# Meldreth Primary School Key stage 1 English Curriculum Overview Year 1

# Spoken language

#### Pupils should be taught to:

- 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, role play, 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 recognition

### Pupils should 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 [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)
- read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words
- re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

## Reading - comprehension

#### Pupils should 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 read 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 - transcription	Writing - handwriting	Writing – vocabulary,	Writing - composition
		grammar and punctuation	
Spelling (see English Appendix 1)	Pupils should be taught to:	Pupils should be taught to:  develop their understanding of	Pupils should be taught to:
Pupils should 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	<ul> <li>sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</li> <li>begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</li> <li>form capital letters</li> </ul>	the concepts set out in <a href="English">English</a> Appendix 2 *by: <ul> <li>leaving spaces between words</li> <li>joining words and joining clauses using and</li> <li>beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>write sentences by:</li> <li>saying out loud what they are going to write about</li> <li>composing a sentence orally before writing it</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</li> <li>add prefixes and suffixes:         <ul> <li>using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs</li> <li>using the prefix un–</li> <li>using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>form digits 0-9</li> <li>understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.</li> </ul>	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 'l'  learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2*  use the grammatical	<ul> <li>sequencing sentences to form short narratives</li> <li>re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense</li> <li>discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils</li> </ul>
apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English     Appendix 1  write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.  Nh = the appendices referred to are held on the school's server.		terminology in English Appendix  2* in discussing their writing.	read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.

Nb – the appendices referred to are held on the school's server, but can also be viewed at

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