



St Saviour's C of E Academy

Vocabulary Progression

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| Area of learning | Nursery | Reception |
| Maths | <p>Number names, numbers, numeral. Count, count on, count back. Compare, amount, more, less, fewer, same. Higher, lower, full, empty, big/bigger, small/smaller, long/longer, tall/taller, short/shorter, heavy/heavier, light/lighter, wide/wider, fatter/thinner, too much, big, little. Match, sort, same, different. Balance, measure, weigh, scales. 2D shape names (such as circle, triangle, square, rectangle), round, flat, straight, curvy, pointy, pointed. 3D shape names (cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, sphere). Days of the week, months of year, clock, time, day, Pattern, repeat, first, next, before, after, continue, copy, create, sequence, order. Positional language words (such as in, on, under, next to, between, in front of, behind).</p> | <p>Quantity Compare, amount, more, less, fewer, same. Add, addition, take away, subtraction, altogether, equals, number bond. Coin, pound, pence, penny. Sides, corners, edges, vertices, faces, rotate, manipulate, combine, decompose. Route, direction, forwards, backwards, right, left. Routine, events, calendar, o'clock, today, tomorrow, yesterday, week.</p> |
| Writing | <p>Write, writing, draw, drawing, picture, squiggle, dot, hold, marks, line, shape, pattern, letter, word, letter sound, letter shape, name, talk. Writing genres: book, list, story, letter, instructions, postcard, poster, diary, note, recipe, fiction, non-fiction. The language used when 'talking through' forming different movements, patterns and lines (straight, up and down, curved, spot, round, circle, wavy, cross) and shared/individual writing. Letter and number names (some or all).</p> | <p>Grip, sentence, caption, finger space, line, upper case, capital letter, lower case, full stop, phoneme, alphabet, spell, explain, discuss, describe, pinch, trace, curved, straight, zigzag, spiral, read, reread, check.</p> |
| Reading | <p>Book, story, nursery rhyme, rhyme, rhythm, listen, read, bookshelf. Writer, writing, write, drawing. Pictures, page, front/back cover, title, page number, turn, top, bottom. Sounds, letter sound, letter, word. Setting, character, simple character descriptions (such as good, bad). Beginning, middle, end. Who, what, where, when, why. Fairy tale, tale.</p> | <p>Text, non-fiction, fiction, spine, factual, information. Author, illustrator, publish. Blurb, illustrations, print, contents, index, glossary, heading, caption, label, diagram, information, facts, upper case, lower case. Sentence, phonemes, alphabet, full stop, capital letter, finger space, digraphs, trigraph, syllable, tricky word. Poem, rhythm, repetition. Sign, poster, logo, symbol, brand. Sequence, order. Imagine Types - fantasy, mystery, adventure, science fiction, myth, traditional tale, atlases.</p> |
| Fine Motor | <p>Pick up, hold, collect, move, stir, drop Sort, group Pinch, nip, press, pat, twist, squash, squeeze, turn, stretch, push, pull Harder, softer, gently, carefully Build, make, join, together, balance, line up, take apart, Fill, full, pour, empty, spill Bend, thread, lace In, on, off, under, over, next to, between, behind, in front of Strong, bendy, bumpy, hard, soft, thick, thin, clear Marks, lines, shapes, patterns, waves, squiggle, dot</p> | <p>Gather, transport, manoeuvre, arrange, organise Grip, grasp, twirl, twist, rotate, control Connect, attach, secure, fasten, knot, separate Position, placement Trace, copy, follow, guide Weave, weaving Spiral, zigzag Wrists, knuckles, muscles</p> |

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| | Top, middle, bottom Open, close, peel Scissors, cut, snip, safely Fingers, thumb, hands | |
| Gross Motor | Run, jump, hop, skip, gallop, crawl, climb, march, slide, roll, spin, throw, catch, kick, bounce, push, pull, swing, balance, stretch, twist, bend, reach, tiptoe, shake, up, down, over, under, around, through, between, beside, in front, behind, near, far, across, inside, outside, head, arms, legs, feet, hands, fingers, toes, shoulders, knees, elbows, hips, back, tummy, neck, fast, slow, high, low, big, small, soft, hard, heavy, light, smooth, jerky, stop, go, start, wait, turn, follow, copy, move, freeze, change, together, apart. | Run, jump, hop, skip, gallop, leap, crawl, climb, march, slide, roll, spin, turn, swing, sway, bounce, kick, throw, catch, dribble, step, stamp, tiptoe, balance, stretch, twist, bend, reach, duck, dodge, shake, wiggle, push, pull, fast, slow, steady, wobbly, light, heavy, high, low, strong, gentle, smooth, sharp, quick, sudden, controlled, flexible, stiff, big, small, quiet, loud, up, down, over, under, on top, beneath, in between, beside, behind, in front, around, through, across, near, far, left, right, forward, backward, corner, centre, edge, start, stop, wait, go, turn, follow, copy, lead, take turns, join in, take away, move, freeze, change, count, repeat, sequence, pattern, rhythm, head, face, neck, shoulders, arms, elbows, wrists, hands, fingers, chest, tummy, back, hips, legs, knees, ankles, feet, toes, spine, muscles, joints, ball, cone, hoop, mat, bench, balance beam, ladder, obstacle, tunnel, target, rope, parachute, bat, beanbag, net, goal, track, line, markers, space. |
| Creative | Names of materials and equipment, such as card, paper, glue, scissors, paint, paintbrush Colour names Mix, make Light, lighter, dark, darker Join, cover, fold, Cut, snip, stick, sticky Pattern, mark, colour, press Draw, drawing, lines, paint, colour in Bumpy, rough, smooth, wide, long, narrow Positional language words, such as on, next to, inside and under | Wrap, fix, combine, fasten, connect, build, create, decorate, details Describe, alter, amend, adjust Explore, investigate, trial and error, practise Spread, fill, swirl Dab, shade, tone, smudge, blend, Create, plan, design, method, strategy Texture Imagine, imagination Names of more advanced materials, such as pastels, charcoal |
| Water | Fill, pour, tip, pouring, hold. Drop, drip, splash, spray, bubble, bubbly, ice cube, foam, squirt, slip, slide, stir, mix, squeeze, deep. Catch, collect, wash, clean. Change, fast, slow, up, down. Full, empty, gone, more, less, top, bottom. Wet, dry, soggy, water, ice, cold, warm. Move, waves, river, pond, rain, sea, puddle. | Capacity, liquid. Trickle, gush, flow, sprinkle, damp, soak, drench, moist, drizzle, seep, whisk, leak, frothy, melt, melting. Half empty, half full, almost full, nearly full, almost empty, nearly empty, brim, level, measure, overflow, shallow. Hotter, colder, warmer, cooler. Float, sink, surface, moisture, deeper, deepest, faster, slower, evaporate, direction, ripple. Reflection, reflect. Canal, channel, stream, drain, flood, meander, ocean, well, fountain, waterfall, iceberg. Waterspout, waterproof. Transparent, clear, see-through. |
| Sand | Fill, dig, shape, pour, drop, slide, bury, hide, build, push, pat, mix, lift, stamp, break. Wet, dry, soggy. Warm, cold, soft, hard. Mark, wave, line. Big, small, heavy, light, long, full, empty, gone, hide, cover, size, more, less. Move | Sculpt, pattern, print, mould, squeeze, scratch, drag, scrape. Flatten, level off, pile up, strain, sink, scoop, smooth out, crumble, grain, disappear, stir. Damp, soaked, squelchy, solid, level, lumpy, crumbly, rough, sharp, spiky, smooth, swampy, runny, gooey, sticky, slimy, grains, grainy, flat, gritty. Bigger, smaller, taller, shorter, wider, longer, thinner, half empty, half full, almost full, nearly full, almost empty, nearly empty, measure, overflow, order, deep, shallow, bucketful, bowlful, spoonful. Excavate, container, mound, collapse, transport. |
| Music | Names of musical instruments, such as drum, tambourine, maraca, bells CD player, music player, play, stop, headphones Simple vocabulary to describe music, such as loud, quiet, soft, hard, fast, slow, long, short, high, low, happy, sad, excited Listen, copy, create, compose Play, shake, tap, ring, scrape, bang, crash, blow, hard, soft, gentle Perform, dance, share, move, feel, like, dislike, create, props, stage, audience, movement, actions Sound, noise, music, song, nursery rhyme, action song, piece | Musical terminology, such as tempo, rhythm, beat, dynamics, texture, timbre, pulse, melody, accompaniment Woodwind, percussion, brass, strings Respond, discuss, evaluate, reflect Orchestra, conductor, choir, singer, group, band, solo |

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| Small World | Build, building, make, join, fix, mend, change, together, tall, short, long, wide, deep Pattern, shape, corner, side, wall Push, pull, pick up, carry Travel, road, move, fly, drive, turn Story, retell, first, once upon a time, end Name of settings, e.g. airport, zoo, park, space, farm Inside/outside, light/dark Feelings vocabulary, e.g. happy, sad, angry, worried Directional vocabulary, e.g. in, on, under, up, down, forwards, backwards, behind, high, low Character, people, animal, place, setting, job | Pretend, imaginary, adventure, retell, beginning, describe Design, construction, construct, assemble, connect, circuit, mechanic, separate, thread, unthread, attach, enclose, edge, border, fence, surround, entrance, exit Place, local, nearby Transport journey, manoeuvre, emergency Name of areas, e.g. town, village, hamlet, city, world Compass directions, left, right, besides, between, reverse, underneath, rotate, map, steer, track, route, path, course, footpath, bridleway, runway, plough, sail, float, orbit Language associated with different situations, e.g. sorting out problems, enquiring, complaining |
| Construction | Build, make, fit, join, fix, mend, turn, spin, move, push, clip, balance Plan, draw, write Tall, short, taller, shorter, big, small, bigger, smaller Wood, metal, plastic, cardboard On top, underneath, next to, beside, inside, outside, behind, in front, between Strong, bendy, hard, soft, thick, thin, clear House, tower, town, shop, building Walls, roof, windows, door, rooms, wheel Round, flat, pointed, corner, curved Circle, square, rectangle, triangle, semi-circle Brick, piece Top, bottom, middle | Fasten, attach, connect Measure, repair, design Stack, collapse, combine, slot, rotate, twist Wide, narrow, wider, narrower, high, low Transparent, flexible, weak, rough, smooth Overhang, supports, stable Temple, church, mosque, landmark, shelter Frame, bridge, arch, system, structure, hinge, handle Cube, cuboid, pyramid, cone Horizontal, vertical |