



# Phonics

## Milestones

End of Nursery	End of Reception	End of Year One	End of Year Two
<p><b>Reading 30-50 months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities.</li> <li>• Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration.</li> <li>• Recognises rhythm in spoken words.</li> <li>• Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups.</li> <li>• Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories.</li> </ul> <p><b>Starting to work within Reading 40-60 months</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continues a rhyming string.</li> <li>• Hears and says the initial sound in words.</li> <li>• Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them.</li> <li>• Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.</li> <li>• Begins to read words and simple sentences.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Early Learning Goal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children read and understand simple sentences.</li> <li>• They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately.</li> <li>• They also read some common irregular words.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reading: Word Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words</li> <li>• Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes</li> <li>• read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught</li> <li>• read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word</li> <li>• read words containing taught GPCs and – s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and –est endings</li> <li>• read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs</li> <li>• read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)</li> <li>• read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words</li> <li>• re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reading: Word Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent</li> <li>• read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes</li> <li>• read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above</li> <li>• read words containing common suffixes</li> <li>• read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word</li> <li>• read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered</li> <li>• read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation</li> <li>• re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.</li> </ul>