



Phonics - EYFS

By the end of EYFS, pupils who have experienced the elements of the milestone will have a 'Basic' understanding and level of skill. The majority will have an 'Expected' understanding and level of skill. Whilst some will have a 'Deep' understanding and level of skill.

	Basic:	Expected:	Deep:
Word Reading			
Read 42 letter sounds			
Use phonics to decode and read regular words			
Blend letter sounds together to read new words			
Read first 40 tricky words using phonics to identify tricky			
part			
Read words containing taught grapheme phoneme			
correspondences (GPCs)			
Comprehension			
Read and understand age and ability-appropriate books			
Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary			
and understanding			
Link reading to own experiences			
Develop understanding by drawing on own experiences,			
vocabulary and knowledge provided by the teacher			
Transcription			
Form lower-case letters correctly			
Spell words using first 42 letter sounds			
Spell first 40 tricky words			
Write simple sentences			
Form some capital letters			
Composition			
Compose a sentence			
Discuss writing and orally compose sentences			
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation			
Separate words with spaces			
Combining words to make sentences			
Understanding the use of capital letters and full stops			