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Early Phonics

Attention			
Pre Phonics Skills Level 1	Pre Phonics skills Level 2	Pre Phonics skills Level 3	Pre Phonics skills Level 4
Attention			
PPAtL1 Briefly share attention with an adult.	PPATL2 Share attention 1:1 with an adult for a few minutes when focused on a motivating activity.	PPATL3 Share attention alongside a peer and a supporting adult.	PPATL4 Regularly sit with a small group to focus on a learning activity.
Engagement			
PPEnL1 Be exposed to a range of stories songs and rhymes.	PPEnL2 Show an interest in stories and rhymes presented in a variety of ways such as in books, on an i-pad, on a computer screen or recited orally.	PPEnL3 Engage with a familiar story or rhyme when it is shared 1:1 with an adult.	PPEnL4 Join with a small group as an adult shares a familiar story or rhyme.
Anticipation			
PPAnL1 Show a response to a sensory story / rhyme	PPAnL2 Show anticipation to a sensory story / rhyme through active involvement, eg: pressing a switch, or touching objects	PPAnL3 Anticipate repeated words and phrases in familiar stories, songs and rhymes, communicated in their own way	PPAnL4 Show anticipation of what is going to happen by, for example, turning the page, vocalising or completing an action
Participation			
PPPaL1 Show an awareness of and response to a variety of sounds in the immediate environment e.g. human voice, music, environmental sounds.	PPPaL2 Watch as an adult points to the text and look carefully at the pictures or photos.	PPPaL3 Focus on and respond to pictures, objects or sounds linked to a song or story by touching, looking or listening	PPPaL4 Indicate correctly pictures of characters and objects, responding to questions such as “Where is the ...?”
Active Involvement			
PPAiL1 Show a consistent response to a repeated and familiar sound	PPAiL2 Attempt to vocalise / make a sound in response to a familiar cue	PPAiL3 Recognise and anticipate some actions	PPAiL4 Join in with some actions that go along with a story or rhyme.
Interacting with Texts			
PPTeL1 Be exposed to a range of stories songs and rhymes.	PPTeL2 Have some favourite stories, songs or rhymes.	PPTeL3 Look at books and have some understanding of how they work, eg: hold the book the right way up, turn the	PPTeL4 Show understanding of a shared text, eg: respond to questions or sequence events

	Express a preference for particular books, stories, songs or rhymes using own method of communication	pages one at a time, 'read' from front to back of the book.	
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Taken from Pre-Key Stage descriptors

When pupils meet these objectives, their Next Step is to start the RWI Phonics programme.

Spoken Language-Expressive

All pupils will:-	Most pupils will:-	Some pupils will:-	A few pupils will:-
<p>CEA1 Encounter a wide range of sensory and communicative experiences</p> <p>CEA1i Experience intensive interaction.</p>	<p>CEM1 Intentionally communicate through sensory experiences.</p> <p>CEM1i Repeat, copy and imitate single words signs or phrases or use objects of reference or symbols.</p>	<p>CES1 Use regular plurals within simple sentences.</p> <p>CES1i Use the pronouns in the correct context. Begin with describing picture material and generalise into</p>	<p>CEF1 Communicates in full sentences Using verbs, prepositions and adjectives in spoken sentences.</p>
<p>CEA2 Experience different people, places and activities leading towards engagement in the environment</p>	<p>CEM2 Respond with consistency to people, activities, and experiences</p>		
<p>CEA3 Indicate choices and preferences from a small selection in the child's own way</p>	<p>CEM3 Communicate choices and preferences from a selection using AAC methods.</p>	<p>CSS3 Consistently communicate choices independently.</p>	
	<p>CEM4 Use expressive language at a one key word level for a range of communicative functions using child's preferred communication system. E.g. PECS/ switches/ Proloquo2go</p>	<p>CSS4 Develop 2-3 word combinations.</p> <p>CE4i Use verbs in expressive communication.</p> <p>CE4ii Express simple opinions using visual support</p>	<p>CEF4 Provide a sentence which describes what they have been doing using the past tense of a verb</p> <p>CEF4i Use a connective word 'and, to join to phrases together.</p> <p>CEF4ii Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions.</p>
	<p>CEM5 Respond to simple verbs in functional activities</p>		
	<p>CEM6 Participate for a short period of time, as part of a small group</p>	<p>CES6 Answer simple who, what and where questions with visual support.</p> <p>CES6i Participate in group discussions</p> <p>CES6ii Participate in simple role play and performances.</p>	<p>CEF6 Answer why and how questions.</p> <p>CEF6i Participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments</p>

			CEF6ii Particate in discussions, presentations, improvisations and debates
		CES7 Retell a familiar story using visual cues. E.g. sequencing symbols	CEF7 Retell a familiar story independently.
		CES8 Ask relevant questions in functional activities with support	CEF8 Ask relevant questions to extend their knowledge and understanding independently

Spoken Language-Receptive

All pupils will:-	Most pupils will:-	Some pupils will:-	A few pupils will:-
CAA1 Encounter a wide range of sensory and communicative experiences.	CAM1 Increase concentration in their chosen activity	CAS1 Develop eye contact during conversation	CAF1 Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations
CAA2 Show awareness of sensory activities, experiences and people. E.g. To locate and track sounds.	CAM2 Use first meanings through conventional communication systems (speech, signs, symbols, AAC	CAS2 Increase the amount of time that the child can focus in 1:1 context.	
CAA3 Attend and respond to sensory activities, experiences and people. E.g. To begin to co-ordinate looking and listening	CAM3 Use conventional communication systems for most interactions	CAS3 Increase focus within group activities	
CAA4 Attend and respond with some consistency to people, activities and experiences leading towards engagement in the environment. E.g. To listen to speech and a range of other sounds through the use of ICT for example.	CAM4 Respond appropriately to simple gestured requests which contain one or two key words, sign or symbol in familiar situations e.g., 'Get your coat', 'Stand up' or 'Clap your hands'.	CAS4 Follow requests and instructions with three key words, signs or symbols e.g. 'Give me the little red book'	CAF4 Follow requests and instructions with four key words, signs or symbols for e.g. 'Get the big book about dinosaurs from the library'
CAA5 Engage purposefully with people and the environment leading towards participation in the environment	CAM5 Respond to sound of own name.	CAS5 Respond appropriately to questions about familiar or immediate events or experiences using preferred method of communication	CAF5 Respond appropriately to questions about why or how e.g. 'Why does a bird make a nest?', 'How do we copy this picture?'
CAA6 Communicate intentionally. To work towards active involvement with events and the environment.		CAS6 Answer 'who' and 'what questions.'	

CAA7 Purposefully and actively involved in communicative interactions and the environment. E.g. To begin to work on joint attention	CAM7 Use first meanings through conventional communication systems (speech, signs, symbols, AAC).		
CAA8 Show simple reflex responses to immediate experiences			
CAA9 Explore cause and effect	CAM9 Develop cause and effect skills.		
	CA10 Develop an understanding of a larger vocabulary related to everyday situations. E.g. toilet/ drink etc.		
	CA11 Show some awareness of verbs when used in a functional situation.	CAS11 Develop comprehension of verbs	
		CAS12 Respond to instructions whilst engaged in a second activity	

Generics:

- Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- Use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- Speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates

Reading

Intent

We value each step in an individual's journey to becoming a reader. No matter the starting point, every pupil is given the opportunity to develop their reading skills at a pace that suits their ability to learn and without imposing limits on what they can achieve. We understand the importance of developing the reading skills needed to promote independence in daily life as well as to enable our pupils to access the wider school curriculum with growing confidence.

Implementation

Phonics: Pupils at Kingfisher School follow the *Read Write Inc. Phonics* programme, with some of our older pupils using *Fresh Start*, also from Read, Write Inc. Both schemes are adapted to meet the needs of our learners. Those not yet able to access *Read Write Inc. Phonics* follow a Kingfisher *Early Phonics Learning Journey* which develops foundation skills through sharing stories and poems, nursery rhymes and action songs and by sharing attention with an adult when looking at books together. Some learners are confident in their phonic ability and are working at a level *Beyond*, following objectives taken from the National Curriculum with a focus on comprehension. All pupils following a phonics programme read texts which are linked to their phonic knowledge.

The *Fresh Start* used with some older pupils will be phased out as *Read Write Inc.* phonics is embedded in the school.

Wider Reading: For our Core and Communication Pathways, teachers select quality texts, which include a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, to support each child and young person's learning through topic work in three literacy sessions each week. In the Sensory Pathway, children share topic-related sensory stories.

Impact

- Our curriculum delivers worthwhile opportunities for children to develop and extend their reading skills to the best of their ability.
- Pupils develop reading skills to function with maximum independence in daily life and to access learning across the wider curriculum with growing independence too.
- Pupils have access to a wide variety of engaging texts which offer an appropriate level of challenge and support their learning through the curriculum and beyond it
- Our children and young people have a love of reading that will stay with them for life.

Reading for Pleasure

Pupils access books in their classrooms and the school library, exploring texts which reflect the diversity of the school community, allowing our young people to see themselves represented, included and valued. Through our Read with Me scheme, we signpost parents and carers to a selection of carefully chosen texts each term to enrich our topic work. Our recommendations support parents to share books which will open up a wider world to be explored, enabling children to learn about people, places and events outside of their own experience alongside a trusted adult.

Phonics across the School

The 2021 to 2022 phonics validation process

By ensuring high-quality phonics teaching the government wants to improve literacy levels to:

- give all children a solid base upon which to build as they progress through school
- help children to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information

In April 2021, the government published the revised core criteria for effective systematic synthetic phonics teaching programmes and launched a new process to validate complete systematic synthetic phonics teaching programmes.

There is a staged approach to phonics across the school.

[2021 Pre-key stage 1 - pupils working below the national curriculum assessment standard \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Our Early Phonics Learning Journey

At Kingfisher School, we introduced Read Write Inc Fresh Start to our older pupils, Key Stage 3 and above, in December 2019.