

English

Sequence of Learning

A Visual Roadmap Through Key Stages

Learning Journey Overview

Progressive development across key stages

Discover

KS2

Explore

KS3

Aspire

KS3

Lead

KS4

Ready

KS4

Three Key Strands woven throughout each stage

Three Key Strands

Core literacy skills that develop throughout the curriculum

Reading

Comprehension and analysis

Writing

Creative and technical
composition

Spoken Language

Communication and
presentation

DISCOVER

Key Stage 2 - Building foundations for literacy

Reading

- Read words fluently
- Understand vocabulary meanings
- Learn phonics to decode
- Respond to texts
- Know fiction vs non-fiction

Writing

- Write full sentences
- Use appropriate letter sizes
- Write about real and made up events
- Create interesting characters
- Change verb tenses

Spoken Language

- Listen and respond appropriately
- Ask relevant questions
- Give structured descriptions
- Participate in group work
- Engage in role play

EXPLORE & ASPIRE

Key Stage 3 - Developing independence and critical skills

Reading

- Read passages fluently
- Understand word origins
- Use evidence in responses
- Identify figurative language
- Explore genres
- Examine dramatists' work

Writing

- Write for different audiences
- Use figurative language
- Apply rhetorical devices
- Use planning methods
- Reflect through proof reading
- Use Tier 2 vocabulary

Spoken Language

- Use Standard English
- Give short speeches
- Perform scripts and poetry
- Use tone for impact
- Adapt speech for audience

LEAD & READY

Key Stage 4 - Mastering skills for qualifications and beyond

Reading

- Choose books for pleasure
- Read widely
- Apply contextual info
- Respond critically
- Understand language effects
- Analyse structure

Writing

- Use punctuation for effect
- Adapt to audience
- Write summaries
- Use paragraphs effectively
- Enhance with language
- Use vocabulary confidently

Spoken Language

- Use Standard English with confidence
- Maintain audience interest
- Use rhetorical devices
- Respond in formal discussions

Progressive Development

How learning deepens across key stages

Foundation

KS2: Identify,
explain, describe

Development

KS3: Analyse,
compare, evaluate

Mastery

KS4: Critically
assess, synthesise

Confidence

KS4: Apply
independently

**Continuous growth from basic literacy to confident, effective
communication**

Empowering Students

Through progressive English education

Building confident, articulate, and literate young adults ready for life beyond
school