

EARLY READING PROGRESSION (EYFS → YEAR 2)

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EYFS

Children learn to:

- Hear and distinguish sounds
- Recognise taught graphemes
- Blend VC and CVC words
- Read simple captions and sentences
- Frame opinions about stories
- Join in with repeated refrains
- Retell familiar tales
- Develop vocabulary through high-quality texts
- Enjoy stories, poems and rhymes

Year 1

Children learn to:

- Apply all taught GPCs to reading
- Read words with digraphs/trigraphs
- Read common exception words
- Re-read books for fluency
- Decode automatically by the end of Year 1
- Begin early comprehension (prediction, simple inference)

They complete the **Phonics Screening Check (PSC)** in June.

Year 2

Children learn to:

- Consolidate decoding fluency
- Read longer texts independently
- Develop comprehension (retrieval, sequencing, inference)
- Read aloud with expression
- Read a broader range of genres

Children who did not pass the PSC in Year 1 are retested and continue targeted phonics until secure.