Barnfield EYFS Progression Map for Communication and Language



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	Nursery	Reception Autumn Term	Reception Spring Term	Reception Summer Term
Listening, Attention and Understanding	Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. Use a wider range of vocabulary. Understand a question or instruction that has two parts. Understand 'why' questions.	Understand how to listen carefully, and why listening is important. Learn new vocabulary and use it in different contexts. Engage in story times by listening carefully, retaining what has been heard and recalling key characters and events. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. Engage in non-fiction books. Contributes relevant comments in discussions. Responds to a series of instructions and a range of questions.	Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. Learn rhymes, poems and songs. Listen to and talk about selected non- fiction to develop deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Can switch attention from one task to another. Follows complex instructions. Respond to discussions with comments and questions. Is able to listen in large group or whole school activities such as assembly, recalling some of the themes and comments at a later stage.	ELG Listening Attention and Understanding Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions. ELG Listening Attention and Understanding Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. ELG Listening Attention and Understanding Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. ELG Listening Attention and Understanding Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.
Speaking	Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story and use longer sentences.	Learn and use new vocabulary through the day. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences, communicating confidently with peers and adults.	Describe events in some detail. Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why them might happen.	ELG Speaking Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. ELG Speaking

Have conversations with adults		Develop social phrases.	Offer explanations for why things
and friends and continue for	Connect one idea or action to		might happen, making use of recently
several turns.	another using a range of	Enjoys being part of conversations and	introduced vocabulary from stories,
	connectives.	discussions and uses new vocabulary in	non-fiction, rhymes and poems when
Use talk to organise themselves		context.	appropriate.
and their play.	Uses talks to communicate needs,		
	news, feelings and ideas.	Use talk to support their imaginative	<u>ELG Speaking</u>
		play.	Express their ideas and feelings about
	Uses plurals and some tenses		their experiences using full sentences,
	correctly.		including use of past, present and
	Asks questions to support their		future tenses and making use of
	learning or understanding.		conjunctions, with modelling and
			support from their teacher.