

Communication and Language skills progression

Listening, attention and understanding			
Nursery	Reception Autumn	Reception Spring	Reception Summer
Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. Pay attention to more than one thing at a time. Use a wider range of vocabulary. Understand a question or instruction that has two parts. Understand 'why' questions.	Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Learn new vocabulary. Engage in story times. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. Engage in non-fiction books. Follow directions.	Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Learn rhymes, poems and songs. Listen to and talk about selected nonfiction to develop deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Use more complex sentence structures.	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. Understand, ask and answer who, what, where, when, why questions.
SEND provision	Actions & pictorial representations to support when listening to and learning new stories. Use of Makaton/BSL to support with understanding and learning new vocabulary. Use of communication boards to support with asking questions/retelling stories.		