

Year 1 English Milestones

Reading

- Match graphemes for all phonemes
- Read accurately by blending sounds
- Write words with very common suffixes
- Read contractions and understand purpose
- Read phonics books allowed
- Link reading to own experiences
- Join in with predictable phrases
- Discuss significance of the title and events
- Make simple predictions

Writing

- Name letters of the alphabet
- Spell a very common exception words
- Spell days of the week
- Use very common prefixes and suffixes
- Form lowercase letters correctly
- Four capital letters and digits
- Compose sentences orally before writing
- Read all writing to peers or teachers

Grammar

- Leave spaces between words
- Begin to use basic punctuation: . ? !
- Use capital letters for proper nouns
- Use common plurals and verb suffixes

Speaking and Listening

- Listen and respond appropriately
- Ask relevant questions
- Maintain attention and participate

Year 2 English Milestones

Reading

- Develop phonics until decoding secure
- Read common suffixes
- Read and re-read phonic-appropriate books
- Read common 'exception' words
- Discuss and express views about fiction & poetry
- Become familiar with and retell stories
- Ask and answer questions; make predictions
- Begin to make inferences

Writing

- Spell by segmenting into phonemes
- Learn to spell common exception words
- Spell using common suffixes, etc
- Use appropriate size letters & spaces
- Develop positive attitude and stamina for writing
- Begin to plan ideas for writing
- Record ideas sentence-by-sentence
- Make simple additions and changes after proof reading

Grammar

- Use . ! , and '
- Use simple conjunctions
- Begin to expand noun phrases
- Use some features of standard English

Speaking and Listening

- Articulate and justify answers
- Initiate and respond to comments
- Use spoken language to develop understanding