

	Reading
30-50 months	Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities
	Shows an awareness of rhyme and alliteration
	Recognises rhythm in spoken words
	Listens to and joins in with stories and poems one-to-one and also in small groups
	Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key event s and phrases in rhymes and stories
	Is beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured
	Suggests how the story might end
	Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall
	Describes the main story, settings, events and principal characters.
	Shows interest in illustrations and print books and print in the environment
	Recognises familiar words and signs such as his/her own name and advertising logos.
	Look at books independently
	Handles books carefully
	Know information can be relayed in the form of print
	Holds books the correct way up and turns pages.
	Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom.
	Writing
	Sometimes gives meaning to marks as he/she draws and paints
	Ascribes meanings to marks that he/she sees in different places
	Reading
40-60 months	Continues a rhyming string
	Hears and says the initial sound in words
	Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend then together and knows which letters represent some of them
	Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet
	Begins to read word and simple sentences.
	Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by his/her experiences of books.
	Enjoys an increasing range of books.
	Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers
	Reads and understands simple sentences
	Uses phonic knowledge to decode regular words and reads them aloud accurately
	Reads some common irregular words
	Demonstrates understanding when talking with others about what they have read
	Writing
	Gives meaning to marks he/she makes as he/she draws, writes and paints
	Begins to break the flow of speech into words
	Continues a rhyming string

Hears and says the initial sound in words
Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend then together
Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet
Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequences.
Writes his/her own name and other things such as labels, captions
Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts
Uses his/her phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds
Writes some irregular common words
Writes simple sentences which can be read by himself/herself and others
Spells some words correctly and others are phonetically plausible.