

Nursery	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Pupils listen to short stories. Listens to others one to one. Children are able to listen to instructions. Joins in with repeated refrains in rhymes and stories. Give meaning to their marks. Explore patterns, food and objects using informal language. Listen to different sounds in the local environment. Begin to use 'and' to link thoughts. Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how.	Pupils listen to short stories with increasing attention and recall. Listens to others one to one or in small groups. Children are able to listen to and follow instructions. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates phrases in rhymes and stories. Give meaning to their marks. Explore patterns, food and objects using informal language. Become familiar with language of directionality such as 'up', 'down', 'round and round'. Begin to develop mathematical vocabulary. Listen to different sounds in the local environment. Begin to use 'and' and 'because' to link thoughts. Can retell a simple past event.	Pupils listen to short stories with increasing attention and recall. Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them. Children are able to listen to and follow instructions. Give meaning to their marks. Explore patterns, food and objects using informal language. Become familiar with language of directionality such as 'up', 'down', 'round and round'. Begin to develop mathematical vocabulary. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Work out what sound comes at the beginning of a word. Listen to different sounds in the local environment. Begin to use 'and' and 'because' to link thoughts Use longer sentences of four to six words. Can retell a simple past event in correct order. Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others. Children demonstrate good manners.

Reception	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Children sit quietly during activity. Listen to a range of stories. Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming. Produce speech that is clear, though may still have some immaturities. Introduce a storyline or narrative into their play. Uses talk to clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.	Children maintain attention and sit quietly during activity. Listen to different music from Britain and around the world. Listen to a range of stories. Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Produce speech that is clear, though may still have some immaturities. Break words up into syllables. Recognise words sound similar. Ask 'what', 'where', 'when', and 'what could we do next' questions. Introduce a storyline or narrative into their play and use new vocabulary. Uses language to imagine roles and experiences in play situations. Uses talk to organise and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.	Children maintain attention, concentrates and sit quietly during activity. Listen attentively to different music from Britain and around the world. Listen to a range of stories. Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Produce speech that is clear. Break words up into syllables. Recognise words that rhyme or sound similar. Ask and answer 'what', 'where', 'when', and 'what could we do next' questions. Use language to reason and persuade. Introduce a storyline or narrative into their play and use new vocabulary, then perform to someone else. Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations. They can sequence events from a story and retell in their own words. Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

Year 1	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Understand the key points they need to focus on in order to answer a question Be aware of when a message is not clear and ask for an explanation 'Guess the word' when provided with clues using shape, size and function Use speech that is clear and easy to understand Split up short words into sounds, E.g. D-i-nn-er Use sound and letter links to read and spell unfamiliar words Ask lots of questions Tell a story Describe their own experiences Take turns to talk and listen	Understand the key points they need to focus on in order to answer a question or follow an instruction Be aware of when a message is not clear and ask for an explanation 'Guess the word' when provided with clues using shape, size and function Use speech that is consistently clear and easy to understand Show good knowledge and understanding of sounds and words, which are important for reading and spelling. Use sound and letter links to read and spell unfamiliar words Ask lots of questions to find out specific information Tell a story with important key components in place Describe their own experiences in the right order Take turns to talk, listen, and respond in two way conversations	Understand the key points they need to focus on in order to answer a question or follow an instruction and begin to ignore less important information Be aware of when a message is not clear and ask for an explanation 'Guess the word' when provided with clues using shape, size and function Use speech that is consistently clear and easy to understand Show good knowledge and understanding of sounds and words, which are important for reading and spelling, Use sound and letter links to read and spell unfamiliar words Ask lots of questions to find out specific information including 'how' and 'why' Tell a story with important key components in place Describe their own experiences in detail and in the right order Take turns to talk, listen, and respond in two way conversations and groups

Year 2	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Understands complex instructions Compare words - the way they look, sound or mean Understand newly learnt words in a specific and appropriate way Spot more complex rhymes Count syllables in words, E.g. Ca-ter-pill-ar: 4 syllables Use descriptive words in sentences Use more complicated grammar Begin to be aware of what the listener knows already Predict what will happen in a story Use language they hear other people using Try to make stories more exciting	Understands complex 2 to 3 part instructions Compare words - the way they look, sound or mean Understand and use newly learnt words in a specific and appropriate way Spot more complex rhymes Count syllables in words, E.g. Ca-ter-pill-ar: 4 syllables Use a range of descriptive words in sentences Use more complicated grammar Begin to be aware of what the listener knows already and make checks while telling a story Accurately predict what will happen in a story Use language they hear other people using and begin to be aware of current peer language. Exaggerate in an implausible way, to make stories more exciting	Understands complex 2 to 3 part instructions Compare words - the way they look, sound or mean Understand and use_newly learnt words in a specific and appropriate way Spot more complex rhymes Count syllables in words, E.g. Ca-ter-pill-ar: 4 syllables Use an imaginative range of descriptive words in sentences Use more complicated grammar including using different ways to join phrases to help explain or justify an event Begin to be aware of what the listener knows already and make checks while telling a story Accurately predict what will happen in a story Use language they hear other people using and begin to be aware of current peer language. Exaggerate in an implausible way, to make stories more exciting

Year 3	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Listen to information Identify clearly when they haven't understood Use words related to time Join in discussions about a visit or activity Use regular and irregular grammatical word endings E.g. fought, fell, brought, geese, fish Put interest into their voices Keep conversations going with a range of people	Listen to information, work out which elements are key Identify clearly when they haven't understood and be specific about what additional information they need Use a range of words related to time Join in discussions about a visit or activity using topic vocabulary Use a whole range of regular and irregular grammatical word endings E.g. fought, fell, brought, geese, fish Put interest into their voices to make storytelling exciting and come to life Keep conversations going with a range of people in different situations	Listen to information, work out which elements are key and make relevant, related comments Identify clearly when they haven't understood and be specific about what additional information they need Use a range of words related to time and measurement Join in discussions about a visit or activity using topic vocabulary Use a whole range of regular and irregular grammatical word endings, with few errors being made, E.g. fought, fell, brought, geese, fish Put interest into their voices to make storytelling exciting and come to life Keep conversations going with a range of people in different situations, by making relevant comments or by asking questions

Year 4	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Infer meanings and reasons Use a wide range of verbs to express their thoughts, or explain cause and effect Use grammar and sentences effectively to communicate in different ways Uses intonation linked to grammar to help make sense of information Add detail or leave information out according to how much is already known by the listener Understand the interests of the listener Use formal language when appropriate in some familiar situations Use language for different reasons.	Infer meanings, reasons and make predictions Use a wide range of verbs to express their thoughts, or explain cause and effect Use complex grammar and sentences effectively to communicate in different ways Uses intonation linked to grammar to help make sense of information Add detail or leave information out according to how much is already known by the listener Understand the interests of the listener Use formal language when appropriate in some familiar situations Use language for a range of different reasons.	Infer meanings, reasons and make predictions Use a wide range of verbs to express their thoughts, or explain cause and effect Use complex grammar and sentences effectively to communicate in different ways to clarify, summarise, explain choices and plan Uses intonation linked to grammar to help make sense of information Add detail or leave information out according to how much is already known by the listener Understand the interests of the listener Use formal language when appropriate in some familiar situations Use language for a range of different reasons.

Year 5	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Begin to appreciate sarcasm when it's obvious Understand different question types: open and closed. Use sophisticated words but meaning might not always be accurate Use questions to help conversations flow Identify some rules of grammar Tell stories which are full of detailed descriptions Use everyday language that is detailed Realise when people don't fully understand Enjoy organising group games	Begin to appreciate sarcasm when it's obvious Understand different question types: open, closed and rhetorical Use sophisticated words with meaning becoming more accurate Use a range of questions to help conversations flow Identify and explain some rules of grammar Tell elaborate entertaining stories which are full of detailed descriptions Use everyday language that is detailed and about experiences that may have happened some time ago or are planned for the future Realise when people don't fully understand and try to help them Enjoy organising group games and can explain the rules	Begin to appreciate sarcasm when it's obvious Understand different question types: open, closed and rhetorical Use sophisticated words with accurate meaning Use a range of questions to help conversations flow Explain some rules of grammar and know when a sentence is not grammatically correct Tell elaborate entertaining stories which are full of detailed descriptions Use everyday language that is detailed and about experiences that may have happened some time ago or are planned for the future Realise when people don't fully understand and try to help them Enjoy organising group games and can explain the rules effectively

Year 6	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Milestones	Understand and enjoy simple jokes, but can't really explain why they're funny or what they mean Know that words can have two meanings but can't always explain how they're connected Use long and complex sentence structures Incorporate a subplot in telling stories and recalling events Negotiate an agreement Manage collaborative tasks	Understand and enjoy simple jokes and recognise simple idioms, but can't really explain why they're funny or what they mean Know that words can have two meanings, uses them appropriately but can't always explain how they're connected Use long and complex sentence structures including more sophisticated connectives to join ideas together in conversation Incorporate a subplot in telling stories and recalling events, before resolving the main storyline Negotiate an agreement explaining other options Manage and organise collaborative tasks	Understand and enjoy simple jokes and recognise simple idioms Know that words can have two meanings, uses them appropriately but can't always explain how they're connected Use long and complex sentence structures including more sophisticated connectives to join ideas together in conversation Incorporate a subplot in telling stories and recalling events, before resolving the main storyline Negotiate an agreement explaining other options and possible outcomes Manage and organise collaborative tasks with little adult supervision