EYFS Vocabulary Progression

Subject	Year	
Early English	Nursery	***Comprehension:*** stories, rhyme, fact, opinion, question, answer, refrain, book, title, author, characters ***Word reading:*** sounds, loud, quiet, segment, blend, initial sounds, letter, word, sentence ***Writing:*** straight lines, diagonal lines, circles, spirals
	Reception	***Comprehension:*** characters, retell, events, beginning, middle, end, sequence, fiction, non-fiction, information, blurb, illustrator, poem, caption, page, page number, question mark, pattern, order ***Word reading:*** curved, zig-zag, straight, grip, tripod, dash, dot, straight, outline, letters, formation, posture, phonics, segment, blend, phoneme, grapheme, diagraph, trigraph, tricky words, sound buttons, full stop, word, sentence ***Writing:*** lower-case, capital letters, formation, finger spaces, full stops, diagraphs, trigraphs, sound fingers, letter, word, phrase, sentence, tripod grip, label, list, caption, invitation, fiction, letter, dear, to, from, love, sequence, beginning, middle, end, description, story map, once upon a time, question mark
Early Maths	Nursery	***Number:*** count, number, next, before, after, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, object, order, same, different, more, less, how many altogether, total ***Shape:*** 2D, 3D, shape, pattern, repeated, flat, solid, sides, vertices, faces, round, curved, longer, shorter how long, under, over, next to, between, behind, in front, inside, outside, now, soon, later
	Reception	***Number:*** Maths, mathematician One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten up to twenty and beyond counting each object, order, count on, one more, one less, total, and, count back, split, group, subitise, number sentence, calculation, numicon, equals, number bonds, sum, plus, share, number patterns. add, take away, subtract number line, ten frames, double, half, share fairly, estimate, nearly, close to, more, less, few, fewer, fewest, smaller, smallest, fewer, greater, equal, odd, even

		Space, Shape and Measure: measure, longer, shorter, taller, higher, length, height, width, depth, tape measure, balances, full, empty, holds, container, scales, weigh, weighs, jug, weighing scales, heavy, light, heavier, lighter, balance 2D, 3D, square, triangle, circle, rectangle, oval, hexagon, corner, sides, rectangular, cylinder, cube, cuboid, pyramid, cone, sphere, face, curved, straight, round, size, symmetrical, pattern, repeating pattern, match, hollow, solid days of the week, birthdays, holiday, quick, quicker, slow, slower, old, older, months of the year, seasons
Physical Development	Nursery	***Gross Motor:*** walking, climbing, running, sliding, jumping, dancing, kick, throw, rolling, crawling, shuffling, hopping, under, over, pushing, bench, mats, safety, moving, stop ***Fine Motor:*** snip, cut, turn, grip, control
	Reception	***Gross Motor:*** control, travel, balance, run, running, hop, hopping, skip, skipping, side steps, gallop, jump, jumping, landing, forward roll, apparatus, trapeze, under arm & over arm, catching, throw, space, direction, change direction, target, position, heart, oxygen, stretch, muscles, core, strength, co-ordination, reach, relax, run, speed, stamina, distance, dance, perform, team, yoga, archery, boxing, golf, relay, javelin, quoit, dribbling, expression, height, high, low, marching, opponent, opposite, possession, power, pushing, rhythm, rules, sequence, shapes, sharing, small, space, speed, tag, tempo, transition ***Fine Motor:*** curved, zig-zag, straight, grip, tripod, dash, dot, straight, outline, letters, formation, posture
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Nursery	happy, sad, angry, excited, tired, feelings, rules, sharing, together, listening
	Reception	belong, same, different, unique, special, old, young, house, home, families, friends Mum, Dad, Brother, Sister, Aunty, Uncle, Cousin, Grandma, Grandad feelings, happy, sad, angry, excited, lonely, loved teamwork, gentle, rights, responsible, safe, proud, achievements, challenge, never giving up, goal, achieve, practice, encourage, fears, worries, fun unkind, kind words, share, make friends, part of a group, solve problems, respect, falling out, bullying, upset, hurt, help, feelings, good relationships, bad relationships, stranger danger, future, older, jobs, proud, aim, help, looking forward, memories, celebration exercise, body, healthy, healthy eating, hygiene, heart, breath, skin, stretch, food, teeth, sleep, bedtime, routine, grow, repair, wash, keeping clean, germs, stranger danger, keeping safe, body parts, change, respecting my body, growing up, male, female, babies, children, adults,

Understanding of the World (Past and Present)	Nursery	family, change, born, growth, baby, toddler, child, adult, parent, grandparent, old, new, past, ago, today, yesterday, tomorrow, day, week, calendar
	Reception	past, present, future, long ago, change, time, timeline, old, new, recent, family, a long time ago, when I was little, picture, photograph, very old, when mummy and daddy were little, grandparent, great grandparent, clue, memory, lifetime, remember, before, after, difference ***Diwali:*** Diwali, Diva lamps, mehndi patterns, Hindus, festivals, celebration, festival of light, fireworks, Rama, Sita, Rangoli patterns, oil lamps ***Bonfire night:*** fireworks, fire fighters, emergency, fire safety, 999, sparklers, Guy Fawkes, parliament, gunpowder ***Remembrance Day:*** November, poppies, war ***Christmas:*** nativity, Jesus, stable, manger, Mary, Joseph, travel, donkey, inn, innkeeper, Christian, Bethlehem, shepherds, wise men, star, gifts ***Easter:*** Risen, life, cross, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, new life ***Islam:*** Muslims, mosque, Quran, Allah, prayer mat, minaret, wash room, shoe rack ***Christianity:*** church, vicar / priest, Bible, candle, lectern, pulpit, organ, altar, pews, font, baptism, christening, wedding
Understanding of the World (People, culture and communities)	Nursery	jobs, differences, similarities, countries, world, land, sea, street, road, bridge, school, church, house, shop, bungalow, traffic lights, zebra crossing, roundabout, police officer, fire fighter, doctor, nurse, dentist, optician, teacher, postman / lady, map, journey, town, trees ***Computing:*** computer, laptop, iPad, tablet, button, app
	Reception	similar, different, country, world, map, globe, atlas, earth, religion, belief, community, celebration, family street, road, bridge, school, church, home, house, flat, caravan, bungalow, shop, traffic lights, zebra crossing, roundabout, trees, road, plants King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Buckingham Palace, London, castle, Royal Family, soldier ***Computing:*** computer, laptop, iPad, tablet, button, app, control, Beebot, headphones, picture, video, play / pause, colour, size, paintbrush

Understanding of the World (The natural world)	Nursery	senses, material, natural, change, plants, seeds, water, light, life cycle, young, old, push, pull, stretch, melt, heat, freeze, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, weather
	Reception	similar, different, country, city, town, local area, world, Earth, globe, atlas senses, touch, taste, sight, hearing, smell nature, habitat, space, planets, sun, stars, land, sea, beach, cliffs, seaside, tides, ocean, seas, shadow, light, freeze, melt, trees, forest, hill, mountain, jungle, physical feature, human feature, what can you see?, what can you observe? ***Plants:*** tree, leaf, flower, stem, seed, trunk, branch, leaves, flowers, petals, fruit, roots, bulb, living things, creatures, habitats, stone, tree, soil ***Places:*** woodland, dessert, ocean, sea, jungle, artic, seaside ***Objects and Materials:*** fruit, vegetables, object, material, hard, wood, glass, paper, hard, soft, plastic, shiny, metal, rock, fabric, smooth, rough, dissolve, melt, absorb. ***Living things - Animals including Humans:*** head, eyes, nose, mouth, ears, hands, fingers, feet, toes, arm, leg, face, hair, leg, knee, arm, elbow, back, toes, head, ear, hands, adult, baby, child, animal, human, egg, birds, insects, bugs, minibeasts, fish, life-cycles, herbivore carnivore, omnivore ***Forces, Earth & Space:*** Earth, Moon, Sun, Star, Planet, Space Sound, ***Light & Electricity:*** loud, quiet, volume, sound ***Seasonal Changes:*** cold, warm, hot, sun, rain, snow, Season, Summer, Spring, Autumn, Winter, days, year, light, night, dark, moon ***Autumn:*** harvest, scarecrow, combine harvester, fruit, vegetables, leaves, change, nocturnal, pumpkin, conker, acorn, orange, brown, yellow, red, leaves fall off the trees ***Winter:*** frost, snow, freezing, icicles, cold, trees have no leaves, hibernate ***Spring:*** lifecycle, duckling, duck, egg, new life, growing, flowers, bulbs, seeds, butterfly, caterpillar, cocoon, chrysalis, habitats, garden, minibeasts, grow, seed, plant, flower, stem, root, soil, water, sun, huge, enormous, small, tiny, little ***Summer:*** sunshine, warm, holidays, temperature, sun cream, sunglasses, hot, bright, humid, sun safety, water safety, sea, ocean, sea-side, light house, sand, sea creatures, trees have leaves and fruit on them

Expressive Art and Design (Creating with Materials)	Nursery	join, combine, materials, shapes, lines, detail, feelings, colour mixing, colour, light, dark ***Cooking and nutrition:*** naming different types of common food, taste, cut, knife, fork, spoon, plate ***Mechanisms:*** move, push, pull ***Structures:*** build, bricks, cardboard, box, glue, Lego or Duplo ***Textiles:*** fabric, clothes, puppets, cushions, bags (items made from fabric)
	Reception	colour, warm, cool, mix, blend, shade, texture, background, outline smooth, shiny, rough, prickly, flat, patterned, jagged, bumpy, soft. hard paint, colours, drawings, pencils, chalk, crayons, pastels, glue, scissors, cutting, sticking, joining, making, planning, clay, use, make, experiment, create, creation, change, tools, materials, idea, improve, adapt, technology, masking tape, string, join, connect ***Cooking and nutrition:*** meal, healthy, snack, like, dislike, taste, cut, cook, bake, cooking, baking, recipe, ingredients, meal, snack, healthy, diet, measure, clean, germs, hygiene, scales ***Mechanisms:*** forwards, backwards, wheels, side to side ***Structures:*** create, cello tape, junk modelling, branches, natural materials, fort, tarpaulin, tools ***Textiles:*** material, sock puppet, soft, clean, dirty
Expressive Art and Design (Being Imaginative and Expressive)	Nursery	instrument, music, song, tune, pitch, quick, fast, songs shake, tap, beat, rhythm, loud, quiet, drum, bells, triangle, tambourine, chime bars, xylophone, percussion retell, imagination, story, characters
	Reception	high, low, fast, slow, loud, quiet, steady, beat, rhythm, singing, whispering, talking, voice, audience, song, tune, body percussion, instruments, triangle, bells, drum, maraca, chime bars, tambourine, listen, shaking, hitting, rattling, on own, together, beginning, middle, end, playing, pulse, taps, music, rhythm, lyrics, dance, movement, beat, melody, tempo retell, characters, story, imagination
Expressive Art and Design (Performance)	Nursery	Song, rhyme, instrument, percussion, feelings, story, retell, show
	Reception	rhyme, song, music, retell, quiet, loud, quick, fast, rhythm, tempo, instrument, sounds, lyrics, tune