

Writing Progression of skills



Year Group	Handwriting	Text Structure and organisation	Sentence construction	Grammar terminology	Punctuation
Reception	-form letters correctly -use the tripod grip to hold a pencil	-retell stories using their own words -use the past, present and future tenses when speaking Use T4W to orally retell stories as a group	-write simple phrases and sentences -orally express ideas using full sentences -use conjunctions when speaking	-use recently introduced vocabulary when speaking	-recognize capital letters -use capital letters and full stops
Year 1	-Sit correctly and hold pencil using correct pencil gripForm lower case letters in the correct direction starting and finishing in the correct placeLeave spaces between wordsForm capitals correctly	-Use talk for writing to learn model texts -Sequence sentences to form short narrativesLearn features of fairy tales/ traditional talesUse a simple beginning and ending in narrative -Write captions -Write to recount, instruct and inform -Use adverbs of time - Read aloud what they have written	-Combine words to make simple sentencesUse the conjunction 'and' to join words and clauses -Use adjectives to describe -Use adverbs -Use the pronouns 'I', 'he' and 'she' -Use noun phrases	-capital letter - sentence - punctuation: full stop, question mark, exclamation mark -single clause sentence, multi clause sentence -consonant and vowel -tense, past, present, future	- Use capital letters and full stops to punctuate sentencesUse capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I'Use question marks -Use exclamation marksUse capital letters for proper nouns



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Year 2	-Form lower case letters correctlyForm capital letters correctlyBegin joining letters	Use talk for writing to learn model texts Plan writing orally using a talk for writing map -Add own ideas to story maps i.e. using post-its -Write narratives with a beginning, middle and end.	-Write question, statement, command and exclamation sentences - Use coordinating conjunctions and, but, or Use subordinating	-noun, noun phrase - statement, question, exclamation, command - adjective, adverb, verb - tense (past, present), - apostrophe, comma -conjunction, subordination,	-Use full stops and capital letters to demarcate sentencesUse capital letters for proper nouns -Use exclamation marks -Use question marks -Use commas for lists
		-Write recount , instruction and information textswrite poetry -Use adverbs and prepositions of time -Write in the past tense -Write in the present tense -Proof-read work for sense and edit	conjunctions when, that, because, if, so -Open sentences with: • Adverbs of time • Adverbs of manner • subordinating conjunctions.	②-progressive form of verbs☑-contraction, omission, possession	-Use apostrophes for contracted words -Use apostrophes for possession (singular)
		punctuation and spelling.	-Use expanded noun phrases Use determiners according to the nounUse pronouns -Use similes in poetry - use the progressive form		
Year 3	-Join most letters in writing	-Use talk for writing to learn model texts Plan writing orally using a talk for writing map -Add own ideas to story maps i.e. using post-its, changing at least one element Write in the past, present and future tenseUse paragraphs to indicate a change of theme in non-fiction	-Use determiners according to the nounUse conjunctions of subordination when, if, because, although -Use coordinating conjunctions but, so, andBegin sentences with conjunctions -Use fronted adverbials	- preposition -conjunction - clause, subordinate clause - direct speech - consonant vowel, - inverted commas, -main clause 12-adverbial phrase	-Uses inverted commas to indicate speech and rules of speech -Use the possessive apostrophe for single and plural nouns -Use commas after 'ly' adverbials at the beginning of a sentenceUse commas for lists
		texts -Use paragraphs to indicate change in time in narrativeWrite narratives with an introduction build-up, problem and solution.	-Use similes in poetry and narrative -use nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition -use adverbs -use prepositions -Use present perfect form		







		-Write to recount (diary, letter, news report), instruct, inform and persuade (advert) -Write non-fiction with a brief introduction and conclusion -Edit their own writing — punctuation, spelling (use simple dictionary) and sense -Comment on their own writing and their peers saying what they like and would improve			
Year 4	-join all letters correctly	-Use talk for writing to learn model texts -Add own ideas to story maps i.e. using post-its, changing elements to innovate -Write in the past, present and future tense -Use paragraphs to indicate change in theme, time or setting -Use paragraphs in non-fictions -Write non-fiction with an introduction and conclusion -Write to recount (diary, letters, news report), inform, instruct and persuade (letter) -Edit own writing – spelling, punctuation, sense and word choices (using thesaurus)	-Use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions although, therefore, as. because, after, when etc -Use subordinate clauses -Begin sentences with fronted adverbials -Begin sentences with conjunctions Use prepositions -Use of pronouns and nouns across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition -Use ambitious vocabulary -Use similes and metaphors in poetry or narrative writingAwareness of when to use standard and non-standard English -Use present perfect form	-determiner -pronoun, possessive pronoun -adverbial	-Use commas after beginning a sentence with a prepositional phrase -Use commas to separate clausesUse the rules of dialogue, including punctuation and a new line for a new speakerUse commas following fronted adverbials -use possessive apostrophe for singular and plural nouns













Year 6 Correctly and consistently sized Year 6	Use written models to plan own narratives and non-fiction away from model text -Use past, present and future tenses and manage movement between them in a text -Use paragraphs for change in theme, setting, time, point - Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], and ellipsis -use different narrative structures e.g. flashbacksdescribe setting, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action -Write non-fiction to recount, instruct, inform,, persuade and explain -Assess the effectiveness of their own and others writing, suggesting and making improvementsProof-read and edit work to check for grammatical accuracy, punctuation and improve vocabulary/effect on the reader.	-Use simple, complex and compound sentences -Use a wide range of conjunctions e.g. consequently, nevertheless, contrary to, however etcExtend sentences through use of multiple clauses, both subordinate and relativeuse ambitious vocabulary and choose vocabulary for deliberate effect -Begin sentences in a variety of ways including conjunctions, fronted adverbials, verbs and adjectivesUse figurative language -Integrate dialogue with action -use the subjunctive form -use formal and informal language appropriately -use the perfect form of verbs -use the passive verb	-subject, object - active, passive - ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points, -subjunctive	-Know that semi colons have two uses and use them in their own writing to: • Separate items in a list. • Separate main clausesUse colons to expand, explain or illustrate a clause -Use dashes to indicate parenthesis -Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses •Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists •Punctuation of bullet points to list information •How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover]
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Note: Spelling is taught from Nursery to Year 2 through the Phonics Read Write Inc Programme. When children finish the programme in Year 2 they follow the Ed Shed scheme which is compliant with the National Curriculum.