Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Progression in Reading Years 3 & 4

Year 3/4

The knowledge and skills that pupils need in order to comprehend are very similar at different ages. Pupils should continue to apply what they have already learnt to more complex writing and text types. The knowledge and skills that pupils need in order to comprehend are very similar at different ages. This is why the programmes of study for comprehension in years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6 are similar: the complexity of the writing increases the level of challenge.

The focus comprehension skills for year 3/4 are: retrieve and explain; summarise, make connections; clarify, predict, infer and question.

RED: Guidance BLACK: National Curriculum objectives

	Reading for Pleasure	Implementation
Intent	Creating a Culture where children are exposed to a range of high quality texts in a variety of contexts and have opportunity to browse literature as well as structured reading activities.	Library visits/ genre tracker
	Pupils should also have opportunities to exercise choice in selecting books and be taught how to do so, with teachers making use of any library services and expertise to support this.	BookFlix
	To build preferences in reading and choose to read To recognise authors and styles of reading that individuals enjoy	Reading lessons
	Engaging in book discussions in a range of contexts, alongside adults and peers Sharing and recommending books.	Reading at the end of the day
		Accelerated Reader home readers
	Reading Aloud	Implementation
Intent	Introducing children to wider engage of authors and contexts.	Minimum of ten minutes reading to
	Pupils should continue to have opportunities to listen frequently to stories, poems, non-fiction and other writing, including whole books	class a day using
	and not just extracts, so that they build on what was taught previously. In this way, they also meet books and authors that they might not choose themselves.	books from Spine below alongside
		studying it in reading lessons.

Fluency: smoothness, expression and volume, phrasing and pace	
On entry to year 3, children will be reading at Gold book band level at a pace of 90 words per minute. Children will take the AR STAR test at Autumn half term to determine their ZPD range. If children are not reading at Gold level, they must continue to read a book banded book alongside their AR reading book.	Year 3 AR level 2.9+
Children should be able to read them accurately and at a speed that is sufficient for them to focus on understanding what they read rather than on decoding individual words.	Bookband Silver+
Children should be able to decode most new words outside their spoken vocabulary, making a good approximation to the word's pronunciation.	Reading Age: 8+
They should be learning to read silently.	
As their decoding skills become increasingly secure, teaching should be directed more towards developing their vocabulary and the breadth and depth of their reading, making sure that they become independent, fluent and enthusiastic readers who read widely and frequently.	Year 4 AR level 3.9+
As in key stage 1, pupils who are still struggling to decode and did not pass the phonics screening test in year 2, will continue accessing the RWI phonics programme as an additional intervention. These children will also have precision teaching for whole word recognition. As far as possible, however, these pupils should follow the year 3 and 4 programme of study in terms of listening to new books, hearing and learning new vocabulary	Reading Age: 9+
and grammatical structures, and discussing these.	Sapphire +
Children identified will continue to follow RWI phonics programme as an intervention alongside reading lessons for their year group,	
Word Reading	Where is it explicitly taught
Pupils should be taught to apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in English Appendix 1 in the National Curriculum, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet	RWI Spelling
Pupils should be taught to read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word. Children will be able to read all year 1,2 3 and 4 common exception words assessment lists on sight.	Common exception word assessments.
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When pupils are taught to read longer words, they should be supported to test out different pronunciations. They will attempt to match what they decode to words they may have already heard but may not have seen in print [for example, in reading 'technical', the pronunciation /tɛtʃnɪkəl/ ('tetchnical') might not sound familiar, but /tɛknɪkəl/ ('teknical') should].	
Range of Texts	
Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks. Children in year 3 only will read and write a simple play based on Aesop's fables.	See English Overview for progression of genres.
Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by reading books that are structured in different ways.	Reading Lessons linked
Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by reading for a range of purposes. See coverage of genre fictions in text progression spine below.	to key text from reading spine
They should also learn the conventions of different types of writing (for example, the greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of presentational devices such as numbering and headings in instructions). See English overview.	Genre Tracker. Talk for Writing Sequence

and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action. See poetry progression document.	
Comprehension	Where is it
	explicitly
	taught
Retrieve & Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by identifying main ideas drawn from	Reading
Explain more than one paragraph and summarising these.	lessons

Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally. See coverage of genre fictions in text progression spine below.

Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud

		САРПСКИ
		taught
Retrieve & Explain	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these.	Reading lessons
Elements in bold relate	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by discussing their understanding by retrieving information from the text.	Talk for Writing Sequence
directly to	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by predicting what might happen from details stated and implied based on: content; simple themes/ text types	

retrieval and explanation.	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings. thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence from the text and/ or life experience. They should be learning to justify their views about what they have read: with support at the start of year 3 and increasingly independently by the end of year 4 Retrieve and record information from non-fiction. In using non-fiction, pupils should know what information they need to look for before they begin and be clear about the task. They should be shown how to use contents pages and indexes to locate information.	
Authorial Intent	Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by reading books that are structured in different ways.	Talk for Writing Sequence
Structural choices	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read in books they can read independently, by identifying how structure contributes to meaning.	Reading lessons
	Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]. See poetry progression.	
Authorial Intent	Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.	Talk for Writing Sequence
Linguistic choices	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by identifying how language contributes to meaning.	Reading lessons
		Poetry progression
Form an Opinion	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.	Reading lessons/ guided
	They should be learning to justify their views about what they have read: with support at the start of year 3 and increasingly independently by the end of year 4	reading sessions
	Pupils should have guidance about the kinds of explanations and questions that are expected from them. They should help to develop, agree on, and evaluate rules for effective discussion. The expectation should be that all pupils take part.	BookFlix

		Class reader Book Talk
Summarise	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these.	Reading lessons
		BookFlix
Make Connections	Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books.	Reading lessons
	Pupils should be taught to recognise themes in what they read, such as the triumph of good over evil or the use of magical devices in fairy stories and folk tales. See spine for year group with text themes.	Talk for Writing Sequence
		Book talk/ class reader
Clarify	Pupils should be taught to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by to using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read	Reading lessons
	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by checking that the text makes sense to them.	Book talk/ class reader
	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context.	
Predict	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by predicting what might happen from details stated and implied based on: content; simple themes/ text types	Reading lessons
		Book talk/ class reader
Infer	Pupils should be taught to understand what they read, in books they can read independently by drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings. thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence directly from the text and/or life experience.	Reading lessons
		Book talk/ class reader

Reading lessons

	Year 3 and 4 Reading Spine	Themes/ characteristics Opportunities can be used to explore the links between the themes/ settings and characters. yellow: link to Gospel Values.
	can choose one of the texts below as the focus text within reading lessons. caracter, imagery devices) with their writing sequence if possible.	Teachers should attempt to align the text (in terms of theme, plot,
Year 3	The Iron Man by Ted Hughes	Themes: friendship, prejudice, good and evil. (kindness) Character: description of iron man. (similies) Points of view: Iron and
	Science Fiction	Hogarth.
	Literary Heritage	Setting : Description of different settings throughout the text. Dialogue between Hogarth and Iron Man.
	Cat Tales: Ice Cat by Linda Newberry	Story of a present but absent father. Seeks solace in ice cat. Character: Role of the ice-cat. Character development of Tom (Tom's ice
	Story from familiar settings/ animal stories	heart) Theme: Families, understanding of illness, imaginary creatures, processing feelings and emotions. Setting: description of snow. Similies Links to: Gorilla year two- imaginary animals/ characters.
	The Sheep-Pig by Dick King Simith	Opportunity to explore humour. Setting: farm
	Classic author Humour/ animal stories	Themes: perseverance, aspirations, farm life. Character: relationship between fly and Babe.
	The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson	Setting: Mountains in Tibet Character: Courageous children/ Lady Agatha protective character. Point
	Story from another culture/ mythical creatures	of view from the Yeti. Themes: importance of nature and the environment/ first impressions/ kindness.
	The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd	Setting: home/ family life Themes: responsibility, family, friendship, secrets/lies, choices/dilemmas
	Humorous/ fantasy	Introduction to a series of books for children.

	The battle of Bubble and Squeak by Philippa Pearce	Character: How does the author show character? Character viewpoints
		of what is happening in the family- mother and children. Do the
	Stories from familiar settings	characters thoughts change at the end of the story? Explorations of
		different viewpoints- who is right/ wrong? Opportunities for giving
		viewpoints.
		Theme: life/ conflict/ differences of opinion.
	The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe. by C S Lewis	Setting : Various wonderful descriptions of settings in different places.
		Narnia, Mt Tumnus' house
	Fantasy/ portals/ classic children's literature/ author	Character : Compare magical creatures good vs evil ones. Compare other
		characters, the children, Ice Queen. Edmund's behaviour and actions.
		Themes: magical devices/ good and evil/ bravery, courage.
	Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne.	Can be compared the original.
		Infer feelings from pictures and compare to the text. Visual imagery to
	Folk Take/ Traditional Tale	textual imagery. Change of mood in the pictures.
	Picture Book	Theme: good/ evil. integrity relating to Father
		Characters: good and evil. What should the father have done? Bravery of
		characters.
	The Promise by Nichola Davies	Words and pictures enhance each other. Timeless moral message
		Theme : determination/ open-mindedness/ environment/ wellbeing/
	Picture Book	caring for others/ personal transformation of a city and person/
		promises.
Year 4	The House at the edge of Magic	Historical fantasy Novel
	Amy Sparkes	Theme: Rages to Riches. A story of unlikely friendships. Discussions of
		orphans. Why might some people steal? Justice/integrity.
	Historical fantasy Novel	Links to: Oliver- Charles Dickens.
	KrindleKrax by Philip Ridley	Opportunity to explore differences in people. Different timelines within
	,	the story.
	Real life fantasy	Opportunity to explore how people behave motives and reasons to their
	,	choices and actions.
		Exploration of what a hero is/ looks like/ what a true hero really is.
		Exploration of bullying.
		Theme: courage/ integrity/ justice
	Charlotte's Web by E B White	Implications of key events. Timeline to explore structure of events.
		Character: compare and contrast the different characters' natures.
	Familiar Setting/ animal stories	Wilbur's character development.
		Theme: friendship and love, natural world.

	Setting : infer from the text where the setting is; use of language for description of the farm.
	Links to: farm setting of yr 3s The Sheep pig/ animals that communicate.
Why the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo	Children can research information about Narwhals, Bryher on the Isles of Scilly, and Rushy Bay and research on the internet why families left
Classic children's author/ historical novel set in 1914.	Samson Island. Historical Real life
	Themes: fear, bullying, friendship, whale hunting/justice/integrity.
	Character: The birdman- does the reader's opinion of him change?
	Setting: war time setting (how do we know) description of the setting. Importance of the setting to the story.
	Link to: Abominables (yr 3) importance of nature.
The Fire-work Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman	Themes: hard work/ courage/ magical devices/ mixing old conventions of fairy tales with new/ heroes.
Fantasy/ modern fairytale	Description of fire-fantasy & adventure
Tantasy, modern fairytaie	Character: Actions of character to reveal their qualities. Chulack's
	misdeeds and good deeds. What obstacles do the characters overcome?
	Links to: magical devices and witch in year 3s Lion, Witch and Wardrobe.
	The House on the Edge of Magic & Krindlkrax. Hansel and Gretel yr3 tradition fairy tale.
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf	Story that explores a child immigrant and the love and kindness of other
	children. Real Life
Real Life/ topical issues	
	Theme: immigration, kindness, bullying, positive/ negative characters.
	Justice/ compassion/ kindness/ integrity.
	Character: Character development of the narrator.
	Links to: Year 5 will also study a book by Onjali Q. Rauf.
Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne	Can be compared with The Tunnel by Anthony Browne. Story of shared
	space through four different voices.
Picture book	Characters : depictions of characters of animals and what this implies. Themes : alienation, anger and friendship.

Counting on Catherine	The true story of a NASA heroine who used maths to touch the moon.
	Maths matters. This book tells you the life story of a brilliant maths
Helaine Becker	genius who also fought for equal rights to pursue her dreams.
	Theme: perseverance/ resilience/ integrity/ justice.
True story picture book	