

Making sure that children become engaged with reading from the beginning is one of the most important ways to make a difference to their life chances.' (Reading Framework DfE 2021)

First children learn to read then they read to learn. We support this through a consistent, systematic approach to teaching phonics at Valence.

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	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	
Reading - Word reading	Early Learning Goals	KS1		KS2				
Phonics and decoding	 To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities. To show an awareness of rhyme and alliteration. To recognise rhythm in spoken words. To continue a rhyming string. To hear and say the initial sound in words. 	To apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. To blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the GPCs that they have been taught. To respond speedily, giving the correct sound to graphemes for all of the 40+ phonemes.	To continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. To read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising	To use their phonic knowledge to decode quickly and accurately (may still need support to read longer unknown words). To apply their growing knowledge of root words and prefixes, including in-, im-, il-, ir-, dis-, mis-, un-, re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti- and auto-to begin to read aloud.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill. To apply their knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/word endings to read aloud fluently.	To read most words fluently and attempt to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues. To apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes/ word endings, including - sion, -tion, -cial, - tial, -ant/-ance/-	To read fluently with full knowledge of all Y5/Y6 exception words, root words, prefixes, suffixes/word endings* and to decode any unfamiliar words with increasing speed and skill, recognising their meaning through contextual cues.	



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL Subject Progression Grid

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6
	To segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and know which letter represents some of them. To link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. To use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately.	To read words containing taught GPCs. To read words containing -s, -es, - ing, -ed and -est endings. To read words with contractions, e.g. I'm, I'll and we'll.	alternative sounds for graphemes. To accurately read most words of two or more syllables. To read most words containing common suffixes.	To apply their growing knowledge of root words and suffixes/word endings, including - ation, -ly, -ous, - ture, -sure, - sion, -tion, -ssion and - cian, to begin to read aloud.		ancy, -ent/- ence/- ency, -able/-ably and -ible/ibly, to read aloud fluently.	
Common Exception Words	To read some common irregular words.	To read Y1 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in words.	To read most Y1 and Y2 common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	To begin to read Y3/Y4 exception words.	To read all Y3/Y4 exception words*, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and these occur in the word.	To read most Y5/ Y6 exception words, discussing the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word.	