# Year 1 Curriculum

### Spoken Language

* listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
* ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
* use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
* articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
* give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings.
* maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
* use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
* speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
* participate in discussions, presentations, performances, roleplay/improvisations and debates
* gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
* consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
* select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

**Reading**

**Word reading**

Our children will be taught to:

* apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words
* respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes
* read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught
* read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
* read words containing taught GPCs and –s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and –est endings
* read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs
* read words with contractions, and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)
* read books aloud accurately, that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words
* reread these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

**Comprehension**

Our children will be taught to:

* develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:
  + listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
  + being encouraged to link what they read or hear to their own experiences
  + becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics
  + recognising and joining in with predictable phrases
  + learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart
  + discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known
* understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:
  + drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher
  + checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading
  + discussing the significance of the title and events
  + making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done
  + predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far
* participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say
* explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them

**Writing**

**Spelling**

Our children will be taught to:

* spell:
  + words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught
  + common exception words
  + the days of the week
* name the letters of the alphabet:
  + naming the letters of the alphabet in order
  + using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound
* add prefixes and suffixes:
  + using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs
  + using the prefix un–
  + using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words
* apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as listed in [English Appendix 1](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf)
* write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.

**Handwriting and Presentation**

Our children will be taught to:

* sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
* begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
* form capital letters
* form digits 0-9
* understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’ (ie letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these

**Composition**

Our children will be taught to:

* write sentences by:
  + saying out loud what they are going to write about
  + composing a sentence orally before writing it
  + sequencing sentences to form short narratives
  + re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense
* discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils
* read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.

**Vocabulary, grammar & punctuation**

Our children will be taught to:

* develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English Appendix 2](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf) by:
  + leaving spaces between words
  + joining words and joining clauses using “and”
  + beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
  + using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun ‘I’
  + learning the grammar for year 1 in [English Appendix 2](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf)
* use the grammatical terminology in [English Appendix 2](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf) in discussing their writing and reading.