Books Levels: What to expect when.

Book Level	Skills	Words to learn by sight
1 & 2 Reception	<ul> <li>Enjoy listening to stories and begin to respond/ask questions.</li> <li>Use pictures to predict what the story may be about.</li> </ul>	a, is, it, in, an, at, and, as, if, of, off, on
	<ul> <li>Match some initial letters to sounds (phonemes).</li> <li>Understand that all print 'says' something.</li> <li>Choose a book and explain reasons for liking it.</li> <li>Name some letters.</li> </ul>	Phase 2 tricky words
	<ul><li>Find words I know (sight words).</li><li>Find the front cover, back cover and title.</li></ul>	
3,4 & 5 Reception	<ul> <li>Recognise at least half the letters of the alphabet by shape, name or sound (phoneme).</li> <li>Identify words that start with the same letter.</li> <li>Find familiar words and use them to support reading.</li> <li>Retell a story in the right order, with story language e.g. once upon a time.</li> <li>Begin to explain why some things happen in a story they have just read.</li> <li>Aware of the vocabulary of texts e.g. title, cover, author etc.</li> <li>Sustain active listening for a story.</li> <li>Know that information can be found in books.</li> </ul>	can, had, back, get, mum, dad, him, his, not, got, up, but Phase 3 tricky words
6,7 & 8 Reception	<ul> <li>Use phonics to sound out (segment) some words.</li> <li>Read common words by sight.</li> <li>Break down and blend consonant vowel consonant words (cvc) e.g. cat, bag, dog - Follow what they are reading with their eyes, using finger to point to difficult words.</li> <li>Use pictures and diagrams for extra information.</li> <li>Compare different stories.</li> <li>Say what they like/dislike about poems, stories and information books.</li> <li>When reading aloud, know that the sentences have to make sense.</li> </ul>	will, see, for, now, down, look, too, that, this, then, them, with  Consolidate Phase 2 & 3 tricky words.

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9,10 & 11	- Recognise some familiar words in the texts I read.	went, from
Reception	- Predict what a new book may be about by using the title and pictures.	
	- Retell the story in the right order, using some prompts.	Phase 4 tricky words
	- Answer simple questions about stories, rhymes and information read aloud to them.	
	- Blend to read words of ccvc (consonant consonant vowel consonant).	
	- Identify the main characters.	
	- Know the difference between fiction and non-fiction.	
	- Comment on interesting or enjoyable parts of books.	
12,13 & 14	- Blend words using known phonemes (sounds) that represent graphemes (letter or letters that make the	it's, children, just,
Year 1	sound).	help
	- Use known phonics and sight words when reading independently.	
	- Identify a character and offer an opinion about them.	Phase 5 tricky words
	- Retell a story and explain the main ideas.	
	- Understand that stories have a beginning, middle and end.	
	- Independently recognise some links between my life and events, characters, ideas, information in books.	
15 & 16	- Track two or three lines of text without finger pointing.	Don't, old, I'm, by, time, house,
Year 1	- Find specific information in simple texts.	about, your, day
	- Blend words using known phonemes (sounds) that represent graphemes (letter or letters that make the	
	sound).	All tricky words
	- Confidently use known phonics and key words when reading independently.	and Year 1 common exception words
	- Predict what might come next from different parts of the story.	exception words
	- Say what they like and dislike about texts read.	
17 & 18	- Blend words using known phonemes (sounds) that represent graphemes (letter or letters that make the	made, came, make, here,
Year 1/2	sound).	saw, very, put
	- Confidently use known phonics and key words when reading independently.	
	- Understand what they are reading and make phonetically plausible attempts at unknown words.	All tricky words
	- Predict what might come next from different parts of the story.	and Year 1 common
	- Use expression when reading texts they know well.	exception words
	- Understand words like author, title and illustrator and use them when I talk about a text.	

19 & 20	- Blend unknown words using known phonemes (sounds) that represent graphemes (letter or letters that make the sound).	Year	2	common	exception
Year 2	- Sometimes choose the right strategy to help me work out the word I want to read.	words			
	- Develop fluency when reading.				
	- Retell a story using words and phrases from the text.				
	- Retell the main points from a non-fiction text.				
	- Use expression to make my reading sound more interesting.				
	- Begin to notice similarities between some stories.				
	- Know if a book is fiction or non-fiction by looking at the layout.				
	- Explain why they like books by their favourite authors.				
21 & 22 Year 2	- Blend unknown words using known phonemes (sounds) that represent graphemes (letter or letters that make the sound).	Year words	2	common	exception
	- Use different ways to work out an unknown word, or meaning from a text.				
	- Re-read the text if it doesn't make sense.				
	_ Retell a story from memory and include all the main parts.				
	_ Retrieve information from the text to answer questions.				
	_ Change their voice when reading speech.				
	_ Identify how the main characters react to each other in different ways.				
	_ Use the context and index page to find a particular page in a book.				
	_ Recognise and talk about different features of fiction and non-fiction texts.				
	Express opinions about the text they have read.				
23 & 24	- Choose the right strategy to help them work out the word they are reading.	Year	2	common	exception
Year 2	- Quickly notice when reading doesn't make sense and re-read it.	words			•
	- Describe events using some direct quotations from the text.				
	- Being to think about messages that may be hidden in the story.				
	- Read expressively using punctuation to enhance meaning.				
	_ Use knowledge of structures, characters and themes to make comparisons.				
	_ Understand how headings and captions help them to read and understand non-fiction texts.				
	_ Identify and explain the main purpose of a given text.				

25 +	- When reading aloud, think about how their reading sounds to the listener.	
Year 3+	- Answer a range of questions by referring back to the text.	
	- If haven't understood something, will re-read, ask or look something up to help.	
	- Know when there are hidden messages in a story.	
	- Know that text types have their own structure.	
	<sub>-</sub> Begin to understand how the layout might add to the effectiveness of a text.	
	_ Use the layout of non-fiction texts to help them read.	
	_ Comment on why an author may have chosen a particular word.	
	_ Recognise that books are written for different purposes.	
	_ Read a range of genres in order to expand vocabulary.	