



Unlocking Letters and Sounds

Summary Progression

This summary progression shows the progression of GPCs and common exception words (CEW) that are taught in each term in **Unlocking Letters and Sounds**. The progression largely follows the progression contained in *Letters and Sounds 2007*, with some modifications, including refinements and clarifications of learning elements omitted from *Letters and Sounds*, and updated guidance, including requirements from the National Curriculum.

The progression is structured broadly to follow Phases 1 to 5 of *Letters and Sounds*, but some phases are subdivided into smaller sections, offering structured opportunities for revision ('Mastery') and for spelling development.

The detailed progression for **Unlocking Letters and Sounds** shows the GPCs and CEW that are taught on a week-by-week basis. A separate chart is also available showing how the **Ransom Reading Stars** programme of reading books matches the **Unlocking Letters and Sounds** progression. At least two new fully-decodable reading books are available to read every week, for all Phases.

Year group	Phase	GPCs taught	Common exception words taught
Preschool	One	Sound discrimination, phonological awareness, rhyme, oral blending and segmenting	
Reception Autumn Term 1	Two	s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f f l l s s Read words with -s ending	the to into no I go
Reception Autumn Term 2	Three	j v w x y z z z qu ch sh th (voiced and unvoiced) ng ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur Read words containing -ing endings with no change to the root word	me we be he she was you they all
Reception Spring Term 1	Three	ow oi ear air ure er Reading and spelling words containing digraphs and trigraphs Assess and review Phase 3 work: j v w x y z z z qu ch sh th ng	are my her Revisit: me we be he she
Reception Spring Term 2	Three (Mastery)	Revisit Phase 3 work: ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er	Revisit: was you they all are my her
Reception Summer Term 1	Four	CVCC and CCVC words with adjacent consonants that contain graphemes taught in Phase 2 Read words containing -ed and -ing endings with no change to the root word	said have like so do some come were there little one when out what
Reception Summer Term 2	Four (Mastery)	CVCC and CCVC words with adjacent consonants that contain graphemes taught in Phase 3. Polysyllabic CVCC and CCVC words, CCVCC words, polysyllabic CCVCC words, CCCVCC words	Revisit all Phase 4 CEW
Year One Autumn Term 1	Four (Revision plus Y1 NC requirements)	Revisit Phase 4 work Adding -s and -es as a plural marker for nouns Adding -s and -es as a third person singular marker for verbs Adding the suffixes -ing and -ed to verbs Adding the suffix -er to verbs to change them to nouns Adding the suffix -er to adjectives Adding the suffix -est Adding the prefix un- to verbs Adding the prefix un- to adjectives Reading words with contractions	

Year One Autumn Term 2	Five a)	New graphemes for reading: ay ou ie ea oy ir ue aw wh ph ew oe au ey a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e u-e Teach the days of the week New phoneme /zh/	oh their people Mr Mrs looked called
Year One Spring Term 1	Five a) (Mastery plus Y1 NC requirements)	Revise new graphemes for reading Revise the days of the week Correct use of -nk ph -wh -tch -ve (NC)	
Year One Spring Term 2	Five b)	Alternative pronunciations of known graphemes for reading: a (as in acorn) a (as in fast) a (as in was) e (as in he) i (as in mind) o (as in no) u (as in unit) u (as in put) ow (as in snow) ie (as in chief) ea (as in head) er (as in her) ou (as in you) ou (as in could) ou (as in mould) y (as in by) y (as in gym) y (as in very) ch (as in school) ch (as in chef) c (as in cell) g (as in gent) ey (as in they)	water where who again thought through mouse work many laughed because different any eyes friends once please
Year One Summer Term 1	Five c)	Alternative spellings of phonemes: /ch/ (as in picture) /ch/ (as in catch) /j/ (as in fudge) /m/ (as in lamb) /n/ (as in gnat) /n/ (as in knit) /r/ (as in wrap) /s/ (as in listen) /s/ (as in house) /z/ (as in please) /u/ (as in some) /i/ (as in happy) /i/ (as in donkey) /ear/ (as in here) /ear/ (as in beer) /er/ (as in father) /ar/ (as in half) /air/ (as in there) /air/ (as in pear) /air/ (as in bare) /or/ (as in all) /or/ (as in four) /or/ (as in caught) /ur/ (as in learn) /ur/ (as in word)	

Year One Summer Term 2	Five c)	Alternative spellings of phonemes: /oo/ (as in could) /oo/ (as in put) /ai/ (as in day) /ai/ (as in came) /ee/ (as in sea) /ee/ (as in these) /ee/ (as in happy) /ee/ (as in chief) /ee/ (as in key) /igh/ (as in pie) /igh/ (as in by) /igh/ (as in like) /oa/ (as in low) /oa/ (as in toe) /oa/ (as in bone) / (y)oo/ (as in cue) / (y)oo/ (as in tune) / (y)oo/ (as in stew) /oo/ (as in clue) /oo/ (as in June) /oo/ (as in blew) /sh/ (as in special) /sh/ (as in station) /sh/ (as in sugar) /sh/ (as in chef)	
Year Two Autumn Term 1	Five a) (Spellings recap) Five b) (Mastery)	Phase 5a) spellings recap: choosing from alternative graphemes with the same sound: oi/oy, ow/ou, ur/er/ir, or/aw/au, ai/ay/a-e, ee/ea/e-e/ey, igh/ie/i-e, oa/oe/o-e, oo/ew/ue/u-e(oo), ew/ue/u-e(you) Revisit Phase 5b) (Mastery): Revisit alternative spellings of phonemes: /ch/ (as in picture), /ch/ (as in catch), /j/ (as in fudge), /m/ (as in lamb), /n/ (as in gnat), /n/ (as in knit), /r/ (as in wrap), /s/ (as in listen), /s/ (as in house), /z/ (as in please), /u/ (as in some), /ee/ (as in happy), /i/ (as in donkey), /ear/ (as in here), /ear/ (as in beer), /ar/ (as in father), /ar/ (as in half), /air/ (as in there), /air/ (as in pear), /air/ (as in bare), /or/ (as in all), /or/ (as in four), /or/ (as in caught), /ur/ (as in learn), /ur/ (as in word), /oo/ (as in could), /oo/ (as in put), /ai/ (as in day), /ai/ (as in came), /ee/ (as in sea), /ee/ (as in these), /ee/ (as in happy), /ee/ (as in chief), /ee/ (as in key), /igh/ (as in pie), /igh/ (as in by), /igh/ (as in like), /oa/ (as in toe), /oa/ (as in bone), / (y)oo/ (as in cue), / (y)oo/ (as in tune), / (y)oo/ (as in stew)	Revisit reading all common exception words
Year Two Autumn Term 2	Five c) (Mastery)	Revisit Phase 5c) (Mastery): revisit alternative spellings of phonemes: /oo/ (as in clue), /oo/ (as in June), /oo/ (as in blew), /sh/ (as in special), /sh/ (as in station), /sh/ (as in sugar), /sh/ (as in chef) Assess and review all alternative spellings of phonemes.	Assess and review all common exception words