Progression in Spoken Language

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening and responding	 To listen to others in a range of situations and usually respond appropriately. Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments. (Stay focussed for up to 5 minutes.) 	 To listen carefully and respond with increasing appropriateness to what has been said, e.g. make a helpful contribution when speaking in a small reading group. Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments. (Stay focussed for up to 5 - 7 minutes.) 	 To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers. Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments. (Stay focussed for up to 7 - 8 minutes.) 	 To listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and their peers. Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments. (Stay focussed for up to 7 - 8 minutes of class discussion.) 	 To listen carefully, making timely contributions and asking questions that are responsive to others' ideas and views, e.g. participate in a collaborative project where they listen to the ideas of others and adapt these to meet the needs of the group. Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments. (Stay focussed for up to 10 minutes of class discussion.) 	 To listen carefully, making timely contributions and asking questions that are responsive to others' ideas and views, e.g. participate in a collaborative project where they listen to the ideas of others and adapt these to meet the needs of the group. Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments. (Stay focussed for up to 10 minutes of class discussion.) To make improvements based on constructive feedback on their listening skills.
Asking and answering questions	 Can sometimes ask relevant questions to build knowledge and understanding. Ask and answer questions that require more than one-word answers. 	 To show that they are following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions. To answer questions using clear sentences. Can begin to ask relevant questions to build knowledge and understanding. Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions using the word 'because' to explain thinking. Sometimes gives more than one reason why something might be true. Understand that people might have different opinions. 	 Ask relevant questions to build knowledge and understanding linking to responses from others. Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions to questions. Give more than one reason why something might be true. To begin to offer support for their answers to questions with justifiable reasoning. Understand that people might have different opinions and begin to explain why. 	 Ask relevant questions to build knowledge and understanding linking to responses from others. Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions to questions. Give more than one reason why something might be true. To regularly offer answers that are supported with justifiable reasoning. Understand that people might have different opinions and begin to explain why. Justify answers to show understanding of the question posed. 	 Can ask relevant questions to deepen knowledge and understanding. Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions to questions. Give more than one reason why something might be true with reasons. Understand the difference between a fact and an opinion. Begin to offer more detailed answers to some questions. 	 Can regularly ask relevant questions to deepen knowledge and understanding. Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions. Understand the difference between a fact and an opinion. Offer more detailed answers to questions that need further clarification or justification.
Vocabulary	 Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary: Draw pictures Use words that reflect immediate surroundings and feelings. Use alternative words for simple vocabulary choices. 	To begin to give reasoning behind their answers when prompted to do so. • Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary: - To start to use subject- specific vocabulary to explain, describe and add detail. - To suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed. - To start to vary language according to the situation between formal and informal. To usually speak in grammatically correct sentences.	 Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary: Sometimes use words already known to help understand new words. To use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and/or the audience. To recognise powerful vocabulary in stories/ texts that they read or listen to and begin to try to use these words and phrases in their own talk. To discuss topics that are unfamiliar to their own direct experience. 	 Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary: Sometimes uses the context of a word to help understand it's meaning. Use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and/or audience. To regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech. Recognise some powerful words and phrases in texts/stories and begin to use them when talking/writing. To know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence. 	 Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary: Use known words to help understand new words. Use known prefixes and suffixes to help understand new words. Use the context of a word to understand its meaning Regularly use powerful words and phrases identified in texts/stories. To regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in speech. To know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with increasing confidence. 	 Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary: Use known words to help understand new words. Regularly use known prefixes and suffixes to help understand new words. Confidently use the context of a word to understand its meaning. Speak audibly and fluently in all situations. To use adventurous and ambitious vocabulary in speech, which is always appropriate to the topic, audience and purpose To speak audibly, fluently and with a full command of Standard English in all situations. To use a broad, deep and rich vocabulary to discuss abstract concepts and a wide range of topics. To confidently explain the meaning of words and offer alternative synonyms.
Spoken Language descriptions and explanations	 Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including expressing feelings: Understand feelings beyond happy and sad. Say how someone might be feeling and why. Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas. 	 Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including expressing feelings: Say how someone might be feeling and why. Talk about themselves and their feelings confidently and clearly. Recount experiences with significant details and feelings. Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, 	 Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including expressing feelings: Use a few different words that can be used to talk about similar feelings. Summarise the main ideas of a paragraph in a single sentence. Begin to give added details in retellings to engage the listener. Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, 	 Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including expressing feelings: Select different words that can be used to talk about similar feelings. Summarise the main ideas of more than one paragraph in a single sentence. Give descriptions and recounts and narrative retellings with specific details to actively engage listeners. 	 Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including expressing feelings: Know multiple different words that can be used to talk about similar feelings. Plan and present information clearly with ambitious added detail and description for the listener. Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas. 	 Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including expressing feelings: Confidently select a variety of different words that can be used to talk about similar feelings. Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas.

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	Speak audibly and fluently with an	hypothesising, imagining and exploring	hypothesising, imagining and exploring	Use spoken language to develop	 Speak audibly and fluently with an 	 Speak audibly and fluently with an
	increasing command of Standard English:	ideas.	ideas.	understanding through speculating,	increasing command of Standard English:	increasing command of Standard English.
	- Speak in full sentences most of the time.	 Speak audibly and fluently with an 	 Speak audibly and fluently with an 	hypothesising, imagining and exploring	 Speak about what happened in the past 	
	- Speak about what happened in the past	increasing command of Standard English:	increasing command of Standard English:	ideas.	and present correctly	
	mostly correctly.	 Organise thoughts to speak in full 	- Begin to use past and present tenses	 Speak audibly and fluently with an 		
	- Know when to use pronouns	sentences.	correctly with some support.	increasing command of Standard English:		
		 Speak about what happened in the past 		- Use past and present tense mostly		
		mostly correctly.		correctly.		
	 Participate in discussions, presentations, 	Participate in discussions, presentations,				
	performances, role play, improvisations and	performances, role play, improvisations and				
	debates:	debates:	debates:	debates:	debates:	debates:
	- Pretend to be someone else in a role play	- Pretend to be someone else in a role play	- Bring some of their own ideas to help play	- Begin to take part in a specific character	- Listen to feedback from others to improve	- Listen to feedback from others to improve
	after someone explains a character to	after someone explains a character to	another character.	role and take part in discussions whilst in	performances.	performances and make immediate
	them.	them.	- Begin to speak confidently in front of small	character.	 Gain, maintain and monitor the interest 	changes.
	- Give reasons why something is good or	- Begin to describe feelings of character in	and some large audiences.	- Rehearse how to read stories and	of the listener(s). Consider and evaluate	 Gain, maintain and monitor the interest
	bad with help.	role.	- Begin to rehearse sentences/stories aloud	sentences whilst taking advice from	different viewpoints, attending to and	of the listener(s). Consider and evaluate
	- Can speak in front of larger audiences, e,g,	 Begin to speak confidently in a group of 	with feedback from an adult.	feedback given.	building on the contributions of others:	different viewpoints, attending to and
	show and tell or assemblies.	familiar peers to get the message across.	Gain, maintain and monitor the interest	Gain, maintain and monitor the interest	 Understand what people say in a daily 	building on the contributions of others:
Spoken Language -	Gain, maintain and monitor the interest	 Gain, maintain and monitor the interest 	of the listener(s). Consider and evaluate	of the listener(s). Consider and evaluate	conversation Change contributions to	- Use different strategies to gain interest of
Discussions And	of the listener(s). Consider and evaluate	of the listener(s). Consider and evaluate	different viewpoints, attending to and	different viewpoints, attending to and	class discussions based on what other	the listener/audience and maintain it.
presentations	different viewpoints, attending to and	different viewpoints, attending to and	building on the contributions of others:	building on the contributions of others:	people have said before them.	- Offer other explanations or ask questions
	building on the contributions of others.	building on the contributions of others:	- Can think about what others have said in a	- Build upon what others have said in a	 Select and use appropriate registers for 	to others or self if something is not
	- Can understand what people say to them	- Can remember some of the main points	discussion and respond appropriately.	discussion and begin to give own views.	effective communication:	understood.
	most of the time.	that others have said in a class discussion.	 Select and use appropriate registers for 	 Select and use appropriate registers for 	 Use intonation and expression when 	 Select and use appropriate registers for
	- Can remember some things that other	 Select and use appropriate registers for 	effective communication:	effective communication:	talking and reading aloud to make it more	effective communication:
	children have said in class discussion.	effective communication:	- Begin to tell when to speak loudly or	- Use intonation when reading aloud to	engaging for the listener.	 Select and use appropriate registers for
	- Can think about when it is their turn in a	 Begin to tell when to speak loudly or 	quietly most of the time Can normally use	emphasise punctuation.		effective communication.
	discussion.	quietly most of the time.	an appropriate pitch and tone of voice in			
	 Select and use appropriate registers for 		conversations.			
	effective communication:					
	- Begin to tell when to speak loudly or					