

The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy Spoken Language Progression Ladders

EYFS Communication and Language Progression Ladders

	W.EYFS (nursery- dev matters)	Autumn EYFS.1	Spring EYFS.2	Summer EYFS.3
MET	<p><u>Listening, Attention and understanding:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens. I can find it difficult to pay attention to more than one thing at a time. I can understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door". I can understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?" I can answer simple 'why' questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. I can learn new vocabulary. I can engage in story times. I can listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound. I can learn rhymes, poems and songs. I can engage in non-fiction books. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use new vocabulary through the day. I can listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. I can listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. 	<p>ELG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can 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; I can make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding; I can hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.
	<p><u>Speaking:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use a wider range of vocabulary. I can sing a large repertoire of songs. I can know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. I can develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them. I can articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. I can connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe events in some detail. I can use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities explain how things work and why they might happen. I can develop social phrases. I can retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words. I can use new vocabulary in different contexts. 	<p>ELG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; I can offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate; I can express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of

- I may have problems saying:- some sounds: r, j, th, ch, and sh- multisyllabic words such as 'pterodactyl', 'planetarium' or 'hippopotamus'
- I can use longer sentences of four to six words.
- I can be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.
- I can start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.
- I can use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver."

past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

Year 1 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	W 1.1	Autumn 1.1	Spring 1.2	Summer 1.3
MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can listen in a range of situations. • I can listen to stories, anticipate events, respond to what I hear with relevant comments • I can give attention to what others have to say. • I can express myself using past, present and future forms. • I can develop my own narratives and explanations, connecting ideas and events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can follow simple instructions. • I can hold attention while playing and learning with others. • I join in with conversations in a group. • I can answer simple questions. • I know when it is my turn to speak in a small group presentation or performance. • I can start a conversation with an adult I know well or a friend. • I join in with role play. • I can retell a simple recount aloud. • I listen carefully to the things other people have to say in a group. • I can express myself using past, present and futures forms accurately when talking about events and developing narratives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand and follow instructions with more than one point. • I speak clearly and confidently in front of people in my class. • I can take part in simple roleplays of a known story. • I can re-tell a well-known story and remember the main characters. • I can listen to others in a range of situations and usually respond appropriately. • I can ask questions in order to get more information. • I can share my opinion in a discussion. • I can keep to the main topic when we are talking in a group. • I can use appropriate vocabulary to describe the world or how I am feeling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can speak in front of larger audiences. • I listen carefully in a range of situations and respond appropriately to adults and my peers. • I recognise when it is my turn to speak in a discussion. • I can ask questions that are related to the topic being discussed. • I can answer questions on a wider range of topics (sometimes one-worded). • I recognise that different people have different ideas and these are valuable. • I can think of alternatives for simple vocabulary choices.
EMBEDDED				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can extend ideas when talking by providing more detail • I engage in imaginative play and discuss why I like a performance. • I try out new words and ways of expressing meaning.

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Year 2 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 2.1	Spring 2.2	Summer 2.3
MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can ask questions to get more information and clarify meaning. I can talk in complete sentences. I can answer questions in complete sentences. I can take turns when talking in pairs or a small group. I can retell a story using narrative language and linking words and phrases. I can perform a simple poem from memory. I listen to others in class, ask questions and follow instructions. I can take on different roles in drama and role play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can show that I am following a conversation by asking relevant and timely questions. I can speak confidently within a group of my peers. I am beginning to give reasoning behind my answers when prompted to do so. I am beginning to understand how to speak for different purposes and audiences. I can verbally recount experiences, with some added interesting detail. I can decide when I need to use specific vocabulary. I can give enough detail to hold interest in a discussion. I follow instructions with more than one point and independently seek clarification when a message is not clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am beginning to be aware that formal and informal situations require different language. I can hold the attention of people I am speaking to by adapting the way I talk. I can use subject specific vocabulary describe and add detail. I usually speak in grammatically correct sentences. I can remain focussed on a discussion when I am not directly involved. I listen to a talk by an adult, remember some specific points and identify what I have learned.
EMBEDDED		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I respond to presentations by describing characters, repeating some highlights and commenting constructively. I adopt appropriate roles in small or large groups and consider alternative courses of action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can present parts of traditional stories, own stories or work from different parts of the curriculum for members of my class. I consider how mood and atmosphere are created in a performance.

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Year 3 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 3.1	Spring 3.2	Summer 3.3
MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can show that I have listened carefully because I make relevant comments. • I follow instructions in a range of unfamiliar situations. • I speak regularly in front of small and large audiences. • I can sequence and communicate ideas in an organised and logical way, always using complete sentences. • I can ask questions that relate to what I have heard/what has been presented to me. • I take a full part in paired and group discussions. • I organise what I want to say so that it has a clear purpose. • I can retell a story using narrative language and add relevant detail. • I participate in role play tasks, showing understanding of character. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I listen carefully in a range of different contexts and usually respond appropriately to both adults and my peers. • I recognise when it is needed and ask for specific additional information to clarify instructions. • I can present ideas or information to any audience. • I use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic and audience. • I am beginning to offer support for my answers to questions with justifiable reasoning. • I can discuss topics that are unfamiliar to my own direct experiences. • I can perform poems from memory adapting expression and tone as appropriate. • I recognise that meaning can be expressed in different ways, depending on the context. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I speak audibly and fluently. • I am beginning to show that I know when Standard English is required and use it. • I vary the amount of detail and choice of vocabulary, depending on the purpose and audience. • I recognise and use powerful vocabulary from texts in my own talk. • I engage in discussion, making relevant points and asking relevant questions to show that I have been following a conversation. • I take account of others viewpoints when participating in a discussion.
EMBEDDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am beginning to show understanding of characters or situations by adapting speech, gesture and movement, helping to create roles and scenarios. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I identify and discuss qualities of others' performances, including speech, gesture and action. I am beginning to evaluate the value of questioning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use some drama strategies to explore stories or issues. For example: Conscience Alley. • I demonstrate a sound understanding of questioning techniques.

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Year 4 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 4.1	Spring 4.2	Summer 4.3
MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can sequence, develop and communicate ideas in an organized and logical way, always using complete sentences. • I listen carefully in a range of different contexts and respond appropriately to both adults and my peers. • I show that I understand the main point and the details in a discussion. • I ask questions to clarify or develop my understanding. • I speak audibly and fluently. • I can use intonation when speaking out loud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I engage in discussion making relevant points and ask for specific additional information or viewpoints from others. • I show that I know that language choices vary in different contexts. • I can generate relevant questions to ask a specific speaker/and in response to what has been said. • I regularly offer answers that are supported with justifiable reasoning. • I can use interesting adjectives in speech. • I can perform poems or plays from memory, conveying ideas about characters and situations by adapting expression and tone. • I can take on a specific role in role play/drama activities and participate in focussed discussion whilst remaining in character. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can take part in a debate and make my opinion on a topic clear. • I am beginning to challenge the opinion of others with respect. • I can justify answers by giving evidence. • I can present to an audience using appropriate intonation; controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. • I increasingly adapt what I am saying to the needs of the listener or audience. • I know and use language that is acceptable in formal/informal situations with increasing confidence. • I use Standard English when it is required and in a range of contexts. • I can discuss the language choices of others speakers and how this may vary in different situations.
EMBEDDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I create roles showing how behaviour can be interpreted from different viewpoints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can convey straightforward ideas about characters and situations, making deliberate choices of speech, gesture, and movement in different roles and scenarios. • I am able to evaluate the qualities of a speaker's voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am beginning to evaluate my own contributions to a group commenting constructively on strengths and areas to improve. • I am secure in a number of roles within a group and in using some accompanying language.

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Year 5 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 5.1	Spring 5.2	Summer 5.3
MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can follow multi-step instructions without the need for repetition. • I can develop my ideas and opinions, providing relevant detail. • I show that I understand the main points, including implied meaning in a discussion. • I can express my point of view. • I listen carefully in discussions. I make timely contributions and ask questions that are responsive to others' ideas and views. • I can develop, agree to and evaluate rules for effective discussion, following my own rules in small group or whole class discussion. • I participate in debates and arguments and use relevant detail to support my opinion and add humour where appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can engage the listener by varying my expression and vocabulary. • I plan and present information clearly with ambitious added detail and description for the listener. • I can engage in longer, sustained discussions about a range of topics. • I can ask questions which deepen a conversation and/or further my knowledge. • I understand how to answer questions that require more detailed answers and justification. • I adapt my spoken language depending on the audience, the purpose or the context. • I use Standard English in formal situations. • I can perform poems and plays from memory, making careful choices about how I convey idea. I adapt my expression and tone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can narrate stories with intonation and expression to add detail and excitement for the listener. • I can combine vocabulary choices, gesture and body movement to take on and maintain character. • I begin to select the appropriate register according to the context. • I know and use language that is acceptable in formal and informal situations with confidence. • I regularly use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and noun phrases in speech. • I can perform my own compositions, using appropriate intonation and volume so that meaning is clear. • I can ask questions, offer suggestions, challenge ideas and give my opinion in order to take an active part in discussion. • I am beginning to use hypothetical language to consider more than one possible outcome or solution.
EMBEDDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I show insight into texts and issues through deliberate choices of speech, gesture, and movement, beginning to sustain and adapt different roles and scenarios. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I sustain roles and responsibilities with independence in pairs or groups, sometimes shaping overall direction of talk with effective contributions.

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Year 6 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 6.1	Spring 6.2	Summer 6.3
MET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can follow complex instructions without the need for repetition. • I ask questions to develop ideas and take account of others' views. • I regularly ask relevant questions to extend my knowledge and understanding. • I explain ideas and opinions giving reasons and evidence. • I can offer an alternative explanation when others participating don't understand. • I listen to, and consider the opinions of, others in discussions. • I can use relevant strategies to build my vocabulary. • I can give well-structured descriptions and presentations for different purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can communicate confidently across a range of contexts and to a range of audiences. • I make contributions to discussions, evaluate others' ideas and respond to them. • I maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversation, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments with confidence. • I can articulate and justify my answers with confidence in a range of situations. • I engage listeners through choosing appropriate vocabulary and register that is matched to context. • I can perform poems and plays from memory, making deliberate choices about how to convey ideas about characters, contexts and atmosphere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I talk audibly, confidently and fluently in a range of situations, using formal and Standard English, if necessary. • I can participate confidently in a range of different performances, role play exercises and improvisation. • I can use advanced and ambitious vocabulary in speech appropriate to the topic. • I can express possibilities using hypothetical and speculative language. • I can perform my own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume and expression so that literal and implied meaning is clear. • I can sustain and argue a point of view in a debate, using the formal language or persuasion. • I consider and evaluate different viewpoints, building on the contribution of others.
EMBEDDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I take an active part in discussions and can take on different roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I demonstrate empathy and understanding through flexible choices of speech, gesture, and movement, adapting roles convincingly to explore ideas and issues. 	

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