- Recognise familiar sight vocabulary
- Identify and say basic sound/ letter correspondences e.g. initial and final consonants 'p', 'b', 'd'
- Begin to identify common clusters e.g. 'sh', 'st', 'ch'
- Begin to develop awareness of and skill in appropriate intonation, stress, rhythm, phonological features etc.
- Locate beginning/end of sentences
- Track/follow a very simple recount
- Repeat/read a very simple modelled recount paying attention to punctuation
- Individually read aloud a very simple recount paying attention to punctuation
- Understand and respond to a very simple recount
- Develop an awareness of the text structure and language features of a very simple recount

Suggested Themes, Topics and/or Experiences

Any curriculum topic, school field trips, family, shopping, festivals/holidays, letters, journal, my life (e.g. accidents), local environment, time, dates, seasons, experiments, sporting events, cultural events

Suggested Assessment Tasks

- Sequence recount
- Read aloud a familiar recount
- Match pictures to written text
- Complete very simple comprehension activities
- Identify different classes of words and explain functions
- Place words in word chains or complete semantic webs (match collocations, lexical strings) e.g. zoo, kiwi house, lions, tigers, elephants

(Many of the teaching and learning activities above can also be used as assessment tasks)

Sample Strategies

Teacher directed

- Model pronunciation, intonation, rhythm and stress, paying attention to phonics, through teacher reading, taped text
- Build field knowledge/sight vocabulary using visual stimuli, drilling etc.
- Model cueing beginning and end of sentences
- Ask 'wh' questions to introduce concept of sequence of events, e.g. What did we do first?

Joint/guided

- Read jointly written recounts of class activities
- Sequence cut up text using time of day as a guide
- Sequence sentences to match a mimed/taped sequence of events
- Match written text to photos/pictures
- Ask questions to check comprehension
- Complete a simple 3 Level Thinking Guide or a simple grid

Focus on form and meaning. Change text from singular to plural where possible. Add an adjective, prepositional phrase or adverb. Change a verb. Find a synonym.

Independent

- Sequence recount, e.g. story map, board game
- Answer true/false, yes/no and 'wh' questions
- Match beginnings and ends of sentences
- Punctuate recount
- Identify any missing events from a sequence (from information strips)