

Primary English Progression Statements

Reading Progression

Year	Reading Progression
Y1	Reads simple fiction and non-fiction with support. Recognises basic story structure (beginning–middle–end). Identifies simple features of information texts (title, picture, caption).
Y2	Reads a wider range of texts linked to home, local area and seasons. Answers simple retrieval questions (who/what/where). Begins to compare texts (e.g. family stories, place texts).
Y3	Reads to support topics such as environment and eco-campaigns. Identifies purpose and features of eco-texts (posters, slogans, facts). Retrieves and summarises key information from non-fiction.
Y4	Develops deeper inference while exploring books and reading identity (book choices, genres). Recognises structure, bias and viewpoint in non-fiction (e.g. transport reports).
Y5	Reads more complex narratives and autobiographical/biographical texts. Infers character, theme, feelings and viewpoint. Analyses how dialogue and description reveal character and relationships.
Y6	Applies advanced reading skills to articles, maps, diagrams, websites and charity leaflets (Europe, Rainforests). Evaluates bias, argument structure and author purpose. Synthesises information from multiple sources.

Writing Progression

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Y1	Writes simple sentences and captions linked to lived experiences (home, seasons, celebrations). Begins orally rehearsed recounts and very simple stories.
Y2	Writes short narratives about familiar settings (family, local area). Retells simple stories using time words. Creates basic non-fiction (fact sentences, simple fact files, seasonal info).
Y3	Writes simple reports based on class investigations (eco surveys, environment). Produces short persuasive texts (posters/letters) for real audiences. Begins organising ideas into sections.
Y4	Writes reviews and recommendations (We Love Books). Produces longer non-chronological reports with introductions, subheadings and diagrams (transport and topic-linked reports). Begins clear paragraphing.
Y5	Develops narrative craft: viewpoint, character development, dialogue and internal thoughts (My Family, linked texts). Writes biographical/auto-biographical pieces with clear chronology. Uses cohesive devices across paragraphs.
Y6	Writes formal reports (Exploring Europe), balanced arguments, explanation texts and persuasive letters/speeches (Rainforests, Homes). Produces historical narratives with accurate setting. Edits and publishes polished pieces for real audiences.

Vocabulary & Grammar Progression

Year	Vocabulary & Grammar Progression
Y1	Builds everyday topic vocabulary (home, school, seasons, celebrations). Uses simple adjectives. Begins joining words with "and".
Y2	Uses time connectives and simple noun phrases. Begins to use topic-specific words (place, weather, simple science terms). Starts joining sentences with "because", "but", "so".
Y3	Expands vocabulary linked to environment and campaigns (recycle, pollution, habitat, protect). Uses persuasive openers and sentence starters. Begins varying sentence openings.
Y4	Uses "book talk" vocabulary (genre, author, character, theme). Uses technical language in reports (parts, functions, processes). Begins using more precise verbs and adverbials.
Y5	Applies more sophisticated vocabulary to express emotion and relationships in narrative. Widens range of dialogue tags and manner adverbs. Uses relative clauses and more complex sentence structures.
Y6	Uses formal and subject-specific vocabulary (ecosystem, sanitation, urbanisation, consequently, furthermore). Controls tone (formal for reports/arguments, appropriate voice in narrative). Uses a full range of conjunctions and cohesive devices confidently.

Speaking, Listening & Presentation

Year	Speaking & Listening Progression
Y1	Oral retelling of simple stories and experiences. Joins in class discussions about festivals, home, familiar texts.
Y2	Shares ideas about family, local area and seasons. Gives simple explanations and reasons. Participates in paired discussions and small presentations.
Y3	Presents findings from eco work using simple posters and short spoken explanations. Begins using prompt cards.
Y4	Gives structured book talk and topic presentations (e.g. transport, books they love). Uses visuals (diagrams, pictures) to support explanations. Listens and responds to questions.
Y5	Performs narrative extracts; takes part in more formal discussions and debates (e.g. family issues, community themes). Begins to adapt voice and pace for effect.
Y6	Delivers structured speeches and presentations (Rainforest campaigns, Europe travel fairs, Home history projects). Uses notes/cue cards instead of reading. Handles audience questions and reflects on their own performance.

Functional Literacy Progression

Year	Functional Literacy Progression
Y1	Reads and uses labels, signs, picture prompts, and simple instructions. Writes names, labels and short captions for class displays.
Y2	Uses simple maps, local information and charts (e.g. weather, simple surveys). Writes very simple notes and fact sentences that could be used on posters or displays.
Y3	Reads eco posters, tally charts and bar charts. Writes simple reports and posters for real audiences (e.g. school community, eco-council).
Y4	Reads and writes information texts similar to leaflets, websites and museum panels (topic reports, non-chronological reports). Integrates diagrams and captions.
Y5	Handles texts with real-world relevance: letters, biographies, diary extracts. Writes for real purposes (letters, biographies, reflective pieces, extended narratives).
Y6	Uses and creates high-level functional texts: maps, travel displays, charity leaflets, balanced arguments, formal letters, speeches, posters and presentations. Applies literacy to geography, history, science and PSHE contexts.

Text Types Progression

Year	Main Text Types Introduced / Developed
Y1	Simple stories; captions; labels; simple recounts of events; class information pages with adult support.
Y2	Short narratives about familiar settings; simple recounts; basic fact files; simple seasonal/information texts (e.g. around school, local area).
Y3	Eco-linked reports; simple information texts; persuasive posters and letters; short explanations linked to topic work.
Y4	Book reviews; non-chronological reports (e.g. transport, topic areas); more developed explanations; simple summaries of texts and topics.
Y5	Longer narratives (including autobiographical elements); biographies; letters (formal and informal); comparative responses to multiple texts.
Y6	Formal reports; explanation texts; balanced arguments; persuasive letters and speeches; historical narratives; information leaflets; structured presentations and display texts.