Progression in Reading: Word Recognition

| Year group | Skills |
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| Year 1 | Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words |
| | Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes for all phonemes |
| | Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been |
| | taught |
| | Read common exception words |
| | Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings |
| | Read other words of more than one syllable that contain GPCs |
| | Read words with contractions |
| | Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge |
| | and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words |
| | Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading |
| | Continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until |
| | automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. |
| | Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so |
| | far, especially recognising attentive sounds for graphemes. |
| Year 2 | Read further common exception words noting unusual correspondence between spelling |
| | and sound and where these occur in the word. |
| | Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the taught GPCs. |
| | Read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they |
| | have been frequently encountered. |
| | Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding and |
| | unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation. |
| | Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. |
| | Read words containing common suffixes. |
| Year 3 | Read further exception words noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and |
| | sound, and where these occur in the word. |
| | Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud |
| | and to understand the meaning of new words they meet. |
| Year 4 | Read further exception words noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and |
| | sound, and where these occur in the word. |
| | Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud |
| | and to understand the meaning of new words they meet. |
| Year 5 | Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud |
| | and to understand the meaning of new words they meet. |
| Year 6 | Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes, both to read aloud |
| | and to understand the meaning of new words they meet |