

‘Reading’ What does it look like in EYFS?

In planning and guiding what children learn, practitioners must reflect on the different rates at which children are developing and adjust their practice appropriately. Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:

- playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and ‘have a go’
- active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things. In addition, the Prime Areas of Learning (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development) underpin and are an integral part of the children’s learning in all areas.

Reading (Statutory)

It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together. Skilled word reading, taught later, involves both the speedy working out of the pronunciation of unfamiliar printed words (decoding) and the speedy recognition of familiar printed words.

Birth to 3 -

Enjoy songs and rhymes, tuning in and paying attention.
Join in with songs and rhymes, copying sounds, rhythms, tunes and tempo.
Say some of the words in songs and rhymes.
Copy finger movements and other gestures.
Sing songs and say rhymes independently, for example, singing whilst playing.
Enjoy sharing books with an adult.
Pay attention and responds to the pictures or the words.
Have favourite books and seeks them out, to share with an adult, with another child, or to look at alone.
Repeat words and phrases from familiar stories.
Ask questions about the book. Makes comments and shares their own ideas.
Develop play around favourite stories using props.

3-4 year olds -

Understand the five key concepts about print:
-print has meaning -the names of the different parts of a book -print can have different purposes
-page sequencing -we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom . Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: - spot and suggest rhymes - count or clap syllables in a word - recognise words with the same initial sound.

Reception -

Re-read these books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.
Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.
Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sounds correspondences.
Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them. Read a few common exception words matched to the school’s phonic programme.
Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with know letter-sound correspondences and , where necessary, a few exception words.

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Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. • Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories. • Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play. Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words

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