St Thomas a Becket Primary School
Reading Milestones

Milestone 1 The expected standard for students by the end of Skylark Class (N/R/1)
Milestone 2 The expected standard for students by the end of Chough Class (Y2/3)
Milestone 3 The expected standard for students by the end of Kestrel Class (Y4/5/6)

Threshold Concept	**Milestone 1** (End of Year 1)	**Milestone 2** (End of Year 3)	**Milestone 3** (End of Year 6)
Read words and texts fluently and accurately	Use phonic knowledge to read unfamiliar words. Read familiar texts accurately and with increasing confidence. Re-read texts to build fluency, using punctuation to support meaning when reading aloud.	Read age-appropriate texts accurately and automatically. Use knowledge of prefixes, suffixes and root words to read unfamiliar words. Read aloud with appropriate pace, phrasing and expression.	Read age-appropriate texts and whole novels fluently and independently. Apply knowledge of morphology and etymology to support understanding. Adjust pace, expression and intonation to convey meaning and engage an audience.
Develop vocabulary and language knowledge	Discuss the meaning of words and phrases. Use context, illustrations and discussion to support understanding. Recognise and talk about interesting word choices.	Use context and word knowledge to determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary. Discuss how authors' choice of words and phrases contributes to meaning and creates effect.	Evaluate how authors use vocabulary, figurative language and language choices to influence the reader. Explain and compare the impact of language across texts.
Understand and interpret texts	Talk about characters, events and information.	Retrieve information, summarise key ideas and draw inferences using	Analyse themes, characters and author's intent.

	Predict what might happen next. Answer questions and make simple inferences from what is read.	evidence from the text. Explain how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.	Compare ideas within and across texts. Evaluate texts and justify interpretations and opinions using evidence.
Engage in reading and discussion	Listen to and discuss a wide range of texts. Share opinions and preferences about books and stories.	Discuss texts confidently, building on the ideas of others. Recommend books and explain preferences.	Read widely for pleasure and purpose. Participate thoughtfully in discussion, making comparisons and supporting viewpoints with evidence.