and auto- To apply their growing knowledge of root words and suffixes/word endings, including -ation, - ly, -ous, -ture, -sure, -sion, -tion, -ssion and -cian	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 To decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.
Common exception words	To begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words **	To read all Y3/Y4 exception words ** To discuss the unusual correspondences between spellings and sounds and these occur in the word	To read most Y5/Y6 exception words ** To discuss the unusual correspondences between spellings and sounds and where these occur in the word	To continue to use strategies taught to make relationships between words to read unknown vocabulary

Comprehension				
Comparing,	To recognise, listen to and	To discuss and compare	To read a wide range of	To read for pleasure,
contrasting and	discuss a wide range of	texts from a wide variety of	genres, identifying the	discussing, comparing and
commenting	fiction, poetry, plays, non-	genres and writers	characteristics of text types	evaluating in depth across
	fiction and reference		(such as the use of the first	a wide range of genres,
	books or textbooks	To read for a range of	person in writing diaries	including myths, legends,
		purposes	and autobiographies) and	traditional stories, modern
	To use appropriate		differences between text	fiction, fiction from our
	terminology when	To identify themes and	types	literary heritage and books
	discussing texts (plot,	conventions in a wide		from other cultures and
	character, setting)	range of books	To participate in	traditions
			discussions about books	
		To refer to authorial style,	that are read to them and	To recognise more
		overall themes (e.g.	those they can read for	complex themes in what
		triumph of good over evil)	themselves, building on	they read (such as loss or
		and features (e.g. greeting	their own and others' ideas	heroism)
		in letters, a diary written in	and challenging views	
		the first person or the use	courteously	To explain and discuss
		of presentational devices		their understanding of
		such as numbering and		what they have read,
		headings)	To identify main ideas	including through formal
			drawn from more than one	presentations and
		To identify how language,	paragraph and to	debates, maintaining a
		structure and presentation	summarise these	focus on the topic and
		contribute to meaning		using notes where
			To recommend texts to	necessary
		To identify main ideas	peers based on personal	
		drawn from more than one	choice	To listen to guidance and
		paragraph and summarise		feedback on the quality of
		these		their explanations and

				contributions to discussions and to make improvements 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
Vocabulary	To check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of	Discuss vocabulary used to capture readers' interest and imagination To discuss words and	To discuss vocabulary used by the author to create effect including figurative language	To analyse and evaluate the use of language, including figurative language and how it is used for effect, using
	words in context	phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination	To evaluate the use of authors' language and explain how it has created an impact on the reader	technical terminology such as metaphor, simile, analogy, imagery, style and effect

Inference	To ask and answer questions appropriately, including some simple inference questions based on characters' feelings, thoughts and motives To draw inferences such as inferring characters' feeling from their actions	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives that justifies their actions, supporting their views with evidence from the text To discuss words and phrases that capture the readers' interest and imagination To identify how language, structure and presentation contributes to meaning	To draw inferences from characters' feelings, thoughts and motives To discuss and evaluate how authors use language to contribute to meaning	To discuss and evaluate how authors use language and how this can contribute to meaning 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 To draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justifying inferences
Prediction	To justify predictions using evidence from the text	To justify predictions from details stated and implied	To make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the text	with evidence To continue to make predictions based on details stated and implied, justifying them in detail with evidence from the

				text (using 'show not tell' sentences')
Explanation	To justify answers using evidence from the textTo explain how content is related and contributes to the meaning as a wholeTo explain how meaning is 	To justify answers using a range of evidence from the text To explain how meaning is enhanced through languages, phrases and actions To explain how information contributes to the overall experience.	To explain how language structure and presentation contribute to meaning To explain how actions and descriptions can effect what might happen in a text	To continue to explain how language structure and presentation contribute to meaning To continue to explain how actions and descriptions can effect what might happen in a text
Retrieval	To ask questions to improve their understanding To retrieve, record and present information and explain the purpose	To ask challenging questions to improve their understanding To retrieve, record and present information and explain the purpose	To retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction To ask questions to improve my understanding and use evidence to support my answers	To retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction To ask questions to improve my understanding To answer a range of inference questions using evidence to support my answers

Poetry and	To prepare and perform	To recognise and discuss	To continually show an	To confidently perform
Performance	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.	some different forms of 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	awareness of audience when reading out loud using intonation, tone, volume and action	texts (including poems learnt by heart) using a wide range of devices to engage the audience and for effect
Non-fiction	To retrieve and record information from non- fiction texts	To use all of the organisational devices available within a non- fiction 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 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)

\*\*Spelling lists

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