OVERFIELDS	
PRIMARY SCHOOL	

English Curriculum: Reading

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Word Reading	Comprehension				
All pupils should be able to read books written at an age appropriate interest level.	Teaching should be directed towards developing the breadth and depth of their reading,				
	making sure that they become independent, fluent and enthusiastic readers who read widely				
Children should be able to read accurately and at a speed that is sufficient for them to focus	and frequently.				
on understanding what they read rather than on decoding individual words.					
	Develop an understanding and enjoyment of stories, poetry, plays and non-fiction, reading				
Children should decode new words outside their spoken vocabulary when necessary, making a	them silently.				
good approximation to the word's pronunciation.					
	Further develop knowledge and skills in reading non-fiction about a wide range of subjects.				
Pupils should not need further direct teaching of word reading skills: they are able to decode					
unfamiliar words accurately.	Learn to justify their views about what they have read with increasing independence.				
However, pupils who are still struggling to decode need to be taught to do this urgently					
through a rigorous and systematic phonics programme so that they catch up rapidly with					
their peers. If they cannot decode independently and fluently, they will find it increasingly					
difficult to understand what they read and to write down what they want to say.					
As far as possible, however, they should follow the Year 3 and 4 programme of					
study in terms of listening to new books, hearing and learning new vocabulary and					
grammatical structures, and discussing these.					
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	Recognition	Understanding		Expression	Features	
For those who	Apply growing	Pupils should be taught to:	Understand what they read	Confident to read	Recognise plurals and	Read books that are
are struggling to	knowledge of root		independently.	aloud in different	collective nouns, as	structured in different
decode - apply	words, prefixes and	Further develop positive attitudes to		contexts.	well as pronouns	ways.
phonic knowledge	suffixes (etymology	reading and understanding of what	Check that the text makes		(and their purpose).	
and skills as the	and morphology) as	they read.	sense to them, discussing their	Understands how a		Read for a range of
route to decode	listed in Appendix		understanding and explaining	range of punctuation	Identify & discuss	purposes.
words.	1, both to read	Listen to and discuss a wide range of	the meaning of words in	is used to give	how author's use of	
	aloud and to	fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and	context.	reading more	language affects a	Use dictionaries to
Respond with the	understand the	reference books or textbooks, actively		meaning.	reader (verbs,	check the meaning of
correct sound to	meaning of new	engaging in discussion.	Ask questions to improve their		adverbs and	words that they have
graphemes for all	words they meet.		understanding of a text.	Can use appropriate	adjectives).	read.
40+ phonemes,		Increase familiarity with a wider		voices for characters		
including,	Read further	range of books, including fairy	Draw inferences such as	and adopt a story-	Explain how tense	Retrieve and record
alternative sounds	exception words,	stories, traditional tales, myths and	inferring characters' feelings,	telling voice when	relate to text type	information from non-
for graphemes.	noting the unusual	legends, and retelling some of these	thoughts and motives from	needed.	and structure.	fiction, beginning to
	correspondences	orally.				use notes.

Read accurately by	between spelling	Identify themes and conventions in a	their actions, and justifying	Identifies how	Identify how sentence
blending sounds in	and sound, and	wide range of books.	inferences with evidence.	apostrophes are used	types can be changed
unfamiliar words	where these occur			to show possession in	by changing word
containing GPCs	in the word.	Prepare poems and play scripts to	Identify main ideas drawn	reading.	order, tenses, adding
that have been		read aloud and to perform, showing	from more than one		or deleting words or
taught		understanding through intonation,	paragraph and summarising		changing
		tone, volume and action.	these.		punctuation.
		Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.	Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.		
		Continue to recognise some different forms of poetry (e.g. free verse, narrative poetry)	Participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others		
			say.		