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With the introduction of our Reading and Writing units being merged to reduce cognitive load, teachers have a more flexible approach to how they manage their time and area of focus for these core subjects. We have ensured that there is progression within and across all revised reading and writing units.



### Vision of Reading at Herrick

*"Teachers should develop pupils' reading in all subjects to support their acquisition of knowledge. Pupils should be taught to read fluently, understand extended prose (both fiction and non-fiction) and be encouraged to read for pleasure."*

**-National Curriculum**

### **Aims**

At Herrick, the purpose of reading is to develop our children as **critical thinkers** who challenge and question and are aware of the world around them through the literature they study. At Herrick, reading is delivered through good quality discussion and the teaching of specific reading skills. Language is developed through a range of texts and children develop an understanding and appreciation of how texts can reflect cultural, social, emotional and historical meanings. Through close examination of a text, children are encouraged to become informed, independent readers of literary texts and develop an understanding of how texts can be interpreted.

*'to give each and everyone a chance'*

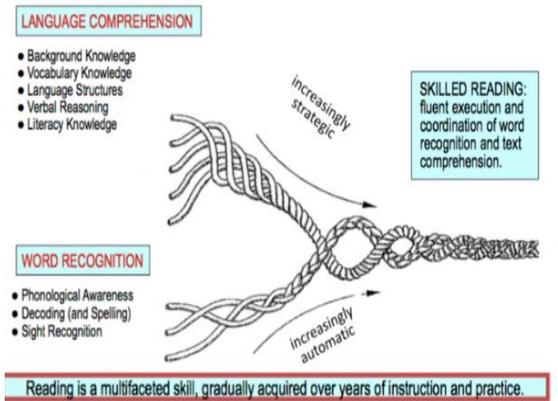
## What does Reading look like at Herrick?

At Herrick, our reading approach practise skills outlined in the Scarborough Reading Rope (Language Comprehension and Word Recognition) and is based on the EEF Recommendations.

There is flexibility in how and in which order each reading sequence is taught as texts require different approaches to maximise learning. Each of the skills are taught in creative and appropriate ways as and when required and can be repeated.

Although all of the skills represent an important component of reading this does not mean that they require equal curriculum time. Based on assessment, teachers may repeat skills in a reading sequence, remove skills that have been secured or focus on a specific skills as the year progresses.

### Scarborough's Reading Rope (2001)



Learning	Skills
<p><b>1.Questioning</b> – pupils generate their own question</p> <p><b>2. Background Knowledge/WDIKA/Activating Prior Knowledge</b>-what do they already know (WDIKA), make links, use existing mental structures to support recall –link to title, genre, picture and author.</p> <p><b>3.Prediction</b> – pupils predict what might happen as a text is read</p> <p><b>4. Clarifying</b> – pupils identify areas of uncertainty, this could be words or phrases etc.</p> <p><b>5.Inference</b> – pupils infer the meaning of sentences from their context</p> <p><b>6.Summarising</b> – this can be done through graphic organisers, this supports pupils to succinctly describe meaning</p>	<p><b>Language Comprehension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-background knowledge (facts, concepts etc.)</li> <li>-vocabulary (breadth, precision, links etc.)</li> <li>-language structures (syntax, semantics, etc.)</li> <li>-verbal reasoning (inference.)</li> <li>-literacy knowledge (print concepts, genres, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Word Recognition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-sight recognition (of familiar words)</li> <li>-decoding (alphabetical principle, spelling-sound correspondences)</li> <li>-phonological awareness (syllables, phonemes, etc.)</li> </ul>

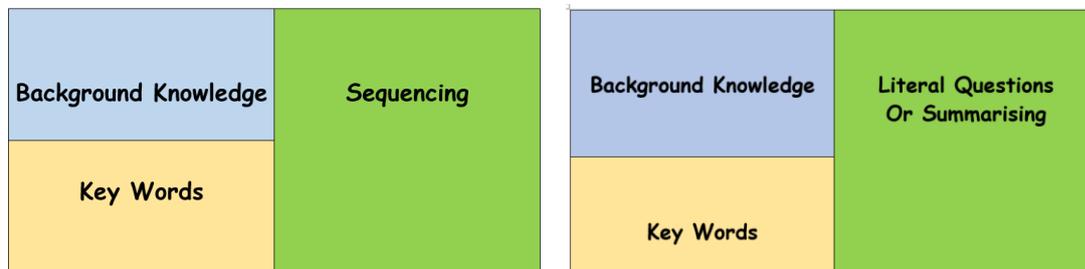
**Key Stage Two: Think Aloud** is a strategy -used to further develop metacognition-regularly practiced under language comprehension.

<p><b>Background knowledge</b> Relate to what you know, connect to another text, personal experience or book or film  <i>"Is this like when.....?"</i>  <i>"This reminds me of that book/time/film...."</i>  <i>"I remember a time I did....."</i></p>	
<p><b>Predict</b>  <i>I predict</i>  <i>I think .....because</i>  <i>I suppose .....because</i>  <i>I will learn .....because</i></p>	<p><b>Clarify</b>  <i>Try sounding it out (if word)</i>  <i>Try breaking it down</i>  <i>Try reading ahead to see if you work it out</i>  <i>Think of another word that might fit</i>  <i>Try re-reading the paragraph</i></p>
<p><b>Question</b>  <i>Ask questions as you read</i>  <i>Ask questions that have answers in the text: Who? What? Where? Why? How?</i>  <i>Asked question that can be inferred</i></p>	<p><b>Summarise</b>  <i>Use your own idea words, summarise main points from the text in order</i>  <i>This text is about</i>  <i>This part is about</i>  <i>First, Next, Finally</i></p>

### How are reading skills presented in books?

Based on the recommendations of the Education Endowment Foundation, children are encouraged to record their understanding in a mind map format to develop their metacognitive awareness from term 2 onwards.

In Term 1, time is spent teaching children how to present their work in the form of a mind map. A double page may be split into sections. This allows children to reflect on the different skills they have learnt from the text that is being studied. A template/guide is provided for children to assist them with organising their thoughts. In Term 2, they will mind map independently. Literal and inferential questions can be answered on the mind map, or on a separate page.



However, where discrete skills need to be demonstrated (inference questions, literal questions), teachers have flexibility in how work in books is presented.

### **Year 1 Children who are below age related expectation**

Phonics groups are identified early on and a keep up and intervention is planned using following the *Little Wandle* guidance.

### **Years 2-6 Children who are below age-related expectation**

Texts may be simplified or a different text may be provided to help children practice reading skills where required.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Termly scrutiny of books with 1:1 feedback and monitoring and follow up ensures consistency across the school.

A range of questions are agreed and shared to ensure comprehension tasks are pitched at the appropriate level in each year group and children are being stretched and moved on.

## Banded Books

Children are allocated books appropriate to their reading age after they have been assessed. They can also select a non-fiction book of their choice.

Lilac	Age: 3-4	Year: Nursery
Pink	Age: 4-5	Reception
Red	Age: 4-5	Reception
<b>Year 1 Bands-in order of difficulty</b>		
Yellow	Age: 5-6	Year: 1
Blue	Age: 5-6	Year: 1
Green	Age: 5-6	Year: 1
<b>Year 2 Bands-in order of difficulty</b>		
Orange	Age: 6-7	Year 1 & 2 Transition
Turquoise	Age: 6-7	Year 2
Purple	Age: 6-7	Year 2
Gold	Age: 6-7	Year 2

	White	Age: 6-8	Year: 2/3
	Lime	Age: 6-8	Year: 2/3
	Brown	Age: 7-8	Year: 3
	Grey	Age: 8-9	Year: 4
	Dark Blue	Age: 9-10	Year: 5
	Dark Red	Age: 10-11	Year: 6

## Key Stage One Reading Overview

Reading texts are reviewed annually to ensure appropriate and balanced coverage.

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Poetry & Plays
<b>Year 1</b>		
<p><i>PSHCE</i>            It's Okay to be Different            The Feel Good Book-Todd Parr            The Mixed Chameleon-Eric Carle            Elmer            Rainbow Fish  <i>Traditional Tales</i>            Cinderella, Snow White, Hansel &amp; Gretel</p> <p>The Gruffalo            Peace at Last            Amazing Grace-Mary Hoffman            The Jolly Postman            Lucy and Tom at the seaside- Shirley Hughes            We are going on a Bear Hunt            Not Now Bernard</p> <p>Dear Greenpeace-Simon James <i>(social issues/dilemma)</i>            Handa's Surprise <i>(story set in another culture)</i></p>	<p>If you were me and lived in Kenya Carol P Roman</p> <p>Eating the Alphabet-A-Z of fruit and vegetables-Lois Elhert</p> <p>1000 things to eat</p> <p>Toys</p>	<p>Performing Poems- Each Peach Pear Plum-Janet Ahlberg</p> <p>The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems – x3            Animal Poems p.1            A First Poetry Book – Seaside section p244 ,</p>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<p>Antony Browne <i>(fantasy/adventure)</i>            The Tunnel            Gorilla            Changes            Voices in the Park</p> <p>Hermelin Minne Grey</p> <p>The Twits Roald Dahl  <i>Fairy Tales</i> Princess and the Pea Minnie Grey, Beauty and The Beast, Aladdin and his Magical Lamp, Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty &amp; Rumpelstiltskin</p> <p>Fantastic Mr Fox            The Tear Thief Carol Ann Duffy</p> <p>Leila and the Secret of the rain-Conway/Dahy <i>(story set in another culture)</i></p> <p>The Wolf's Story-Toby Forward and Izhar Cohen</p>	<p>Recipe Books-Food Around the World            London Charlotte Guillan            Animal Encyclopaedia            Pirates            The Queen and the Royal Family</p>	<p>Poem-Sound collector            Poetry-Riddles,            Limericks,            Classic Poetry Owl and Pussycat            Performance Poetry            Please Mrs Butler            Revolting Rhymes</p>

### Key Stage Two Reading Overview

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Poetry & Plays
<b>Year 3</b>		
<p>-George's Marvellous Medicine- Roald Dahl</p> <p>-The Lost Thing-Sean Tan (<i>fantasy</i>)</p> <p>-Diary of a Killer Cat-Anne Fine (<i>familiar settings</i>)</p> <p>-Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-Roald Dahl (<i>fantasy</i>)</p> <p>-Lady Daisy-Dick King Smith (<i>issues/dilemmas</i>)</p> <p>-Modern Versions of Fairy Stories</p> <p><b>No Myths and legends</b></p>	<p><i>Information books, descriptions, explanations, persuasion, instructions</i></p> <p>-Ancient Egyptians</p> <p>-Legend of the Loch Ness</p> <p>-Forgotten Beasts Matt Sewell</p>	<p>-Poem-Chocolate Cake M. Rosen-<i>narrative</i></p> <p>-Poem The Bully Asleep</p> <p>-Poetry Books - <i>free verse and narrative poetry</i></p> <p>Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p>I Remember I Remember by Thomas Hood</p> <p>Anthology 4 Storytime – conversation poem</p> <p>Free verse: Peace And Quiet By Nadya Phillips</p> <p><a href="#">Splishy, Sploshy Mud</a> By Ava F. Kent</p> <p><b>No Plays</b></p>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<p>-Leon and the Place Between-Graham Baker Smith (<i>fantasy</i>)</p> <p>-Story of Diwali</p> <p>-Grandpa Chatterji Jamila Gavin (<i>Story set in another culture</i>)</p> <p>-Room 13 Robert Swindell (<i>adventure</i>)</p> <p>-Accidental Prime Minister Tom Laughlin (<i>social/dilemma</i>)</p> <p>-The Fallen Elephant</p> <p>-The Iron Man Ted Hughes (<i>social/dilemma</i>)</p> <p>Robin Hood (<i>Myths and Legends</i>)</p> <p> </p> <p>-Billionaire Boy David Walliams (<i>dilemma</i>)</p>	<p><i>Information books, descriptions, explanations, persuasion, instructions</i></p> <p>Healthy Eating/Balanced Diet</p> <p>Cities Around the World</p>	<p>Poem -Dancing Bear Charles Causley</p> <p><b>Poetry</b>-free verse, onamaotpeia</p> <p>Poem- The Magic Box</p> <p> </p> <p>Play-Demon Headmaster</p>

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Poetry & Plays
<b>Year 5</b>		
<p>-The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe C S Lewis (<i>fantasy/adventure</i>)</p> <p>-There's a boy in the girl's bathroom Louis Sachar (<i>social issues/dilemmas</i>)</p> <p>-Wreck of the Zanzibar Michael Morpurgo (<i>stories in historical setting in different culture</i>)</p> <p>-The 12 Labours of Heracles (<i>Myths &amp; Legends</i>) (<i>story set in different culture</i>)</p> <p>-Harry Potter (<i>fantasy/adventure</i>)</p> <p>-The Lion who Stole my Arm-Nicola Davies</p> <p>-I am Malala (<i>biography</i>)</p> <p>-The Island Armin Greder (<i>social issues/dilemmas</i>)</p> <p>-The Arrival Sean Tan</p>	<p><i>Information books, descriptions, explanations, persuasion, instructions</i></p> <p>Atlases</p> <p>Lots Mark Martin</p> <p>An atlas of imaginary places Mia Cassany</p> <p>Space</p> <p>Climate Change</p> <p>If the World was a village</p>	<p>The Highway Man &amp; Haikus &amp; Cinquains</p>
<b>Year 6</b>		
<p>Carie's War Nina Bawden (<i>historical, social issues/dilemma</i>)</p> <p>Rose Blanche Ian Mc Ewan (<i>historical</i>)</p> <p>A Story Like the Wind- Gill Lewis (<i>Social issues</i>)</p> <p>Journey to Jo'burg Beverley Naidoo (<i>Social issues</i>)</p> <p>How to train your dragon (<i>fantasy/adventure</i>)</p> <p>Secret Garden Frances Burnett (historical, social)</p> <p>The Selfish Giant -Oscar Wilde (<i>moral</i>)</p> <p>Now or Never Bali Rai (<i>Historical/social/Dilemma</i>)</p>	<p><i>Autobiography</i> -Ann Frank</p> <p>Fantastic Beasts</p> <p>Brochures</p> <p>The Great Barrier Reef (The Wonder Garden)</p> <p>Animals in Danger</p> <p>PSHCE Well Being</p>	<p>Flanders Field</p> <p>Free Verse</p> <p>Narrative</p> <p>The Spider and the Fly</p>

## Glossary

**Automaticity** is the fast, effortless word recognition that comes with a great deal of **reading** practice. In the early stages of learning to read, **readers** may be accurate but slow and inefficient at recognizing words. Continued **reading** practice helps word recognition become more automatic, rapid, and effortless.

**Fluency** is **defined** as the ability to **read** with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what they **read**, children must be able to **read fluently** whether they are **reading** aloud or silently. When **reading** aloud, **fluent readers read** in phrases and add intonation appropriately.

Two important abilities that students must develop are blending and **segmenting**. Blending involves pulling together individual sounds or syllables within **words**; **segmenting** involves breaking **words** down into individual sounds or syllables.

Digraphs combination of two letters representing one sound, as in *ph* and *ey*.

**Morpheme** is a meaningful linguistic unit consisting of a word (such as dog) or a word element (such as the -s at the end of dogs) that can't be divided into smaller meaningful parts. Adjective: **morphemic**. **Morphemes** are the smallest units of **meaning** in a language.

Phonics -the science of sound: acoustics. 2: a method of teaching beginners to read and pronounce words by learning the phonetic value of letters, letter groups, and especially syllables.

A **consonant cluster** in a word is a group of **consonants** with no vowels between them