Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
Pupils should revise and consolidate the GPCs and the common exception words taught in year 1. The exception words taught will vary slightly, depending on the phonics programme being used. As soon as pupils can read words comprising the year 2 GPCs accurately and speedily, they should move on to the years 3 and 4 programme of study for word reading. When pupils are taught how to read longer words, they should be shown syllable boundaries and how to read each syllable separately before they combine them to read the word. Pupils should be taught how to read suffixes by building on the root words that they have already learnt. The whole suffix should be taught as well as the letters that make it up. Pupils who are still at the early stages of learning to read should have ample practice in reading books that are closely matched to their developing phonic knowledge and knowledge of common exception words. As soon as the decoding of most regular words and common exception words is embedded fully, the range of books that pupils can read independently will expand rapidly. Pupils should have opportunities to exercise choice in selecting books and be taught how to do so.

Year 2	
Reading: Comprehension	
Statutory requirements/ Objectives	Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
 Pupils should be taught to: Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by: listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary discussing their favourite words and phrases continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear 	Pupils should be encouraged to read all the words in a sentence and to do this accurately, so that their understanding of what they read is not hindered by imprecise decoding (for example, by reading 'place' instead of 'palace'). Pupils should monitor what they read, checking that the word they have decoded fits in with what else they have read and makes sense in the context of what they already know about the topic. The meaning of new words should be explained to pupils within the context of what they are reading, and they should be encouraged to use morphology (such as prefixes) to work out unknown words. Pupils should learn about cause and effect in both narrative and nonfiction (for example, what has prompted a character's behaviour in a story; why certain dates are commemorated annually). 'Thinking aloud' when reading to pupils may help them to understand what skilled readers do. Deliberate steps should be taken to increase pupils' vocabulary and their awareness of grammar so that they continue to understand the differences between spoken and written language.

Year 2	
Reading: Comprehension	
Statutory requirements/ Objectives	Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
Pupils should be taught to: Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that 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 • making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done • answering and asking questions • predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far • participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say • explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material	Discussion should be demonstrated to pupils. They should be guided to participate in it and they should be helped to consider the opinions of others. They should receive feedback on their discussions. Role-play and other drama techniques can help pupils to identify with and explore characters. In these ways, they extend their understanding of what they read and have opportunities to try out the language they have listened to.

Year 2	
Writing: Transcription	
Statutory requirements/ Objectives	Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
Pupils should be taught to: Spell by: Begmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones learning to spell common exception words learning to spell more words with contracted forms learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book] distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly apply 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, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. As words with new GPCs are introduced, many previously-taught GPCs can be revised at the same time as these words will usually contain them.	In year 2, pupils move towards more word-specific knowledge of spelling, including homophones. The process of spelling should be emphasised: that is, that spelling involves segmenting spoken words into phonemes and then representing all the phonemes by graphemes in the right order. Pupils should do this both for single-syllable and multisyllabic words. At this stage children's spelling should be phonically plausible, even if not always correct. Misspellings of words that pupils have been taught to spell should be corrected; other misspelt words can be used as an opportunity to teach pupils about alternative ways of representing those sounds. Pupils should be encouraged to apply their knowledge of suffixes from their word reading to their spelling. They should also draw from and apply their growing knowledge of word and spelling structure, as well as their knowledge of root words.

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
/dʒ/	The letter j is never used for the /dʒ/ sound at the	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge
sound spelt as ge and dge at the end	end of English words.	age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village
of words, and sometimes spelt as g	At the end of a word, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt –dge	gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
elsewhere in words before e, i and y	straight after the /æ/,	
	/ε/ /ι/ /α/ /ʌ/ and /ʊ/	
	sounds (sometimes called 'short' vowels).	
	After all other sounds, whether vowels or conso-	
	nants, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt as -ge at the end of a word.	
	In other positions in words, the /dʒ/ sound is	
	often (but not always) spelt as g before e, i, and y.	
	The /dʒ/ sound is always spelt as j before a, o and u.	
The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y		race, ice, cell, city, fancy
The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less	The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words	knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
often) gn at the beginning of words	was sounded hundreds of years ago.	
The /r/ sound spelt wr at the begin-	This spelling probably also reflects an old pronun-	write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap
ning of words	ciation.	
The /I/ or /əI/ sound spelt —le at the	The –le spelling is the most common spelling for	table, apple, bottle, little, middle
end of words	this sound at the end of words.	

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –el at the end of words	The -el spelling is much less common than -le . The -el spelling is used after m , n , r , s , v , w and more often than not after s .	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –al at the end of words	Not many nouns end in -al, but many adjectives do.	metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal
Words ending –il	There are not many of these words.	pencil, fossil, nostril
The /aɪ/ sound spelt –y at the end of words	This is by far the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words.	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July
Adding —es to nouns and verbs ending in —y	The y is changed to i before –es is added.	flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries
Adding —ed, —ing, —er and —est to a root word end- ing in —y with a consonant before it	The y is changed to i before –ed, –er and –est are added, but not before –ing as this would result in ii. The only ordinary words with ii are skiing and taxiing.	copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, repliedbut copying, crying, replying

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Adding the endings —ing, —ed, —er, —est and —y to words ending in —e with a consonant before it	The –e at the end of the root word is dropped before –ing , –ed , –er , –est , –y or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter is added. Exception : <i>being</i> .	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny
Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter	The last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep the $/æ/$, $/ε/$, $/ι/$, $/p/$ and $/n/$ sound (i.e. to keep the vowel 'short'). Exception : The letter 'x' is never doubled: <i>mixing</i> , <i>mixed</i> , <i>boxer</i> , <i>sixes</i> .	patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny
The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before I and II	The /ɔ:/ sound ('or') is usually spelt as a before I and II .	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
The /n/ sound spelt o		other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday
The /i:/ sound spelt –ey	The plural of these words is formed by the addition of -s (<i>donkeys, monkeys,</i> etc.).	key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley
The /p/	a is the most common spelling for the /p/ ('hot') sound after w and qu .	want, watch, wander, quantity, squash
The /3:/	There are not many of these words.	word, work, worm, world, worth
The /ɔ:/	There are not many of these words.	war, warm, towards
The /3/		television, treasure, usual

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful , –less and –ly	If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words.	enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly
	Exceptions:	merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily
	(1) argument	
	(2) root words ending in – y with a consonant before it but	
Contractions	In contractions, the apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full (e.g. <i>can't</i> – <i>cannot</i>).	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll
	It's means it is (e.g. It's raining) or sometimes it has (e.g.	
The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)		Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's
Words ending in –tion		station, fiction, motion, national, section
Homophones and near- homophones	It is important to know the difference in meaning between homophones.	there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee,

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Common exception words	·	door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas – and/or others according to programme used. Note: 'children' is not an exception to what has been taught so far but is included because of its relationship with child

Year 2	
Writing: Handwriting	
Statutory requirements/Objectives	Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
 Pupils should be taught to: form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters. 	Pupils should revise and practise correct letter formation frequently. They should be taught to write with a joined style as soon as they can form letters securely with the correct orientation.

Year 2	
Writing: Composition	
Statutory requirements/Objectives	Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
Pupils should be taught to: Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:	Reading and listening to whole books, not simply extracts, helps pupils to increase their vocabulary and grammatical knowledge, including
 writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) writing about real events 	their knowledge of the vocabulary and grammar of Standard English. These activities also help them to understand how different types of writing, including narratives, are structured. All these can be drawn on for their writing.
writing poetrywriting for different purposes	Pupils should understand, through being shown these, the skills and processes essential to writing: that is, thinking aloud as they collect ideas, drafting, and re-reading to check their meaning is clear.
 Consider what they are going to write before beginning by: planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary 	Drama and role-play can contribute to the quality of pupils' writing by providing opportunities for pupils to develop and order their ideas through playing roles and improvising scenes in various settings.
 encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils 	Pupils might draw on and use new vocabulary from their reading, their discussions about it (one-to-one and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences.
 re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form 	
 proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly] 	
 read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear. 	

Year 2	
Writing: vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	
Statutory requirements/Objectives	Notes and guidance (non-statutory)
Pupils should be taught to: Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) Learn how to use: sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly] the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but) the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2 some features of written Standard English use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.	The terms for discussing language should be embedded for pupils in the course of discussing their writing with them. Their attention should be drawn to the technical terms they need to learn.

Word	Formation of nouns using suffixes such as –ness, –er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as –ful, –less (A fuller list of suffixes can be found on page 56 in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1) Use of the suffixes –er, –est in adjectives and the use of –ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs
Sentence	Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but) Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon] How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command
Text	Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting]
Punctuation	Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences Commas to separate items in a list Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]
Terminology for pupils	noun, noun phrase , statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb , tense (past, present) , apostrophe, comma

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Spoken language – years 1 to 6	
Statutory requirements/Objectives	Notes and guidance
Pupils should be taught to:	These statements app
Isten and respond appropriately to adults and their peers	level appropriate to th
2 ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge	oral language skills tha
② use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary	Pupils should be taugh guage and listening to
② articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions	able to communicate
② give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings	diences. They should to
② maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments	class. Pupils should un
② use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas	Attention should also from describing their i broader, deeper and r
2 speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English	and a wider range of t
② participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates	language as a whole. Pupils should receive of
2 gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)	and listening, not only to establish secure for
② consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others	studies at primary sch cation and beyond.
2 select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.	

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

These statements apply to all years. The content should be taught at a level appropriate to the age of the pupils. Pupils should build on the oral language skills that have been taught in preceding years.

Pupils should be taught to develop their competence in spoken language and listening to enhance the effectiveness with which they are able to communicate across a range of contexts and to a range of audiences. They should therefore have opportunities to work in groups of different sizes — in pairs, small groups, large groups and as a whole class. Pupils should understand how to take turns and when and how to participate constructively in conversations and debates.

Attention should also be paid to increasing pupils' vocabulary, ranging from describing their immediate world and feelings to developing a broader, deeper and richer vocabulary to discuss abstract concepts and a wider range of topics, and to enhancing their knowledge about language as a whole.

Pupils should receive constructive feedback on their spoken language and listening, not only to improve their knowledge and skills but also to establish secure foundations for effective spoken language in their studies at primary school, helping them to achieve in secondary education and beyond.