

Nursery Progression Overviews

Week	Focus letter-sound	Example vocabulary
1	/m/ as in mouse	mouse, monkey, mug, moth, mat, moon, meerkat, man
2	/p/ as in pan	pan, pear, penguin, purse, parrot, peas, pavement, paint pot, pin
3	/b/ as in bat	bat, balloon, bear, button, brown, blue, books, bubbles, bananas, bike, bag
4	/n/ as in net	net, nest, nine, newt, nurse, nettles, noodles, nip
5	/t/ as in tap	tap, tomato, tyre, tiger, train, tomatoes, teddy, track, turtle, ten
6	/d/ as in dog	dog, door, dinosaur, donkey, ducks, dragonfly, daisies, dot
7	/w/ as in web	web, worm, watermelon, windmill, wings, wheel, watch, window, watering can, wet
8	/h/ as in hat	hat, hen, hoop, horse, house, hedge, helicopter, hot
9	/k/ as in cat and kite	cat, kite, carrot, cupcake, koala, kitten, cake, carton, cup, cushion, crab, kit
10	/g/ as in goat	goat, grapes, guitar, gorilla, gift, Grandpa, goldfish, gate, got
11	/f/ as in frog	frog, fly, flowers, flamingo, flying, fork, fish, fit
12	/s/ as in sun	sun, sunglasses, spade, snake, sunset, spider, sky, skipping, sandcastle, sip
13	/a/ as in apple	apple, alligator, abacus, astronaut, ants, animals, act
14	/i/ as in insect	insect, ink, igloo, iguana, itch, impala
15	/e/ as in elephant	elephant, eggs, envelope, emerald, elbow, excited, elk
16	/o/ as in octopus	octopus, orange, olives, okra, ostrich, orangutan, on
17	/u/ as in umbrella	umbrella, up, unlock, unhappy, under
18	/ai/ as in train	train, chain, snail, paint, tail, rainbow, rain, daisy
19	/ee/ as in bee	bee, tree, cheese, eel, sheep, feet, beetle
20	/igh/ as in light	light, tights, lightning, highlighter, night, fright, knight, high
21	/oa/ as in boat	boat, coat, soap, toad, goat, road
22	/or/ as in fork	fork, torch, corn, stork, tortoise, short, fort, horn, torn
23	short /oo/ as in book	book, wood, cookie, wool, wooden, hook, hood, look
24	long /oo/ as in moon	moon, stool, boots, spoon, broom, goose, room
25	/y/ as in yellow	yellow, yo-yo, yogurt, yak, yacht, yes
26	/ng/ as in ring	ring, springs, string, wings, swing, kangaroo, king, sing
27	/v/ as in van	van, vest, violin, violets, vase, vole, vet
28	/l/ as in ladder	ladder, lemons, leaf, lion, lamp, lamb, lolly, lid
29	/ch/ as in chick	chick, chair, chest, bench, peach, torch, lunchbox, chip
30	/sh/ as in sheep	sheep, shell, brush, fish, shed, cushion, shark, shop
31	/z/ as in zebra	zebra, zips, zigzag, zero, zip, zap
32	/r/ as in rabbit	rabbit, rocket, ribbon, rake, roses, robin, rainbow, rug
33	/j/ as in jug	jug, juice, jam, jar, jumper, jaguar, jet, jelly
34	/th/ as in thumb and feather	thumb, feather, three, tooth, bath, moth, toothbrush, sloth, them
35	/k+w/ as in queen	queen, quilts, quetzal, question mark, quick
36	/k+s/ as in fox	fox, box, six, lynx, wax, fix

Half-term overviews

Autumn half-term 1

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sound focus	/m/ as in mouse	/p/ as in pan	/b/ at in bat	/n/ as in net	/t/ as in tap	/d/ as in dog
Aspect	Environmental sounds	Environmental sounds	Instrumental sounds	Instrumental sounds	Body percussion	Body percussion
Lift-off reader (Lilac)	<i>A Walk in the Park (F)</i>	<i>In My Den (NF)</i>	<i>The Happy Whistle (F)</i>	<i>Making Music (NF)</i>	<i>Obi's Party (F)</i>	<i>Stamp and Clap (NF)</i>
Vocabulary	mouse, monkey, mug, moth, mat, moon, meerkat, man	pan, pear, penguin, purse, parrot, peas, pavement, paint pot, pin	bat, balloon, bear, button, brown, blue, books, bubbles, bananas, bike, bag	net, nest, nine, newt, nurse, nettles, noodles, nip	tap, tomato, tyre, tiger, train, tomatoes, teddy, track, turtle, ten	dog, door, dinosaur, donkey, ducks, dragonfly, daisies, dot
Speech rhythm	What does it sound like?	Same or different?	Matching game	Tap or clap to a beat	Short or long sound?	Say it the same way
Rhyme	'Hickory Dickory Dock'	'Polly Put the Kettle On'	'The Bear Went Over the Mountain'	'One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'	'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear'	'Five Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day'





Autumn half-term 2

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sound focus	/w/ as in web	/h/ as in hat	/k/ cat and kite	/g/ as in goat	/f/ as in frog	/s/ as in sun
Aspect	Rhythm and rhyme	Rhythm and rhyme	Alliteration	Alliteration	Voice sounds	Voice sounds
Lift-off reader (Lilac)	<i>Wibble, Wobble (F)</i>	<i>One, Two ... Sharing with you! (NF)</i>	<i>Bouncy Balloons (F)</i>	<i>I Spy (NF)</i>	<i>Goal! (F)</i>	<i>Big Voice, Little Voice (NF)</i>
Vocabulary	web, worm, watermelon, windmill, wings, wheel, watch, window, watering can, wet	hat, hen, hoop, horse, house, hedge, helicopter, hot	cat, kite, carrot, cupcake, koala, kitten, cake, carton, cup, cushion, crab, kit	goat, grapes, guitar, gorilla, gift, Grandpa, goldfish, gate, got	frog, fly, flowers, flamingo, flying, fork, fish, fit	sun, sunglasses, spade, snake, sunset, spider, sky, skipping, sandcastle, sip
Speech rhythm	What does it sound like?	Same or different?	Matching game	Tap or clap to a beat	Short or long sound?	Say it the same way
Rhyme	'The Wheels on the Bus'	'Horsey, Horsey, Don't You Stop'	'Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake, Baker's Man'	'Girls and Boys Come Out to Play'	'Five Little Speckled Frogs'	'Incy Wincy Spider'

Spring half-term 1

	Week 1	Week r2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sound focus	/a/ as in apple	/i/ as in insect	/e/ as in elephant	/o/ as in octopus	/u/ as in umbrella	/ai/ as in train
Aspect	Environmental sounds	Environmental sounds	Instrumental sounds	Instrumental sounds	Body percussion	Body percussion
Lift-off First Words reader (Lilac+)	<i>Town Mouse and Country Mouse (F)</i>	<i>The City Farm (NF)</i>	<i>The Pied Piper (F)</i>	<i>Hip-Hop! (NF)</i>	<i>Cinderella (F)</i>	<i>Monkey Says (NF)</i>
Vocabulary	apple, alligator, abacus, astronaut, ants, animals	insect, ink, igloo, iguana, itch, impala	elephant, eggs, envelope, emerald, elbow, excited, elk	octopus, orange, olives, okra, ostrich, orangutan, on	umbrella, up, unlock, unhappy, under	train, chain, snail, paint, tail, rainbow, rain, daisy
Speech rhythm	What does it sound like?	Same or different?	Matching game	Tap or clap to a beat	Short or long sound?	Say it the same way
Rhyme	'The Animal Fair'	'Five Little Iguanas'	'Down in the Jungle'	'Oranges and Lemons'	'Doctor Foster went to Gloucester'	'Rain, Rain, Go Away'





Spring half-term 2

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sound focus	/ee/ as in bee	/igh/ as in light	/oa/ as in boat	/or/ as in fork	short /oo/ as in book	long /oo/ as in moon
Aspect	Rhythm and rhyme	Rhythm and rhyme	Alliteration	Alliteration	Voice sounds	Voice sounds
Lift-off First Words reader (Lilac+)	<i>The Gingerbread Man (F)</i>	<i>Popcorn (NF)</i>	<i>Tom Thumb (F)</i>	<i>Double-Decker (NF)</i>	<i>The Hare and the Tortoise (F)</i>	<i>Big Adventure (NF)</i>
Vocabulary	bee, tree, cheese, eel, sheep, feet, beetle	light, tights, lightning, highlighter, night, fright, knight, high	boat, coat, soap, toad, goat, road	fork, torch, corn, stork, tortoise, short, fort, horn, torn	book, wood, cookie, wool, wooden, hook, hood, look	moon, stool, boots, spoon, broom, goose, room
Speech rhythm	What does it sound like?	Same or different?	Matching game	Tap or clap to a beat	Short or long sound?	Say it the same way
Rhyme	'Little Bo Peep'	'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'	'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'	'This is the Way We Ride Our Trikes'	'Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?'	'Hey Diddle Diddle'

Summer half-term 1

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sound focus	/y/ as in yellow	/ng/ as in ring	/v/ as in van	/l/ as in ladder	/ch/ as in chick	/sh/ as in sheep
Aspect	Environmental sounds	Environmental sounds	Instrumental sounds	Instrumental sounds	Body percussion	Body percussion
First Steps reader (Lilac+)	Tom Cat (F) Cats (NF)	Pen Pot (F) Spot a Pot (NF)	Fun Hats (F) Hats (NF)	Bug Hug (F) Bugs and Slugs (NF)	Red Hen (F) Hens (NF)	Sun Fun (F) In the Sun (NF)
Vocabulary	yellow, yo-yo, yogurt, yak, yacht, yes	ring, springs, string, wings, swing, kangaroo, king, sing	van, vest, violin, violets, vase, vole, vet	ladder, lemons, leaf, lion, lamp, lamb, lolly, lid	chick, chair, chest, bench, peach, torch, lunchbox, chip	sheep, shell, brush, fish, shed, cushion, shark, shop
Speech rhythm	What does it sound like?	Same or different?	Matching game	Tap or clap to a beat	Short or long sound?	Say it the same way
Rhyme	'There Were Five in the Den'	'The Big Ship Sails on the Bingly-Bangly-Bow'	'A Sailor Went to Sea'	'Mary Had a Little Lamb'	'Old King Cole'	'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary'





Summer half-term 2

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Sound focus	/z/ as in zebra	/ / as in rabbit	/j/ as in jug	/th/ as in thumb and feather	/k+w/ as in queen	/+s/ as in fox
Aspect	Rhythm and rhyme	Rhythm and rhyme	Alliteration	Alliteration	Voice sounds	Voice sounds
First Steps reader (Lilac+)	<i>Stop the Dog! (F)</i> <i>Cups (NF)</i>	<i>Hot Frogs (F)</i> <i>Help (NF)</i>	<i>Odd Socks (F)</i> <i>Socks (NF)</i>	<i>The Big Dig (F)</i> <i>Dig and Tip (NF)</i>	<i>Bags and Buns (F)</i> <i>Bags (NF)</i>	<i>The Pet Den (F)</i> <i>Tin (NF)</i>
Vocabulary	zebra, zips, zigzag, zero, Zip, Zap, zap	rabbit, rocket, ribbon, rake, roses, robin, rainbow, rug	jug, juice, jam, jar, jumper, jaguar, jet, jelly	thumb, feather, three, tooth, bath, moth, toothbrush, sloth, them	queen, quilts, quetzal, question mark, quick	fox, box, six, lynx, wax, fix
Speech rhythm	What does it sound like?	Same or different?	Matching game	Tap or clap to a beat	Short or long sound?	Say it the same way
Rhyme	'Do You Know Zip and Zap?'	'Little Robin Redbreast Sat Upon a Rail'	'Jump in the Space Pod'	'Two Little Dickie Birds'	'Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have You Been?'	'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe'

Summer half-term 1