

Progression of Skills- Communication and Language (EYFS)

Skills	Nursery Autumn	Nursery Spring	Nursery Summer	Reception Autumn	Reception Spring	Reception Summer
Listening, attention and understanding	-Understands simple instructions such as 'give to mummy' or 'stop'Listens to other people's talk with interestListens to simple stories and understands what is happening, with the help of the picturesIdentify familiar objects and properties for practitioners when they are described e.g. 'blue car'Understand and act on longer sentences like 'make teddy jump'Understand simple questions about 'who', 'what' and 'where'.	-Can find it difficult to pay attention to more than one thing at a timeUnderstands a question or instruction that has two parts, such as 'Get your coat and wait at the door'.	-Enjoys listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happensUnderstands why' questions, like 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?'	-Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is importantLearn new vocabularyEngage in story timesListen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understandingListens to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they soundEngage in non-fiction booksListens attentively when being read to during whole class discussions and small group interactionsMake comments about what they have heardHolds conversation with their peers.	-Learn new vocabularyEngage in story timesListen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understandingLearns rhymes, poems and songsEngage in non-fiction booksListen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabularyListens attentively and responds to what they hear when being read to and during whole class discussionsMake comments about what they have heardHolds conversations with their teacher and peers.	-Learn new vocabularyEngage in story timesListen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understandingLearns rhymes, poems and songsEngage in non-fiction booksListen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactionsMakes comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understandingHold conversations when engaging in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.
Speaking	-Starts to say how they are feeling, using words and actionsDevelops pretend playSing a repertoire of songsKnows many rhymes.	-Start to develop conversation, jumping from topic to topicUse a wider range of vocabularySing a large repertoire of songsTalk about familiar booksDevelop their communication, but may continue to have problems	-Be able to tell a long storyUses longer sentences of four to six wordsBe able to express a point and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actionsCan start a conversation with an adult or a friend, and continue it for many turns.	-Use new vocabulary through the dayAsk questions to find out moreArticulates their ideas and thoughtsDescribe events in some detailRetell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text.	-Ask questions to find out more and check they understand what has been said to themArticulates their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentencesConnect one idea or action to another using a range of connectivesUse talk to help work out problems and organise	-Uses new vocabulary in different contextsParticipate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabularyOffers explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction,

	with irregular tenses and plurals. -Uses longer sentences of four to six words. -Uses talk to organise themselves and their play e.g. 'Let's go on a bus you sit thereI'll be the driver'.		-Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussionsIs beginning to explain why things might happenExpress their ideas and feelings about their experiences with modelling and support from the teacher.	thinking and activities, explain how things work and why they might happen. -Develop social phrases. -Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. -Uses new vocabulary in different contexts. -Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, using recently introduced vocabulary. -Offers explanations for why things might happen using recently introduced vocabulary. -Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences with modelling and support from the teacher.	rhymes and poems when appropriateExpress their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.
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