The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy Spoken Language Progression Ladders

EYFS Communication and Language Progression Ladders

	Baseline	Advent	Lent	Pentecost/ELG
MET	 Listening, Attention and understanding: Listens to others 1:1 or in small groups when conversation interests them. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Focuses attention-s till listen and do (but can shift own attention) Is able to respond and follow instructions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity) Shows understanding of prepositions. Understands the use of objects (eg scissors for cutting). Begins to understand how/why questions. 	 Maintains attention and sits appropriately during an activity. Listen and do for a short span (two channeled attention). Able to follow a story with props or pictures. Responds to simple instructions. Understands humour e.g, in stories. 	 Maintains attention, concentrates, and sits appropriately during an activity. Listen and do for a short span, using comments and actions in a small group. Able to follow a story without props or pictures. Responds to instructions involving two-part sequence. Respond and takes turns when communicating. Begins to ask why or how questions. 	 Listen attentively. Respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to. Respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions during whole class discussions and small group interactions. Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify understanding. Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher/peers.
	 Speaking: Begins to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. and because). Can retell a simple past event in correct order. Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipates what might happen next, recall and relies on experiences. Questions why things might happen. Uses a range of tenses. Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make meaning clear. Uses vocabulary focused on objects, and people that are of particular importance. Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. Uses talk to pretend e.g. box is my castle 	 Extends vocabulary e.g. grouping and exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play. Links statements and sticks to main theme/intention. Uses talk to organise, sequence, and clarify ideas, and events. Introduce a storyline or narrative into their play. 	 Participates and uses newly introduced vocabulary in 1:1/ small group contexts. Makes use of some introduced vocabulary from stories, rhymes and poems in their own storyline or narrative. Uses talk to organise, sequence, and clarify thinking and ideas. Expresses their ideas and feelings using full sentences, using past and present tense. 	 Participate in small group, class and 1:1 Discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary. Offers explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate. Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, using past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions with support from teacher.

Year 1 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 1.1	Spring 1.2	Summer 1.3
MET	 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 	 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 use appropriate vocabulary to describe the world or how I am feeling. 	 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.

If pupils have achieved the **MET** criteria for that term, they have achieved the National Standard for that term.

	Autumn 2.1	Spring 2.2	Summer 2.3
MET	 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. 	 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. 	 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.

Year 2 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

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	Autumn 3.1	Spring 3.2	Summer 3.3
MET	 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. 	 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 perform poems from memory adapting expression and tone as appropriate. I recognise that meaning can be expressed in different ways, depending on the context. 	 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 form 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.

Year 3 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

Autumn 4.1	Spring 4.2	Summer 4.3
 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. 	 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. 	 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.

Year 4 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

Autumn 5.1	Spring 5.2	Summer 5.3
 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 the 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 an use relevant detail to support my opinion and add humour where appropriate. 	 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 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.

Year 5 Spoken Language Progression Ladders

	Autumn 6.1	Spring 6.2	Summer 6.3
MET	 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. 	 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. 	 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.

Year 6 Spoken Language Progression Ladders