



## Lower Key Stage Two Core Skills- National Curriculum 2014

By the end of Y4, a child should be able to:

### Reading:

| Objectives   | To read words accurately  | To understand texts  |
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| <b>Skills required to meet achieve the objective</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply a growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology).</li> <br/> <li>• Read further exception words, noting the spellings.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draw inferences from reading.</li> <li>• Predict from details stated and implied.</li> <li>• Recall and summarise main ideas.</li> <li>• Discuss words and phrases that capture the imagination.</li> <li>• Retrieve and record information from non-fiction, using titles, headings, sub-headings and indexes.</li> <li>• Prepare poems and plays to read aloud with expression, volume, tone and intonation.</li> <li>• Identify recurring themes and elements of different stories (e.g. good triumphing over evil).</li> <li>• Recognise some different forms of poetry.</li> <li>• Explain and discuss understanding of reading, maintaining focus on the topic.</li> <li>• Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.</li> <li>• Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.</li> <li>• Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these.</li> <li>• Identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.</li> <li>• Ask questions to improve understanding of a text.</li> </ul> |

Writing:

| Objectives  | To write with purpose  | To use imaginative description   | To organise writing appropriately  | To use paragraphs   | To use sentences appropriately   |
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| <p><b>Skills required to meet achieve the objective</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write for a wide range of purposes using the main features identified in reading.</li> <li>• Use techniques used by authors to create characters and settings.</li> <li>• Compose and rehearse sentences orally.</li> <li>• Plan, write, edit and improve.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create characters, settings and plots.</li> <li>• Use alliteration effectively.</li> <li>• Use similes effectively.</li> <li>• Use a range of descriptive phrases including some collective nouns.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use organisational devices such as headings and sub headings.</li> <li>• Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause.</li> <li>• Use connectives that signal time, shift attention, inject suspense and shift the setting.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise paragraphs around a theme.</li> <li>• Sequence paragraphs.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences.</li> <li>• Write sentences that include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conjunctions</li> <li>• adverbs</li> <li>• direct speech, punctuated correctly</li> <li>• clauses</li> <li>• adverbial phrases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| Objectives  | To present neatly  | To spell correctly   | To punctuate accurately  |   | To analyse and present writing   |
| <p><b>Skills required to meet achieve the objective</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join letters, deciding which letters are best left un-joined.</li> <li>• Make handwriting legible by ensuring downstrokes of letters are parallel and letters are spaced appropriately.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them.</li> <li>• Spell further homophones.</li> <li>• Spell correctly often misspelt words.</li> <li>• Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals (for example, girls', boys') and in words with irregular plurals (for example, children's).</li> <li>• Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.</li> <li>• Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop understanding of writing concepts by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although.</li> <li>• Using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense.</li> <li>• Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition.</li> <li>• Using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause.</li> <li>• Using fronted adverbials.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Indicate grammatical and other features by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using commas after fronted adverbials.</li> <li>• Indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns.</li> <li>• Using and punctuating direct speech.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use and understand grammatical terminology when discussing writing and reading:               <p><b>Year 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• word family, conjunction, adverb, preposition, direct speech, inverted commas (or 'speech marks'), prefix, consonant, vowel, clause, subordinate clause.</li> </ul> <p><b>Year 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial.</li> <li>• Read aloud writing to a group or whole class, using appropriate intonation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

Maths:

| Area            | To know and use numbers   | To add and subtract  | To multiply and divide   |
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| Skills required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Count in multiples of 2 to 9, 25, 50, 100 and 1000.</li> <li>Find 1000 more or less than a given number.</li> <li>Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.</li> <li>Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.</li> <li>Read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value.</li> <li>Order and compare numbers beyond 1000.</li> <li>Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number. (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones)</li> <li>Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.</li> <li>Solve number and practical problems with increasingly large positive numbers.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve two-step addition and subtraction problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.</li> <li>Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.</li> <li>Add and subtract numbers mentally, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A three-digit number and ones.</li> <li>A three-digit number and tens.</li> <li>A three-digit number and hundreds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.</li> <li>Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value and more complex addition and subtraction.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems (such as n objects are connected to m objects).</li> <li>Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout.</li> <li>Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers.</li> <li>Recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations.</li> <li>Recognise and use the inverse relationship between multiplication and division and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.</li> <li>Recall multiplication and division facts up to <math>12 \times 12</math>.</li> </ul> |
| Area            | Fractions   | To understand the properties of shapes   |  |
| Skills required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.</li> <li>Recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.</li> <li>Round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.</li> <li>Compare numbers with the same number of decimal places up to two decimal places.</li> <li>Count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10.</li> <li>Count up and down in hundredths; recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.</li> <li>Compare and order unit fractions and fractions with the same denominators</li> <li>Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions.</li> <li>Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.</li> <li>Recognise and write decimal equivalents to <math>1/4</math>, <math>1/2</math>, <math>3/4</math>.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them.</li> <li>Recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn.</li> <li>Identify right angles, recognise that two right angles make a half-turn, three make three quarters of a turn and four a complete turn; identify whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle.</li> <li>Identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines.</li> <li>Compare and classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes.</li> <li>Identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size.</li> <li>Identify lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes presented in different orientations.</li> <li>Complete a simple symmetric figure with respect to a specific line of symmetry</li> </ul> |  |



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| Area                   | To describe position, direction and movement  | To use measures  | To use statistics   | To use algebra   |
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| <b>Skills required</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise angles as a property of shape and as an amount of rotation.</li> <li>• Identify right angles, recognise that 2 right angles make a half turn and 4 make a whole turn.</li> <li>• Identify angles that are greater than a right angle.</li> <li>• Describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant.</li> <li>• Describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down.</li> <li>• Plot specified points and draw sides to complete a given polygon.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml).</li> <li>• Measure the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes.</li> <li>• Add and subtract amounts of money to give change. (£ and p)</li> <li>• Tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks.</li> <li>• Estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute; record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours; use appropriate vocabulary.</li> <li>• Know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year.</li> <li>• Compare durations of events.</li> <li>• Convert between different units of measure. (for example, kilometre to metre; hour to minute)</li> <li>• Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres.</li> <li>• Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares.</li> <li>• Estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.</li> <li>• Read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12- and 24-hour clocks.</li> <li>• Solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.</li> <li>• Solve one-step and two-step questions (for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?') using information presented in scaled bar charts, pictograms and tables.</li> <li>• Interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods, including bar charts and time graphs.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solve addition and subtraction, multiplication and division problems that involve missing numbers.</li> </ul> |