

English Curriculum Overview EYFS/KS1



| | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| Nursery | Speaking – | Marvellous Me – Texts and Topics based on | Aliens and Monsters | How did nursing change the world? |
| | Talking about their | child's interests | | |
| | likes and dislikes | | Texts: | Texts: |
| | To be able to express | Speaking – | The Gingerbread Man | The Lion in the Meadow by Margaret Mahey |
| | needs or wants | Talking about their likes and dislikes | Little Red Riding Hood | Dear Teacher by Amy Husband |
| | Describing events that | Describing events that are important to | Goldilocks and the Three Bears | The Works by Paul Cookson |
| | are important to them | them and their families | Aliens Poem | |
| | and their families | Develop and model vocabulary through | | |
| | Develop and model | play | Reading and writing focus | Reading and Writing Focus: |
| | vocabulary through | Phonics/Reading – | Narrative – Traditional Tale | Narrative – Familiar Settings |
| | play | Handling books with care. | Poetry – List Poems | Postcards and letters |
| | Develop confidence | Listening to a variety of stories with | (Harvest/Autumn) | Poetry – Repetition |
| | when talk about their | increasing attention and recall. | | Fact File |
| | ideas. | Recognising own name and familiar signs | | |
| | | and logos | Texts: | |
| | | Phase 1 - Rhythm and Rhyme – Nursery | Little Red Riding Hood | Were all Pirates baddies? |
| | Phonics/Reading – | Rhymes | The Gingerbread Man | |
| | Handling books with | Phase 2 /Phase 3 Graphemes/Phonemes | | Texts: |
| | care. | Blending CVC / CVVC /CCVCC words | Reading and writing focus | The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward |
| | Listening to a variety | Rainbow Word | <mark>Poetry – Rhyme</mark> | George and the Dragon by Chris Wormell |
| | of different stories | Writing Focus- | Recount | The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch |
| | with increasing | Fine Motor / Gross Motor skills | | Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne |
| | attention and recall. | Hand dominance – pencil grip | | Instructions by Neil Gaiman |
| | Recognising own name | Mark Making – giving meaning to the | What are the best materials | |
| | and familiar signs and | marks they make. | for construction? | Reading and Writing Focus: |
| | logos | Name writing- Forming all letters in their | | Narrative - Fantasy |
| | Phase 1 - Rhythm and | name | Texts: Billy Goats Gruff | Instructions |
| | Rhyme – Nursery | Letter formation | Three Little Pigs | Poetry – Calligrams and shape poems |
| | Rhymes | Segmenting CVC words to write them. | | Narrative – Traditional Tales |
| | Sound Discrimination. | | Reading and writing focus | |
| | Helicopter Stories"- | Stories/Growing Texts and Topics based | Narrative – Familiar Settings | Book Week: |
| | children verbally | on child's interests | | Author: |
| | telling their stories | | | Tony Ross, Julia Donaldson, Beatrix Potter, Jill Murphy |
| | that adults scribing for | Speaking- | Living and Growing | |

| the children to then | To develop confidence to speak in larger | | Multi-Cultural Week: |
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| | | Tauta | |
| act out. | groups. Support children to use their language to | Texts: | Writing Focus: |
| | | Reading and writing focus Leaflets | News Report |
| Writing Focus- | talk about their ideas and explain their | | Persuasive Advert |
| Fine Motor / Gross | thinking. | <mark>Menus</mark> | |
| Motor skills | Use language in creative ways e.g. | | What are the differences between Kenya and England? |
| Hand dominance – | storytelling | Book Week: | |
| effective pencil grip | To develop vocabulary. | Author: | Texts: |
| Mark Making – giving | Phonics/Reading- | Tony Ross, Julia Donaldson, | Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers |
| meaning to the marks | Features of stories – | Beatrix Potter, Jill Murphy | The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers |
| they make. | Characters/Setting/Problem/Solution | | Gorilla by Anthony Browne |
| Pre Writing Shapes | Retelling familiar stories – traditional tales | Multi-Cultural Week: | The Night Shimmy by Anthony Browne |
| Clockwise and anti- | "Helicopter Stories" - children verbally | | |
| clockwise movements | telling their stories that | How are humans similar to | Silly Billy by Anthony Browne |
| Name writing- | adults scribing for the children to then act | other animals? | Deading and Multing France |
| Forming all letters in | out. | | Reading and Writing Focus: |
| their name | Consolidation of phase 2 and phase 3 | Texts: | Narrative – Quests |
| Letter formation | Twin letters | Animal Poems | Fact File |
| | Consonant Clusters | How to wash a Woolly | Narrative – Stories by the same author |
| | Reading multi syllable words | Mammoth by Michelle | Recount |
| | Rainbow words | Robinson | Letter |
| | Writing Focus- | | |
| | Using phonic knowledge to write simple | Instructions | |
| | sentences | Performance Poetry | |
| | Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. | | |
| | To begin to write more independently – | | |
| | using the children's interests to inspire | Knights and Castles | |
| | them. | 5 | |
| | | Texts: | |
| | Texts and Topics based on child's interests | Beauty and the Beast | |
| | e.g | Rapunzel | |
| | superheroes/minibeasts/animal/transport | Cinderella | |
| | | Non-Fiction Castles Book | |
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| | Speaking- | Reading and writing focus | |
| | Children express themselves effectively, | Narrative – Fairy Tales | |
| | showing awareness of listeners' needs. | Diary Entry | |
| | They use past, present and future forms | Fact File | |
| | accurately when talking about events that | | |
| | have happened or are to happen in the | | |
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| future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. Phonics/Reading- Features of Fiction and Non- Fiction Focus on reading fluency and accuracy. Comprehension and inference Alternative spelling for sounds e.g ee ea Nonsense words and real words Writing Focus – |
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| write simple sentences that can be read by themselves and others Descriptive sentences Story writing Fiction and Non- fiction Writing independently. |

| | EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| Reading - Word Reading | Children read simple sentences. Use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. Read some common irregular words. | Able to match all 40+ graphemes to their phonemes • Blend sounds of unfamiliar words • Divide words into syllables • Read compound words • Read words with contractions and understand the apostrophe represents the missing letter • Read phonetically decodable words • Read words that end with 's, -ing, -ed, -est • Read words that start with un- Add –ing, -ed, and –er, to verbs • Read words of more than syllable that contain taught grapheme, phoneme correspondents. | Can decode automatically and fluently. Is able to blend sounds in words that contain the graphemes learnt. Recognise and read alternative sounds for graphemes. Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same GPCs. Read words with common suffixes. Read common exception words. Read and comment on unusual correspondence between grapheme and phoneme. Read most words quickly and accurately when they are known words without sounding out and blending. Read most suitable books accurately, showing fluency and confidence. |

| Reading - Comprehension | Understand simple sentences they read . • Demonstrate understanding when talking to other about what they have read | Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by: Say what the like don't like about a book Link what has been read or heard to own experiences Retell key stories orally using narrative language Talk about the main characters in a story Learn poem and rhymes off by heart Understand what they read by: Use what is already known to understand texts Check reading makes sense and correct when it doesn't Begin to draw inferences from the text and/or illustrations Make predictions about the events Explain what I think a text is about | Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by: Talk about and give an opinion on a range of texts. • Discuss the sequence of events in books and how they relate to each other• Retell stories, including fairy stories and traditional tales. • Recite some poems by heart, with appropriate intonation Understand what they read by: .• Use prior knowledge, including context and vocabulary, to understand texts. Read for meaning and check that the text makes sense, go back and re-read when it does not makes sense. • Find recurring language in stories and poems. Talk about favourite words and phrases in stories and poems. .• Ask and answer questions. • Make predictions based on what I has been read. • Draw (simple) inferences from illustrations, events, characters' actions and speech. |
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| Writing- Transcription | To continue a rhyming string. To hear and say the initial sound in words. To segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together. To link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. To use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. To write some irregular common words. | To know all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent. To recognise consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise words with adjacent consonants. To accurately spell most words containing the 40+ previously taught phonemes and GPCs. | To segment spoken words into phonemes and to represent these with graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others. To recognise new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known and to learn some words with each spelling, including some common homophones (e.g. bare/bear, blue/ blew, night/knight). To apply further Y2 spelling rules and guidance*, which includes: |

| • To spell some words in a phonically plausible way, even if sometimes incorrect. | • the /dʒ/ sound spelt as 'ge' and' dge' (e.g. fudge, huge) or spelt as 'g' or 'j' elsewhere in |
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| To apply Y1 spelling rules and guidance*, which includes: | words (e.g. magic, adjust); the /n/ sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' (e.g. knock, |
| • the sounds /f/, /l/, | gnaw); |
| /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck' and exceptions; | the /r/ sound spelt 'wr' (e.g. write, written); the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -le (e.g. little, |
| the /ŋ/ sound spelt 'n' before 'k' (e.g. bank, | middle) or spelt –el (e.g. camel, tunnel) or |
| think); | spelt –al (e.g. metal, hospital) or spelt –il |
| dividing words into syllables (e.g. rabbit, | (e.g. fossil, nostril); |
| carrot); | • the /aɪ/ sound spelt |
| the /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as 'tch' and exceptions; | -y (e.g. cry, fly, July); adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in |
| the /v/ sound at the end of words where the | –y where the 'y' is changed to 'i' before the |
| letter 'e' usually needs to be added (e.g. | -es (e.g. flies, tries, carries); |
| have, live); | adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root |
| adding -s and -es to words (plural of nouns | word ending in –y (e.g. skiing, replied) and |
| and the third person singular of verbs);adding the endings | exceptions to the rules;adding the endings |
| –ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change | – ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending |
| is needed to the root wood (e.g. buzzer, | in –e with |
| jumping); | • a consonant before (including exceptions); |
| • adding -er and -est to adjectives where no | adding –ing, –ed, |
| change is needed to the root word (e.g. | • -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable |
| fresher, grandest); | ending in a single consonant letter after asingle vowel letter (including exceptions); |
| spelling words with the vowel digraphs and trigraphs: | the /ɔ:/ sound (or) spelt 'a' before 'l' and 'll' |
| - 'ai' and 'oi' (e.g. rain, | (e.g. ball, always); |
| • wait, train, point, soil); | • the / Λ / sound spelt 'o' (e.g. other, mother, |
| • 'oy' and 'ay' (e.g. day, toy, enjoy, annoy); | brother); |
| • a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e (e.g. made, | the /i:/ sound spelt over the plural forms of those words are |
| theme, ride, woke, tune); | –ey: the plural forms of these words are made by the addition of -s (e.g. donkeys, |
| 'ar' (e.g. car, park); 'ee' (e.g. green, week); | monkeys); |
| 'ea' (e.g. sea, dream); | • the /b/ sound spelt 'a' after 'w' and 'qu' (e.g. |
| 'ea' (e.g. meant, bread); | want, quantity, squash) |
| • 'er' stressed sound (e.g. her, person); | the /3:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w' (e.g. word, |
| • 'er' unstressed schwa sound (e.g. better, | work, worm); |
| under); | |

| | | 'ir' (e.g. girl, first, third); 'ur' (e.g. turn, church); 'oo' (e.g. food, soon); 'oo' (e.g. book, good); 'oa' (e.g. road, coach); 'oe' (e.g. toe, goes); 'ou' (e.g. loud, sound); 'ow' (e.g. brown, down); 'ow' (e.g. own, show); 'ue' (e.g. true, rescue, Tuesday); 'ew' (e.g. new, threw); 'ie' (e.g. lie, dried); 'ie' (e.g. chief, field); 'igh' (e.g. before, shore); 'aw' (e.g. author, haunt); 'au' (e.g. beard, near, year); 'ear' (e.g. bare, dare, scared); spelling words ending with -y (e.g. funny, party, family); spelling new consonants 'ph' and 'wh' (e.g. dolphin, alphabet, wheel, while); using 'k' for the /k/ sound (e.g. sketch, kit, skin). | the /ɔ:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' (e.g. warm, towards); the /ʒ/ sound spelt 's' (e.g. television, usual). |
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| Writing- Handwriting | To sometimes give meaning to marks as they draw and paint. To realise tools can be used for a purpose. To draw lines and circles using gross motor movements. To use one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors. | To write lower case and capital letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place with a good level of consistency. To sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. To form digits 0-9. To understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters | To write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters. To form lower case letters of the correct size, relative to one another. To use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters. To begin to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters |

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| To hold a pencil between thumb | that are formed in similar ways) and to | |
| and two fingers, no longer using | practise these. | |
| whole-hand grasp. | | |
| To hold a pencil near point | | |
| between first two fingers and | | |
| thumb, and uses it with good | | |
| control. | | |
| To copy some letters, e.g. letters | | |
| from their name. | | |
| To give meaning to marks they | | |
| make as they draw, write and paint. | | |
| To use some clearly identifiable | | |
| letters to communicate meaning, | | |
| representing some sounds correctly | | |
| and in sequence. | | |
| To show a preference for a | | |
| dominant hand. | | |
| To begin to use anticlockwise | | |
| movement and retrace vertical | | |
| lines. | | |
| To begin to form recognisable | | |
| letters. | | |
| To use a pencil and hold it | | |
| • To use a pencir and hold it effectively to form recognisable | | |
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| letters, most of which are correctly formed. | | |
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| To show good control and co- and institution in large and emply | | |
| ordination in large and small | | |
| • movements. | | |
| To move confidently in a range of | | |
| ways, safely negotiating space. | | |
| To handle equipment and tools | | |
| effectively, including pencils for | | |
| writing. | | |
| To write simple sentences which | | |
| can be read by themselves and | | |
| others. | | |
| Writing- Composition • | •Plan their writing by: | Plan their writing by: |

| | To say out loud what they are going to write about. To compose a sentence orally before writing it. To sequence sentences to form short narratives. To discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils. To reread their writing to check that it makes sense and to independently begin to make changes. To read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. To use adjectives to describe Draft and write by: | To write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional). To write about real events. To write simple poetry. To plan what they are going to write about, including writing down ideas and/or key words and new vocabulary To encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence. To make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils. To reread to check that their writing makes sense and that the correct tense is used throughout. To proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (e.g. to check that the ends of sentences are punctuated correctly) Draft and write by: |
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| Writing- Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation | To use simple sentence structures. To use the joining word (conjunction) 'and' to link ideas and sentences. To begin to form simple compo¬¬und sentences. To use capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'I'. To use finger spaces. To use full stops to end sentences. To begin to use question marks and exclamation marks. To recognise and use the terms letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark. | To using co-ordination (or/and/but). To use some subordination (when/if/ that/because). To use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (e.g. the blue butterfly). To use the full range of punctuation taught at key stage 1 mostly correctly including: capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks; commas to separate lists; apostrophes to mark singular possession and contractions. To recognise and use the terms noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, |

| | | | verb, present tense, past tense, apostrophe and comma. |
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| Writing- Spelling | | To spell all Y1 common exception words correctly.* To spell days of the week correctly. To use -s and -es to form regular plurals correctly. To use the prefix 'un-' accurately. To successfully add the suffixes –ing, –ed, – er and –est to root words where no change is needed in the spelling of the root words (e.g. helped, quickest). To spell simple compound words (e.g. dustbin, football). To read words that they have spelt. To take part in the process of segmenting spoken words into phonemes before choosing graphemes to represent those phonemes | To spell most Y1 and Y2 common exception words correctly. To add suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing, e.gment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly. To spell more words with contracted forms, e.g. can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll. To learn the possessive singular apostrophe (e.g. the girl's book). To write, from memory, simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. To segment spoken words into phonemes and to then represent all of the phonemes using graphemes in the right order for both for single- syllable and multi-syllabic words. To self-correct misspellings of words that pupils have been taught to spell (this may require support to recognise misspellings). |
| Spoken Language | .Listening To listen to others one to one or in small groups, when a conversation interests them. To focus attention – still listen or do, but can shift own attention. To be able to follow directions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity). To maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly during appropriate activity. To have two-channelled attention – can listen and do for short span. To understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes. | To listen to others in a range of situations and usually respond appropriately. To understand instructions with more than one point in many situations. To begin to ask questions that are linked to the topic being discussed. To answer questions on a wider range of topics (sometimes may only be one-word answers). To speak clearly in a way that is easy to understand. To speak in front of larger audiences, e.g. in a class assembly, during a show 'n' tell session. | To listen carefully and respond with increasing appropriateness to what has been said, e.g. make a helpful contribution when speaking in a small reading group To fully understand instructions with more than one point in many situations and independently seek clarification when a message is not clear. To attempt to follow instructions before seeking assistance. To show that they are following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions. To answer questions using clear sentences. |

| To follow a story without pictures or props. To listen attentively in a range of situations. To give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately while engaged in another activity. Following Instructions To respond to simple instructions, e.g. to get or put away an object. To respond to instructions involving a two-part sequence. To follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. To puestion why things happen and give explanations. Asks who, what, when and how. To comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world, such as the place where they live or the natural world. | To know when it is their turn to speak in a small group presentation or play performance. To take part in a simple role play of a known story. To use appropriate vocabulary to describe their immediate world and feelings. To think of alternatives for simple vocabulary choices. To organise their thoughts into sentences before expressing them. To be able to describe their immediate world and environment. To retell simple stories and recounts aloud. To recognise that different people will have different responses and that that these are as valuable as their own opinions and ideas. | To begin to give reasoning behind their answers when prompted to do so. To speak confidently within a group of peers so that their message is clear. To practise and rehearse reading sentences and stories aloud. To take on a different role in a drama or role play and discuss the character's feelings. To recognise that sometimes speakers talk differently and discuss reasons why this might happen. To start to use subject- specific vocabulary to explain, describe and add detail. To suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed. To start to vary language according to the situation between formal and informal. To usually speak in grammatically correct sentences. To talk about themselves clearly and confidently. To verbally recount experiences with some added interesting details. To offer ideas based on what has been heard To give enough detail to hold the |
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| aspects of their familiar world, such as the place where they live or the | | some added interesting details.To offer ideas based on what has been |
| Asking and Answering Questions To ask appropriate questions of others. To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events. | | To give enough detail to hold the interest of other participant(s) in a discussion. To engage in meaningful discussions that relate to different topic areas. To remain focused on a discussion when not directly involved and be able to recall the main points when questioned. |
| Drama and Performance | | |

| To use intonation, rhythm and phrasing to | |
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| make the meaning clear to others. | |
| To talk confidently with other children when | |
| playing, and will communicate freely about | |
| own home and community. | |
| To confidently speak to others about own | |
| needs, wants, interests and opinions. | |
| To express themselves effectively, showing | |
| awareness of listeners' needs. | |
| To speak confidently in a familiar group, will | |
| talk about their ideas. | |
| To begin to use more complex sentences to | |
| link thoughts (e.g. using and, because). | |
| To use a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, | |
| will play, played). | |
| To use vocabulary focused on objects and | |
| people that are of | |
| particular importance to them. | |
| To build up vocabulary that reflects the | |
| breadth of their experiences. | |
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| To use past, present and future forms | |
| accurately when talking about events that | |
| have happened or are to happen in the | |
| future. | |
| To retell a simple past event in correct order | |
| (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger). | |
| To talk to connect ideas, explain what is | |
| happening and | |
| anticipate what might happen next, recall | |
| and relive past experiences. | |
| To use talk in pretending that objects stand | |
| for something else in play, e.g. 'This box is | |
| my castle.' | |
| To remember and talk about significant | |
| events in their own experience. | |
| To talk about why things happen and how | |
| things work. | |
| To use language to imagine and recreate | |
| roles and experiences in play situations. | |

| To link statements and stick to a main theme | |
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| or intention. | |
| To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify | |
| thinking, ideas, feelings and events. | |
| To introduce a storyline or narrative into | |
| their play. | |
| To explain own knowledge and | |
| understanding. | |
| To develop their own narratives and | |
| explanations by connecting ideas or events. | |
| To initiate conversations, attend to and take | |
| account of what others say. | |
| To listen and respond to ideas expressed by | |
| others in conversation or discussion. This is | |
| 40-60m not ELG. | |