



Progression in Vocabulary in Early Years



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Areas of learning	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<i>Themes (but not limited to..)</i>	<i>Me and my home</i>	<i>Let's Celebrate!</i>	<i>Adventure above the clouds</i>	<i>My imagination</i>	<i>The great outdoors</i>	<i>Adventure under the clouds</i>
Areas of learning (but not limited to..)		<i>Celebrations</i>	<i>People and Places</i>	<i>Local Tales</i>	<i>Rivers</i>	<i>Journeys</i>
Mathematics	<p>N 2/3: inside, outside, out, in, small, big, block</p> <p>N 3/4: one, two, three, under, next to, on top, past, in front of, behind</p> <p>R: number, repeat, copy, shape, colour, sort, material, grab, hold, match, same, different, pair, sort, compare, big, small,</p>	<p>N 2/3: big, small, squeeze, finger, sing</p> <p>N 3/4: one, two, three, four, five, bigger, smaller, longer, shorter, heavier, lighter, more, less</p> <p>R: one, two, three, above, altogether, around, behind, below, beside, between, circle, combine, compare,</p>	<p>N 2/3: build, up, down, fall, wobble, top, bottom, on top</p> <p>N 3/4: total, amount, count, start, end, last, number</p> <p>R: zero, count back, one, two, three, four, five, compare, same, more, fewer, altogether, count,</p>	<p>N 2/3: lots, more, same, match, inside, fit</p> <p>N 3/4: object, numeral, one, two, three, four, five, match, shape, flat, round, triangular, square, balance</p> <p>R: nine, ten, ten-frame, subitise, compare, same, more, fewer, order, one less, one more, count, altogether,</p>	<p>N 2/3: point, count, bigger, smaller, little, high, low, tall, heavy</p> <p>N 3/4: write, draw, symbol, problem, solve, pattern, arch, dotted, combine, stripy, spotty, blobs, zigzag</p> <p>R: eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, ten-frame,</p>	<p>N 2/3: one, two, three, four, five, colour, size shape</p> <p>N 3/4: more, than, fewer than, less than, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oval, straight, sides, corners, flat, round, repeat, pattern, first, then, after</p> <p>R: arrangement, bead string, behind, build, different, in, in front, match, next to, number shapes, on, same, ten-frame,</p>

	<p>pattern, outline, set, long, short, thick, thin, belongs, odd one out, roll, stack, more, fewer, the same amount, most, fewest, equal groups, shorter, tallest, shortest, full, empty, heavy, light, equal weights, repeating pattern.</p>	<p>count, curved, dice, different, dots, face, fewer, in, in front, large, loose parts, match, medium, more, next to, number, on, one less, one more, order, over, pattern, same, side, small, straight, subitise, through, triangle, under, count forwards, count back, rectangle, square, sides, four, five, record, arrange, five frame, predict, calendar, timetable, sand timer, day, night</p>	<p>parts, combinations, lighter than, heavier, heaviest, lightest, full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty, half full, tall, narrow, deep, shallow, wide, six, seven, eight, ten-frame, subitise, order, one less, one more, count, match, pair, same, different, even pairs, odd one left over, five-wise pattern, pair-wise pattern, combine, groups, dice, dominoes, part-whole model, length, height, tall, taller, tallest, long, longer, longest, sand timer, stop watch, days of the week</p>	<p>parts, number bonds to 10, 3D shapes, stack, roll, flat, curved, simple colour repeated pattern, simple shape repeating pattern, different</p>	<p>full ten, part ten, number shapes, rekenrek, cube towers, bead string, represent, build, numerals, beyond, one hundred square, counting patterns, match, same, different, select, rotate, fill, arrangement, shape, top, middle, bottom, in, on, next to, behind, in front, under, adding more, addition, first, then, now, altogether, count on, one more, two more, number stories, number track, ten-frame, taking away, subtraction, how many left, count back, one less, two less, separate, rectangle, square, triangle, build,</p>	<p>under, compare, construction, dominoes, double, equal, even, fair, groups, half, identical, cubes, model, non-double, odd, pair, quantity, ten-frame, share, sort, symmetrical, twice, pattern, adapt, behind, build, circular repeating pattern, comparison, continue, copy, create, number pattern, combination, first, in, in front, long blocks, loose parts, map, maze, measure, natural materials, near, next, next to, number blocks, number stories, on, pattern blocks, patterns, plan, problem solving, quantity, relationships, repeating pattern,</p>
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					number blocks, number shapes.	review, route, score, short blocks, pattern, starting point, pattern structure, symmetrical, tally, under, unit of repeat, unit blocks
Literacy Writing and mark- making area Reading area	N 2/3: sing, song, listen, book, story, read, look, draw, pen, pencil, chalk, crayon N 3/4: print, meaning, names, book, spine, front cover, back, print, different, page, text, left, right, top, bottom R: letter, letters, sounds, alphabet, read, letter groups, group, sort, show	N 2/3: sounds, noise, copy, music, loud, quiet, fast, slow N 3/4: rhymes, count, clap, syllables word, rhymes, alliteration, initial sound R: blend, sounds, words, short, read, outloud	N 2/3: words, songs, that, this, they, like, love, songs, rhymes N 3/4: beginning, middle, end, title, author, illustrator, character, setting R: common exception words, phonics, spell, words, identify, sound, letters	N 2/3: copy, watch, move, stories, say, sing, N 3/4: print, letter, write, list, letters, sounds, shopping, items R: phrases, sentence, words, letters, blend, sound out, common exception words, short sentence, capital letter, full	N 2/3: where, who, what, singing, playing, book, picture, character, name N 3/4: write, sounds, letters, name, alphabet R: understand, retell, stories, narrative, vocabulary, sound blending, letters, write, form	N 2/3: favourite, stories, props, toys, characters, show, name, writing, letters N 3/4: right, write, letters, name, words, people, carefully R: anticipate, key events, stories, non- fiction, rhymes, poems, imagine, role play, alphabet, sounds, phoneme, digraph, trigraph, simple sentence,

				stop, re read, make sense		books, common exception words, show, read, letter, letters, phrases, sentences, read, sense
Understanding the World Creative cube Investigation station Water area Sand area Construction area	N 2/3: copy, actions, sound, splash, pour, fill, empty, roll, bounce, crash N 3/4: senses, see, smell, touch, taste, feel, hear, explore, nature, materials, natural, plastic, metal, wood, cotton, cardboard, shiny, soft, hard, same, different R: family, community, members,	N 2/3: family, mam, dad, brother, sister, auntie, uncle, grandparents, different, same N 3/4: family, baby, toddler, adult, happened, order, jobs, teacher, doctor, nurse, astronaut, police officer, vet, gardener, fire fighter, chef, baker, post man/woman R: Headteacher, Police officer, dentist, doctor, cleaner, map, nature,	N 2/3: hard, soft, light , heavy, rough, smooth, hot, cold, wet, dry, bumpy, flat N 3/4: push, pull, up, down, left, right, round, same R: beliefs, religion, celebrate, special, church, together,	N 2/3: same, different, eyes, nose, mouth, head, shoulders, knees, toes, face, skin N 3/4: same, different, friends, kindness, love, respect, care, country, countries, people, places, world, map, atlas, globe, island, seas, photographs, compare R: church, places, special, chapel, environment, seasons, change,	N 2/3: natural, materials, inside, outside, wood, bark, tree, leaf, stick, stone, rock, fence, hedge, grass, ground, mud, water N 3/4: seeds, plant, soil, care, grow, water, air, sunlight, root, stem, petal, leaves, lifecycle, order, animals, baby, egg, grow, caterpillar, cocoon, butterfly, egg, pupa, lava, bee R: observe, discuss, record, plant, planting, measure, water,	N 2/3: look, find, change, grow, growing, same, bigger, smaller, change N 3/4: need, care, respect, natural, environment, living things, plants, minibeast, animals, habitat R: observe, discuss, stories, non-fiction, fiction, maps, explore, natural,

	neighbours, friends, teacher, school	hear, sounds, sense, touch, feel, see	different, same, countries, life	weather, cold, warm, changing, measure, area, compare	needs, change, petal, soil, compost, watering can, leaves, stem, roots, seeds, lifecycle, caterpillars, butterflies, cocoon, new life, cycle, order, religion, differences, similarities, stories, non-fiction, culture, experiences, situations, community, libraries, parks, museum	world, nature, similarities, differences, seasons, states of matter, spring, summer, autumn, winter, enrich,
Physical development Playdough	N 2/3: big, small, move, wave, kick, roll, crawl, walk, clap, stamp, music, tunnel, den, box, around, in, out N 3/4: balance, move, ride, bounce, kick, throw, roll, catch, give, hit, bat,	N 2/3: kick, throw, catch, build, block, box, tube, into, over N 3/4: skip, hop, stand, one, two, leg, hold, game, statue, pause, hold, one,	N 2/3: walk, run, jump, climb, stairs, up, down, spin, roll, swing N 3/4: big, small, round, wave, make, marks, grip, hold,	N 2/3: sit, push, pull, still, ride, bike, balance, fast, slow, around N 3/4: together, group, all, team, pattern, rhythm,	N 2/3: explore, materials, tools, big, small, button, zip, pour, tip N 3/4: crawl, walk, run, across, under, over, ontop, below, beneath,	N 2/3: myself, yourself, feed, drink, give, dress, undress, on, off, toilet, go, with, stop N 3/4: safe, unsafe, small, large, teeth, toilet, wash, dry, hands, healthy,

	<p>ball, climb, steps, pull, push, grab</p> <p>R: healthy, unhealthy, health, active, teeth, brush, toothbrushing, sleep, safe, crossing, road, look, listen, vehicles, day, routine, line up, queue, meal time, hygiene, throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, aiming, target</p>	<p>hand, tools, snip, cut, paper, scissors</p> <p>R: rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, rolling, hopping, skipping, climbing, strength, coordination, balance, agility, dance, gymnastics, sport, swimming, tools, safe, confident, pencil, draw, write, paint, scissors, knives forks spoons</p>	<p>pen, pencil, knife, fork, spoon</p> <p>R: core, muscle, use, bone, sit, sitting, posture, safe, use, large, small, indoors, outdoors, alone, team, group, write, hand, fast, correct, well-organized</p>	<p>rhyme, music, hand, hold, grasp</p> <p>R: moving, fluent, control, grace, ease, body-strength, balance, coordination, confidence, skill, care, accuracy, engage</p>	<p>length, width, long, short, thin, far, wide, plan, spade, trowel, dig, dress, undress, coat, zips, up, down, on, off</p> <p>R: negotiate, space, obstacles, consider, think, myself, others, us, together, energetically, run, jump, dance, hop, skip, climb, tools, scissors, brushes, cutlery</p>	<p>unhealthy, choices, foods, surroundings</p> <p>R: strength, balance, show, coordination, effective, fluent, tripod, grip, confidence, positional</p>
<p>Expressive arts and design Creative table Music area Stage</p>	<p>N 2/3: music, sound, loud, rhymes, noise, body, words, paint, fingers, hands, feet, brushes, hold, red, blue, yellow, colours</p>	<p>N 2/3: dance, twist, spin, clap, bang, feel, patterns, loud, quiet, play, pretend, act, copy, show, character</p>	<p>N 2/3: music, dance, move, copy, fast, slow, spin, up, down, repeat</p>	<p>N 2/3: actions, rhymes, songs, show, marks, draw, paint, chalk, pen, pencil, pen, crayon, paintbrush, materials, playdough,</p>	<p>N 2/3: voices, sounds, loud, quiet, whisper, talk, shout, sing, instrument, drum, triangle, bells, shaker, maraca, guitar, tap, hit,</p>	<p>N 2/3: marks, show, action, song, play, make</p>

	<p>R 3/4: pretend, play, role play, character, animals, dolls, houses, show, create, stories, places, city, park, house, school, shop, church, village</p> <p>R: story, plot, problem, solve, mystery, characters, setting, music, dance, sounds, loud, quiet, pitch, perform, show, performance</p>	<p>N 3/4: paint, chalk, clay, watercolours, playdough, pens, pencils, join, tape, making tape, glue, scissors, stick, stay, spread, make</p> <p>R: feelings, happy, sad, excited, worried, feel, show, express, share, explore, understand, help, learning, refine, share, discuss, explain</p>	<p>N 3/4: lines, straight, wavy, zig-zag, curly, shape, circle, square, rectangle, oval, face, detail, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hair, colour, size,</p> <p>R: pitch, music, song, beat, loud, quiet, high, low, voices, instruments, shaking, squeaky, melody</p>	<p>squeeze, squash, roll, cut, prod, point, twist, splat</p> <p>N 3/4: red, yellow, blue, purple, green, orange, mix, black, white, paint, colour, mixing, emotions, sad, happy, feelings, shocked, angry, tired, worried</p> <p>R: music, sound, favourite, feelings, move, dance, twist, spin, walk, respond, discuss, share, express</p>	<p>bang, shake, crash, ring, jungle</p> <p>N 3/4: listen, sounds, noise, quiet, loud, fast, slow, pace, words, songs, repeat, pitch, tone</p> <p>R: dance, perform, performance, stage, lights, art, feelings, ideas, thoughts, pitch, tone, sounds, artists, singer, dancer, circus, talent</p>	<p>N 3/4: melody, up, down, familiar, songs, sound, create, hear, beat, listen, pattern, instrument, play, rhythm</p> <p>R: share, discuss, ideas, skills, talents, together, share, think, group, collaborate, rhythm, beat, speed</p>
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<p>Communication and Language Reading area</p>	<p>N 2/3: play, talk, like, love, listen, look, noise, me, you</p> <p>N 3/4: stories, who, what, when, where, happens</p> <p>R: listen, story, songs, important, non-fiction, fiction, rhymes, rhyming, words</p>	<p>N 2/3: feel, happy, sad, angry, I, you</p> <p>N 3/4: get, wait, your, why</p> <p>R: listen, stories, rhymes, poems, songs, social phrases – (hello, good morning, good afternoon, goodbye, how are you, thank you, please)</p>	<p>N 2/3: wheel, bus, mam, push, bang</p> <p>N 3/4: song, singing, words, actions, rhymes, story</p> <p>R: what, why, how, when, who, events, non-fiction, fiction</p>	<p>N 2/3: banana, computer, elephant, caterpillar, words, butterfly</p> <p>N 3/4: ran, swam, read, went, played, walked, hippopotamus, pterodactyl</p> <p>R: and, explain, but, because, problem, why, what, who, when, where, predict, before, after, problem, retell, repeat, reword</p>	<p>N 2/3: story, picture, book, colour</p> <p>N 3/4: yes, no, like, dislike, words, actions</p> <p>R: listen, who, what, when, where, how, question, answer, understand, explain, tell, retell, stories, non-fiction, rhymes, poems, story-telling</p>	<p>N 2/3: who, what, where, find, make, do</p> <p>N 3/4: your turn, my turn, hello, goodbye, you, I, I'll</p> <p>R: listen, look, talk, predict, why, how, feelings (excited, worried, frightened, scared, joyful) ideas, past, present, future, and, explain</p>
<p>Personal, social and emotional Sensory area Reflection room</p>	<p>N 2/3: calm, no, quiet, happy, sad</p> <p>N 3/4: help, do, choose, myself, mine, yours, share, ours, theirs, we</p>	<p>N 2/3: soon, friends, like, don't like, want, yes, go, play, friends</p> <p>N 3/4: mine, school, home, teachers,</p>	<p>N 2/3: me, I, happy, sad, feel, wait, turn,</p> <p>N 3/4: play, others, friends, game, with, help, idea</p>	<p>N 2/3: talk, look, want, talk, smile, cry, laugh, colour, boy, girl, needs, different</p> <p>N 3/4: rule, rules, follow, good, bad, behaviour, kind, unkind</p>	<p>N 2/3: me, do, myself, turn, angry, happy, grumpy, tired, sleepy</p> <p>N 3/4: want, need, like, go, give put, push, love, solve, problem</p>	<p>N 2/3: me, friends, others, play, when, because, love, like</p> <p>N 3/4: feelings (happy, sad, angry, worried, excited,</p>

	R: I, myself, want, need, like to, want to, give me, I would like	family, friends, stranger, know R: family member, friends, feelings, others, myself, friendship, community, actions, others	R: feel, feelings, confused, nervous, surprised, embarrassed, right, wrong, talk, turns, share	R: problem, solve, help, right, wrong, attempt, kindness, helpful	R: me, myself, feel, feelings, change, behaviour, adapt, healthy, unhealthy, choice, independent, yourself, take turns, listen, together	scared, shocked, silly, tired, feel) R: goals, wait, attention, listen, look, wait, watch, ideas, actions, follow, right, wrong, instructions, routine, behave, behaviour, resilient, needs, want, persevere, challenge, persist, relationships, attachments, friendship, cooperate, resolve
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