English Progression of Skills Netherton Infant and Nursery School



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2		
Word Reading					
Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. Looks at books independently. Handles books carefully. Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. Holds books the correct way up and turns pages. Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.	Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They are secure with the majority of Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to the end of Phase 4.	Read words by breaking them down into sounds. I quickly read my given letters or groups of letters. I read new words by blending letter sounds together. Read some unusual words. Know how to read my word list words including words ending in -s, -es, -ing, -ed, er and -est. Correctly read the longer words in my word list. Read words that contain missing letters such as I'm, I'll, and we'll. Correctly read aloud the words from my book. I re-read my books so that I become a better reader. Be secure with the majority of Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to the end of Phase 5.	Read words quickly because I know how to sound out all parts of a word. I read by blending together the sounds I know and can read out within a word. I can read words with two or three syllables. Read words with common word endings, such as -ing and -ed. Read most words quickly and accurately. When I see a word I have not read before, I can sound out the word without help from an adult. When I re-read my books, I become more fluent at reading the text. Able to read White/Lime level books.		

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Reading Comprehension					
Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. Suggests how the story might end. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Describes main story settings, events and principal characters.	Listen and discuss what I have read, including poems, stories and non-fiction books. When I read, I can tell you of similar things that have happened to me. I can tell you about some special stories we have worked on in class and even re-tell them to my teacher. I like to join in with the class at special times of a story when the teacher is telling certain stories. I have learned some rhymes or poems. I discuss what words mean. I understand the books I can read. I check what I am reading makes sense as I am reading through it. I discuss the titles and events from the books I read. I can tell you about why a character does or says some things.	I listen, discuss and can say what I think about poems, stories and non-fiction books I have read. When I read, I am able to tell you about things in the order they happen and if they are connected. I can tell you about all the different stories I have read. I enjoy finding out about nonfiction books and how they are set out. I can recognise simple language patterns in stories and poems. I discuss the meaning of words. I am happy to tell you my favourite words and phrases from my reading. I can say out loud a number of poems I have learnt. I understand the books I can read. I check what I am reading makes sense as I read through it.	I have understood a range of texts I have read. I am able to choose from a range of books to find the information I require. I use a dictionary to check the meaning of words. I can talk about some different types of stories I have read. I can identify some themes in a range of books I read. I will perform poems and play scripts to read aloud. I will discuss words and phrases that interest me. I know that poetry comes in different forms. I think about what I read to make sure I understand it and it makes sense. I ask questions about a text or book. I know a character does certain things because of how the		

next basso far. I take tu when I can ex happen	oredict what happens sed on what I have read arms to listen and discuss am in a group. Iplain what has leed in the story someone read to me.	I can tell you why certain things happen in a book or why a character says the things they do. I can answer and ask questions about what I have read. I like to guess what happens next in a story, using what I already know has gone on before. I take turns to discuss and listen to others about what I have read. I can explain and discuss what	character is feeling or what has happened to them in the story. I can predict events in stories from what has happened up to now. I can tell what the main ideas are from reading a number of paragraphs. I can see that books are set out in ways that help the reader to read the texts. I can use non-fiction books to find
		either I have read or have been read to me.	I can take turns when discussing books I have read.

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	Writing Tro	ınscription	
Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint.	They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing. Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements	I can spell my word list accurately. I can spell some unusual words correctly. I can spell the days of the week. I know the names of all the letters of the alphabet in order.	I can spell words correctly by saying them out loud. I am learning new ways for spelling words which sound the same but have different meanings. I know how to spell words that do not follow a spelling pattern.

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I know some sounds can be	I can spell more words by using
spelled in different ways using	'rules' I already know.
different letters.	I have learnt how to correctly use
I use word endings such as -s and	the possessive apostrophe
es to change a word to mean	(singular) [for example, the girl's
more than one.	book] in my spelling.
I know how to add un- at the	I can show I know the
beginning of a word to create a	difference between
new word.	homophones and near
I spell words correctly by adding	homophones in my spelling.
ing, -ed, -er and -est to create	I spell words correctly, by
new words such as helping,	adding ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly
helped, helper.	to make them longer.
I can spell the words correctly in	I can spell the words correctly in
my Year 1 spelling list.	my Year 2 spelling list.
I can write out a sentence told to me by my teacher.	

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	Handwriting					
Gives meanings to marks that they see in different places.	When writing, I sit and hold a pencil correctly. I can write some of my letters correctly, starting and finishing in the right place. I can write some capital letters.	When I write, my letters are the same size. I am learning how to join letters correctly. I can write letters and numbers that are the right way round and the right size.	I am beginning to join my letters when writing. I am beginning to join my handwriting and my letters are all the same height and the correct distance apart from each other.			

Nursery	I can write the numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0 correctly. I can tell you how some letters are similar and can be put into groups. Reception	I know where to leave spaces between words. Year 1	Year 2
	Compre	hension	
	Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.	Before I write a sentence, I can say out loud what I am going to write. I can think of and say a sentence before I write it. I can write a text by thinking of a list of sentences in the order I need. I check my sentences make sense by re-reading them. I can discuss what I have written with the teacher or my friends. I can read aloud my own writing so my friends and the teacher can hear me.	I am beginning to write stories about things that have happened to me or other people. I am able to write longer stories about real things that have happened. I can write my own poems. I like to write for different purposes, for example, for my teacher, myself or for a class assembly. Before I start my writing, I plan what I am going to say either by thinking about what I want to write or by saying my ideas out loud. I think about what I am going to write by writing down my ideas

	and important words which will help me.
	I can write down brief descriptions about what I want to include in my writing, before I begin. I can make changes in my writing by listening to what others
	have to say about it. Once finished, I will re-read my work to make sure it makes sense. I check my finished work to make
	sure there are no mistakes in spelling, grammar or punctuation.
	I can read aloud my work in a way which helps people understand it.

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	Vocabulary o	and Grammar	
		When I write, I leave spaces	I am using familiar and new
		between my words.	punctuation correctly in my
		I can add together two	writing, including full stops,
		sentences using 'and'.	capital letters, exclamation marks
		I can tell you where I might use a	and question marks.
		capital letter, a full stop, question	I can use commas correctly
		marks or exclamation marks in my	when making a list of things.
		work.	-

I can show you where I can use a capital letter for the names of people, places, the days of the week and when I use I.

I can make words mean more than one object by adding -s or es. For example, dog and dogs or wish and wishes.

I can add endings such as -ing and -ed to words to make new words.

I understand how adding un to the beginning of some words changes the word to mean the opposite.

I know that words can be put together to build sentences.

I can use the grammar rules set out my grammar list.

I can use an apostrophe to show where some letters are missing from a word or to say when something belongs to someone. For example, I'll means I will.

I am learning to write sentences which convey different meaning for different purposes.

I am able to write more interesting sentences by adding further detail.

I try to write in the present or past tense when writing.

I can use words such as when, if, that, because, or, and or but when I write sentences.

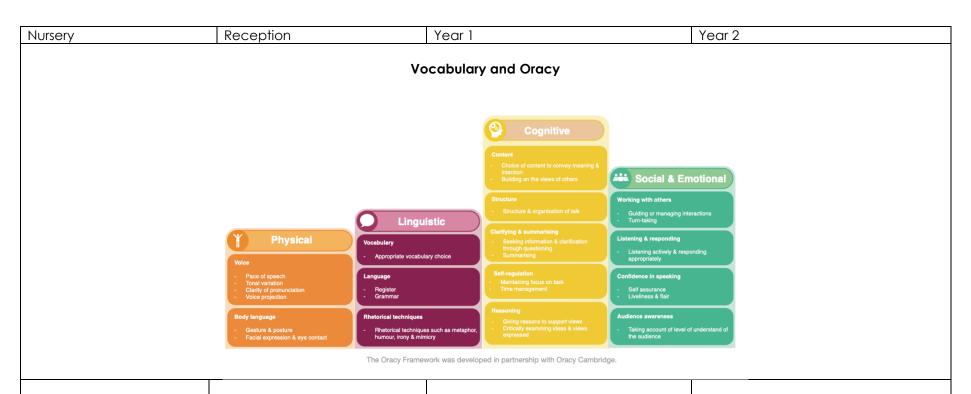
I can add -ness and -er to the end of a word to make new words and I know some words (such as superman or whiteboard) are made by joining two different words together.

I can add -ful and -less to words to make adjectives.

I know what changes happen to the meaning of words when I add -er, est and -ly to words.

When I discuss my writing, I can use the correct Year 2 grammar

as set out in my Year 2 grammar list.



Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because).

Can retell a simple past

Can retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt

Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.

I can listen to the teacher in my classroom and ignore other people or noises.

I can understand instructions that tell me the order I have to do something. I can find things out by asking how and why questions. I can find the most important parts in a spoken question.

I can understand long instructions where I have to do several different things.

I can ask lots of different types of questions to find things out.

finger). Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences. Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how. Uses a range of tenses (e.g. play, playing, will play, played). Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others. Uses vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them. Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play, e,g, 'This box is my castle.'

Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.
Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.
Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.
Express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.

They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.

They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

I can say 'I don't understand' when I'm stuck.

I can sort things into groups.

I know what someone is describing when they give me clues.

I can use a sentence to tell someone when I am not happy.

I can start stories using once upon a time etc

I can talk about the things I need so I can complete a task.

I can join sentences using 'and'. I can listen carefully when I am in a group.

I can say most speech sounds clearly. I can make sentences about what is happening now, what has happened and what will happen.

I can speak clearly in performances. I can ask a class visitor questions. I can comment when talking to other people.

I can use expressions that I hear other people using.

I can tell someone I don't understand something.

I can talk about words that look or sound the same.

I can explain things using a sentence with 'because' or 'when'.

I can tell stories that are easy to understand.

I can explain how I solved a problem. I can listen carefully in a group and take turns in a discussion.

I can talk about what will happen next in a story or something that happened.

I can say most speech sounds clearly. I can say words with up to 4 syllables clearly.

I can talk to others and stay on the same topic.

I can ask questions to find out information and use information from the answers to make my response. I know there are some words I only use with friends e.g. 'wicked' and 'yeah right'.

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Language of Argument (adapted from Tower Hamlets Progression in Language Structures) He / She didn't share / take turns I want to..... No because..... No because..... Yes because..... l like..... Yes because..... I don't like..... I agree / disagree because....... I agree / disagree because....... I think......Why? I think..... because... and also I think..... because... and also I think...... What do you think? because...... However....... I don't think...... Why do you think this? It Also.....

is	Reception	Year 1	because However Also
		rom Tower Hamlets Progression in Langua	
It is the same because It looks the same because It feels the same because It tastes the same because It sounds the same because It is different / They are different because This isand that is		They are the same because They are different becauseisand they are both	They are the same because They are similar because They are different because is
,	eption	Year 1	Year 2
Languaç	ge of Deduction (adapted t	from Tower Hamlets Progression in Langue	age Structures)
It willbecause I think I will I thinkbecause It isbecause It hasbecause this is a? What co		I think thatbecause	Say how the characters feel and explain why. I think thatbecausebecausebecause I know this

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	Language of Description (adapted from Tower Hamlets Progression in Language Structures)				
It looks likelikelikelikebecause	It tastes It sounds It smells It is the same	It isand	It / This isand		
because Nursery	Reception	Year 1			
	•	from Tower Hamlets Progression in Langua	ge Structures)		
I made this train.	ranguage of Evaluation (adapted	I foundhard/easy because	I think my/book isbecauseNext		
"I like the way the wheels	rotate"	becauseI feel	time I could		
I've done this picture.		thatnext time.	I foundhard/easy		
"I can see you have put lo people, trees"	ots of detail in there, flowers,	could	becausebecause		
I like this because I n I've done this	nade this I did this	opinionbecause	It was interesting because		

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	wherebecauseWhat I found hard about this work was I found this piece of work hard/easy because
		from Tower Hamlets Progression in Langua	ige Structures)
It is	. This	Ibecause	
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	
Language of Explan	ation in Mathematics (a	dapted from Tower Hamlets Progression in	
I've got theone It's the same/ different It's the same number. They / We both have There is one more Its on Another one I have more They/We have two each Altogether I have I think	e less	I knowis in-between/after/before becausecom es beforebecause	I started at 5 because theboth I jumped on/up inbecause This makesso ISo then IbecauseI knowbecauseI

heavier	isbecause	andareandare different in that		
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Language of Hypothesis (adapted from Tower Hamlets Progression in Language Structures)				
How do you know e.g. 'The porridge is hot'? It is	think	I think thisbecause I know this, so I think This will happen because		
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	from Tower Hamlets Progression in Languc			
I like / don't like	I thinkbecause I thinkbecause likebestbecause I. My partner thinks I agree because I disagree because	I thinkbecause I preferbecause My partner thinks I agree/disagree because		

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Language of Prediction	on (adapted from Tower Hamlets Progression i	in Language Structures)	
I think it will		erent	
Nursery Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
Language of Retellin	g (adapted from Tower Hamlets Progression in	n Language Structures)	
First I First we Then		time Next, Then, After that, Finally At last	
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Language of Sequencing (adapted from Tower Hamlets Progression in Language Structures)			

First Next Then After	First I willNext I	First (First put the hat on)
that	would Then	Next
and thenhappened first.	I After that	After that Finally
Nexthappened.	I Finally	
Thenhappenedhappened	I	Last of all
last.		
It isbecause		