Reading: Word Reading			
		P	honics and Decoding
3 and 4 year olds	Literacy		Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in words, recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother
Reception	Literacy		Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.  Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter-sound correspondences.  Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.  Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.
ELGs	Literacy	Word Reading	Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.  Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.  Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.
		Con	nmon Exception Words
Reception	Literacy		Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.
			Fluency
3 and 4 year olds	Literacy		Understand the five key concepts about print: print has meaning, print can have different purposes, we can read English text from left to right and from top to bottom, the names of different parts of a book and page sequencing.  Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in words, recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother
Reception	Literacy		Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of letter- sound correspondences.  Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.

			Re-read books to build up their confidence in word reading, their fluency and their understanding and enjoyment.
ELGs	Literacy	Reading	Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

Reading: Comprehension				
Understanding and Correcting Inaccuracies				
3 and 4 year olds	3 and 4 year olds Communication and Language  Literacy		Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.  Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" Be able to express a point of view and debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.	
			Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.	
Reception	Communication and Language		Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.  Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.  Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.  Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	
ELGs	Literacy	Comprehension	Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.  Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.	
	Comparing, Contrasting and Commenting			
Three and Four- Year-Olds	Communication and Language		Be able to express a point of view and debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.	

Reception	Understanding the world		Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
ELG	Communication and Language	Listening, Attention and Understanding	Listen 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 interactions
		Speaking	Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
	•	Words in Co	ontext and Authorial Choice
Three and Four- Year-Olds	Communication and Language		Use a wider range of vocabulary.
	Literacy		Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
Reception	Communication and Language		Learn new vocabulary. Use new vocabulary throughout the day. Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.
ELG	Communication and Language	Speaking	Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
	Literacy	Comprehension	Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.  Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play
		Infe	rence and Prediction
Three and Four- Year-Olds	Communication and Language		Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"
ELG	Communication and Language	Speaking	Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
	Literacy	Comprehension	Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.

		Poetry	y and Performance
Three and Four- Year-Olds	Communication and Language		Sing a large repertoire of songs.  Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
Expressive Arts and Design		esign	Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.  Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.  Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').  Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down and down and up) of familiar songs.  Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know
Reception	Communication and Language		Engage in story times.  Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.  Learn rhymes, poems and songs
	Expressive Arts and Design		Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.  Develop storylines in their pretend play
ELG	Literacy	Comprehension	Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.
	Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.
	_	Being Imaginative and Expressive	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with their peers and their teacher. Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time to music

Non-Fiction		
Reception	Communication and Language	Engage in non-fiction books.
		Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new
		knowledge and vocabulary.

ELG	Communication and	Speaking	Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced
	Language		vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
	Literacy	Comprehension	Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about
			stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.