



EYFS Vocabulary Progression Map

Area of Learning	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Communication & Language	familiar • attention • action • gesture • name • instruction • respond • first • stop • go • comment • experience • remember • phrase	discussion • relevant • follow • next • who • what • where • question • answer • curious • unsure • conversation • peer • adult	focus • topic • two-step • then • event • character • information • clarify • find out • exchange • turn • related • opinion • vocabulary	maintain • group • contribution • sequence • finally • independent • how • why • understand • sustain • follow-up • explain • thinking • sentence	attentive • build on • contribute • extend • thoughtful • understanding • confident • independently • develop • might • because • so • when • reason	active listener • meaningful • demonstrate • initiate • context • confidently • non-fiction • learning • justify • predict • outcome • possible • rhyme • poem
Literacy	rhyme • vocabulary • character • join in • favourite • initial • beginning • same • name • form • pencil • recognisable • retell • event	conversation • meaning • sequence • first • next • then • predict • might • clue • picture • lower-case • start • direction • correctly	non-fiction • poem • role play • blend • fluent • sentence • tricky word • common exception • remember • formation • segment • phoneme • grapheme • spell	detail • narrative • anticipate • setting • GPC • digraph • phonics • decodable • read aloud • phrase • space • retell • non-fiction • vocabulary	props • own words • ending • evidence • explain • alphabet • automatic • expression • independent • capital letter • full stop • character • event • setting	understanding • discussion • key event • pattern • recall • sound-blend • formed • identify • readable • retell • own words • vocabulary • role play • anticipate
Mathematics	count • number • how many • notice • same • different • more • fewer • match • sort • group • set • colour • shape	circle • triangle • side • corner • curved • straight • in • on • under • over • behind • in front • beside • between	zero • none • nothing • quantity • numeral • subitise • part • whole • compose • bond • altogether • split • five • heavy	long • short • longer • shorter • tall • taller • height • length • compare • first • next • then • before • after	ten • eleven • twelve • teen • twenty • beyond • pattern • sequence • add • take away • left • decompose • combine • rotate	share • equal • each • distribute • unequal • odd • even • pair • left over • visualise • build • map • route • position

PSED	compassion • mascot • learn • try • challenge • goal • persevere • help • classroom • routine • rule • focus • instruction • safe	respect • strength • effort • resilient • different • self-care • hygiene • wash • soap • toilet • clean • germs • independent • road	service • contribute • need • zones • emotion • frustrated • disappointed • calm • strategy • regulate • wait • attention • remember • first	gratitude • thankful • progress • appreciate • brave • nervous • confident • mistake • kind • unkind • bullying • repeated • stop • tell	integrity • honest • responsible • perseverance • choice • practise • achieve • reason • right • wrong • consequence • behaviour • body • senses	excellence • best • improve • proud • healthy • food • fruit • vegetable • water • balanced • energy • belongings • solve • responsibility
Physical Development	space • safe • body • move • stop • squeeze • pinch • fingers • hands • strength • start • fast • slow • control	travel • direction • forwards • backwards • turn • peg • twist • connect • jump • target • distance • land • scissors • straight	run • speed • tripod • pencil • thumb • finger • grip • take- off • pattern • curve • retrace • formation • hop • one foot	throw • catch • ready • aim • pressure • precise • kick • foot • balance • force • outline • accurate • partner • pass	combine • fluent • skip • rhythm • alternate • detail • sequence • transition • pose • observe • drawing • proportion • accuracy • obstacle	energetic • coordinate • cut • shape • purpose • climb • negotiate • independent • care • game • teammate • opponent • consider • adapt
Understanding the World	school • classroom • teacher • adult • friend • routine • timetable • safe • help • belong • explore • learn • independent • responsibility • rule • choice	community • helper • healthy • emergency • doctor • nurse • paramedic • firefighter • police officer • hospital • fire station • police station • hero • care • brave • kind	space • Earth • planet • world • globe • map • land • sea • ocean • continent • country • locate • environment • day • night • daytime	animal • habitat • home • live • water • woodland • jungle • desert • identify • observe • shelter • compare • similar • different • feature • characteristic	house • past • present • old • before • now • building • roof • window • door • chimney • material • wood • brick • straw • plastic	body • food • fruit • vegetables • exercise • active • sleep • rest • energy • hygiene • clean • wash • hands • germs • teeth • toothbrush

Expressive Arts & Design

mark • draw • pencil
• crayon • chalk •
line • thick • thin •
movement • music •
rhythm • imagine •
represent • straight
• curved • wavy

character • prop •
puppet • lolly stick •
material • design •
create • attach • join
• retell • beginning •
middle • end • setting
• scenery •
background

planet • foil • paint
• splatter • print •
tool • brush •
sponge • texture •
colour • dab • flick •
experiment •
decorate • biscuit •
icing

coral reef •
playdough • loose
parts • shape • roll •
pinch • press • twist
• form • arrange •
select • artist •
Kandinsky •
watercolour • circle •
water

Three Little Pigs •
home • house • straw
• sticks • bricks •
build • construct •
strong • structure •
purpose • recount •
role play • narrative
• pig • wolf

butterfly • tie-dye •
pipette • squeeze •
release • drop • mix •
spread • diffuse •
absorb • pattern •
symmetry • effect •
fruit • flatten •
mould

Progression principle: Each half-term foregrounds a manageable but rich vocabulary set. New terminology is prioritised, while selected core words recur where children are expected to deepen and apply their understanding.