Progression of skills in Communication and Language

To be a continuous focus throughout the year:

- Learn new vocabulary
- Use new vocabulary throughout the day
- Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences
- Describe events in some detail
- Engage in story times
- Use new vocabulary in different contexts
- Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs
- Engage in non-fiction books
- To answer why questions and give an explanation. (3-4)

Autumn	Spring	Summer
 Children to use sentences joined up with words like 'because' 'and' (3-4) Children to use the future and past tense (3-4) Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them Develop social phrases 	 Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding. Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound 	 Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen. Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary