



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School
Phonics Milestones

Reception	Year One	Year Two
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. • Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending. • Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words. • Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. • Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. • Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words. • Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes. • Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught . • Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word. • Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings. • Read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs. • Read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s). • Read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words. • Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent. • Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes. • Read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above read words containing common suffixes. • Read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered. • Read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation. • Re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.

Year three	Year four	Year five	Year 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonic interventions will take place for children in Ks2 who still need phonic teaching.• Spelling rules and patterns will be taught following the spelling toolkits (see writing milestones)			