

Literacy Score Card – Additional Information

Reading

Level	Description
Level 5	Your child is reading above the expected level.
Level 4	Your child is reading at the expected level.
Level 3	Your child is close to the expected level.
Level 2	Your child is below the expected level.
Level 1	Your child is significantly below the expected level (unable to decode words).

Why is reading important?

Reading regularly has powerful benefits for children. It strengthens the brain, builds vocabulary, reduces stress, supports emotional wellbeing, and improves focus and memory. Research shows that children who read frequently develop stronger thinking skills, and even 15 minutes of daily reading can make a significant difference.

Daily reading benefits all students—those already meeting expectations as well as those who need additional support. Establishing a consistent routine and making books accessible helps build a lifelong habit.

How you can support your child

- Encourage daily use of their Reading Plus home-learning tasks.
- Promote reading for pleasure—use your local or school library.
- Talk about what they are reading and ask questions.
- Use audiobooks to support vocabulary and comprehension.
- Link reading to everyday activities like recipes, signs, and instructions.

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)

Level	Description
Level 5	Secure understanding of complex grammar and highly accurate spelling.
Level 4	Secure understanding of basic grammar and some understanding of more complex structures; accurate spelling.

Level 3	Understands basic grammar and can spell most words.
Level 2	Grammar understanding is not secure, but writing is understandable; spelling is phonetically plausible.
Level 1	Understanding of spelling and grammar is not secure, which may obscure meaning.

Why is SPaG important?

Strong SPaG skills help children communicate clearly across all subjects. They support effective writing, confident expression, and higher attainment in assessments. Accurate punctuation and grammar ensure clarity, while phonetically plausible spelling helps children write more freely.

How you can support your child

- Read together to model accurate spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.
- Use online SPaG games such as BBC Bitesize or Spelling Shed.

Oracy

Level	Description
Level 5	Can express ideas confidently and with sophistication.
Level 4	Can express ideas confidently and clearly.
Level 3	Can express ideas but not always confidently.
Level 2	Lacks confidence speaking but can contribute when encouraged.
Level 1	Struggles to speak confidently and to make themselves understood.

Why is oracy important?

Oracy refers to the speaking and listening skills children use to communicate effectively. It is not about accents or speaking styles—it is about confidence, clarity, and understanding. Strong oracy is linked to academic success, collaboration, critical thinking, and confidence throughout life.

How you can support your child

- Ask open-ended questions that encourage explanation and reasoning.

- Read aloud together and discuss the story.
- Play speaking and listening games such as 20 Questions or Guess Who.
- Encourage your child to explain their thinking.

Handwriting

Level	Description
Level 5	Writes legibly with a high standard of presentation.
Level 4	Writes legibly with satisfactory presentation.
Level 3	Mostly legible writing.
Level 2	Some writing is hard to read due to poor presentation.
Level 1	Much writing is difficult to read due to incorrect letter formation.
0	Not applicable (your child uses a laptop).

Why is handwriting important?

Handwriting is still a valuable life skill used daily for notes, forms, and personal communication. Clear, fluent handwriting helps students focus on their ideas and reduces frustration. In timed exams, legible writing can also improve performance.

How you can support your child

- Ask your child to help with everyday writing tasks such as shopping lists or labels.
- Build fine and gross motor skills through activities like cutting, threading, or playdough.
- Encourage a stable writing position: feet on the floor, straight back, paper slightly tilted.