## Progression and Sequence in Writing

Children need to be able to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.

|  | Communication and Language | Literacy | Fine Motor | Drama |
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| Nursery | - Start to develop conversations. <br> - Develop pretend play (e.g. Put baby to sleep) <br> - Use of multisyllabic words (e.g. banana) <br> - Follow instructions with 3 key words <br> - Listen to simple stories and understand what is happening <br> - Identify familiar objects <br> - Understand simple questions (e.g. who, what, where 3+ understand why | Comprehension <br> - Sharing a book with an adult <br> - Engage in conversations about stories <br> - Responding to pictures and words in books <br> - Ask questions about books <br> - Develop play around favourite stories using props <br> Word Reading <br> - Language rich environment <br> - Matching | - Pass things from one hand to another <br> - Do up zips, buttons and pour drinks independently <br> - Develop manipulation and control <br> - Develop large muscle movements <br> - Choose appropriate resources <br> - Use one handed tools (e.g. scissors) <br> - Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils <br> - Show a preference for a dominant hand | - Start to develop pretend play <br> - Make imaginative and complex small worlds <br> - Adding voice to play <br> - Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment (dolls, animals) <br> - Listen with increased attention <br> - Respond to what they have heard expressing their thoughts and feelings |



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| Reception | - Use taught vocabulary from provocation boards <br> - Use because, or, and to extend sentences <br> - Begin to use future and past tense <br> - Engage in story times <br> - Learn rhymes, poems and songs <br> - Engage in non-fiction books <br> - Retell a story with repetition and own words <br> - Makaton <br> - Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with questions, comments and actions. <br> - Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify | Comprehension <br> - Share books with adults and peers <br> - Retell known stories <br> - Sequencing events with support <br> - Answer simple questions about a text <br> - Anticipate key events in stories <br> - Demonstrate an understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives <br> - Use own words and recently introduced vocabulary. <br> Word Reading <br> - Read learned CEW linked to phonics scheme <br> - Re-read books for confidence, fluency, | - Develop coordination <br> - Use a range of tools safely, competently and confidently <br> - Use core muscle strength to achieve good posture when sitting at tables of on the floor <br> - Combine different movements with ease and fluency <br> - Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient <br> - Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing using the tripod grip in almost all cases <br> - Use a range of small tools including | - Create collaboratively sharing resources and skills <br> - Use artistic effects to express their feelings <br> - Watch and talk about performance art express feelings and responses <br> - Develop storylines in their play <br> - Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher <br> - Perform songs, rhymes, stories and poems with others |


|  | their understanding <br> - Hold conversations when engaged in back and forth engages with their teacher and peers <br> - Participate in small group, class and 1:1 discussions offering their own ideas using recently introduced vocabulary <br> - Offer explanations for why things might happen. <br> - Express their ideas and feelings using full sentences including past, present and future tense with modelling and support from their teacher. | understanding and enjoyment <br> - Oral blending <br> - Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. <br> - Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound blending <br> - Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge including some CEW <br> Writing <br> - UUse capital letters and full stops <br> - Re-read writing to check it makes sense <br> - Understand writing can be used for a range of purposes <br> - Use writing within | scissors, cutlery and paint brushes. <br> - Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing. |  |
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|  |  | free play <br> Write recognizable <br> letters - most of <br> which are correctly <br> formed <br> Spell words by <br> identifying sounds in <br> them and <br> representing them <br> with letter or leters <br> Write simple phrases <br> and sentences that <br> can be read by others |  |  |
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|  | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| NC <br> Breadth of study: <br> (Purpose for Writing) | Writing to Entertain: <br> Retell a story x 6 (Once every half term) Describe characters Diary entry from the perspective of a character <br> Writing to Inform: | Writing to Entertain: <br> Retell a story x 6 (Once every half term) Describe characters Diary entry from the perspective of a character Poetry | Writing to Entertain: <br> Narrative x 6 (Once every half term) Poetry Describe characters Describe settings Writing to Inform: Recount | Writing to Entertain: <br> Narrative x 6 ( Once every half term) <br> Poetry <br> Describe characters <br> Describe settings <br> Writing to Inform: <br> Recount | Writing to Entertain: <br> Narrative x 6 ( Once every half term) Describe characters including dialogue Poetry Writing to inform: Scientific report | Writing to Entertain: <br> Narrative x 6 (Once every half term) <br> Description. <br> Poetry <br> Characters/settings <br> Writing to inform: <br> Eye witness report |


|  | Recount <br> Letter <br> Instructions | Writing to Inform: <br> Recount (past tense) <br> Non Chronological <br> Report <br> Letter <br> Instructions | Report <br> Letter <br> Biography <br> Newspaper article <br> Writing to Persuade: <br> Speech | Letter <br> Explanation <br> Newspaper article <br> Writing to Persuade: <br> Advert <br> Letter | Recount <br> Biography <br> Newspaper article <br> Writing to Persuade: <br> Advert <br> Letter | Recount <br> Biography <br> Newspaper article <br> Writing to Persuade: <br> Letter <br> Speech |
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| Composition: | Plan their writing by: <br> 1)Saying out loud what they are going to write about. <br> Write sentences by: <br> 1)Composing a sentence orally before writing it. <br> 2)Sequencing sentences to form short narratives. | Plan their writing by: Considering what they are going to write before beginning by: <br> 1)Planning or saying <br> out loud what they are going to write about. <br> 2) Writing down ideas and/or keywords, | Plan their writing by: 1)Discussing writing s planning to write in o from its structure, vo 2)Discussing and reco Draft and write by: <br> 1)Composing and reh including dialogue. | to that which they are understand and learn ry and grammar. deas sentences orally, | Plan their writing by: <br> 1)Identifying the audi selecting the appropri writing as models for 2)Noting and develop and research where n 3)In writing narratives how authors have dev characters and setting | and purpose of the writing, m and using other similar wn. ial ideas, drawing on reading ry. dering |


|  | Evaluate: 1)Rereading what they have written to check that it makes sense. <br> 2) <br> Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils. <br> 3) <br> Read their writing aloud, clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. | including new vocabulary. <br> 3)Encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence. <br> Evaluate and edit by: <br> Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: <br> 1) Evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils. <br> 2) Re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form. <br> 3) Proof-readin g to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]. <br> 4) <br> Read aloud <br> what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear. | 2) Progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures. <br> 3) Organising paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot. <br> 4) <br> In non-narrative material, using simple <br> organisational devices for example: headings and subheadings. <br> Evaluate and edit by: <br> 1) Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' <br> writing and suggesting improvements <br> 2) Proposing changes to grammar and <br> vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences. <br> 3) Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors. <br> 4) Read their own writing aloud to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. | Draft and write by: <br> 1) Selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning. <br> 2) In narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action. <br> 3) Précising longer passages <br> using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. <br> 4) Using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] <br> Evaluate and edit by: <br> 1)Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing, 2)proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. <br> 3) Ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing. <br> 4) Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and <br> plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the <br> appropriate register <br> 5) Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors |
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| Transcription Spelling: | the, a, do, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, | door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, | address answer appear arrive believe bicycle breath breathe build busy/business calendar caught centre | aggressive amateur ancient apparent appreciate attached available average awkward bargain bruise category |


| Common <br> Exception words: | his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our | mind, behind, child, children, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas | century certain circle complete consider continue decide describe different difficult disappear early earth eight/eighth enough exercise experience experiment extreme famous favourite <br> February forward(s) fruit grammar group guard guide heard heart height history imagine increase important interest island knowledge learn length library material medicine mention minute natural naughty notice occasion(ally) often opposite ordinary particular peculiar perhaps popular position possess(ion) possible potatoes pressure probably promise purpose quarter question recent regular reign remember sentence separate special straight strange strength suppose surprise therefore though/although thought through various weight woman/women | cemetery committee communicate community competition conscience* conscious* controversy convenience correspond criticise (critic + ise) curiosity definite desperate determined develop dictionary disastrous embarrass environment equip (-ped, -ment) especially exaggerate excellent existence explanation familiar foreign forty frequently government guarantee harass hindrance identity immediate(ly) language leisure lightning marvellous mischievous muscle necessary neighbour nuisance occupy occur opportunity parliament persuade physical prejudice privilege profession programme pronunciation queue recognise recommend relevant restaurant rhyme rhythm sacrifice secretary shoulder signature sincere(ly) soldier stomach sufficient suggest symbol system temperature thorough twelfth variety vegetable vehicle yacht |
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| Transcription <br> Spelling: <br> Spelling <br> Rules: <br> Note- see <br> Spelling <br> Appendix of NC <br> for further <br> specific <br> guidance and <br> word examples. <br> The International Phonetic | 1) Words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught. <br> 2)The days of the week. <br> 3) <br> The letters <br> of the <br> alphabet-using letter <br> names to distinguish <br> between spellings <br> 4) Using the <br> spelling rule for adding <br> -s or -es as the plural <br> marker for nouns and <br> the third person <br> singular marker for verbs. <br> 5) Using the | 1) Segmenting spoken words into phonemes, representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly. <br> 2) Learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones: there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea,bare/bear,one | 1) Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1) <br> 2) $\quad$ Spell words that are often misspelt <br> (English Appendix 1) <br> 3) Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's] <br> 4) Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary <br> 5) Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. <br> 6) Spell further <br> homophones Year 3: <br> accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, | 1) Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them <br> 2) Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]. <br> 3) Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused <br> 4) Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1 <br> 5) Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words <br> 6) Use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary <br> 7) Use a thesaurus. <br> 8) Endings which sound like //əs/ spelt -cious or -tious <br> 9) Endings which sound like //JI/ |


| Alphabet (IPA) is | prefix un- 6).using <br> -ing, -ed, -er and <br> -est where no | /won | there/their/they're your/you're | 10) Endings which sound like //əl/ |
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| used to represent sounds (phonemes). A table showing the IPA is provided in the NC | change is needed in the spelling of root words. <br> 7) <br> Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. <br> 8) The sounds /f/, /I/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, II, ss, zz and ck <br> 9) The / $\mathrm{\eta} /$ sound spelt $n$ before k <br> 10) Division of words into syllables <br> 11) -tch <br> 12) The /v/ sound at the end of words <br> 13) Vowel <br> digraphs and trigraphs: <br> ai, oi, ay, oy, a-e, e-e, i-e, <br> o-e, u-e, ar, ee, ea, er,ir, <br> ur, oo, oa, oe,ou, ow, ue, <br> ew, ie, igh, or, ore, aw, <br> au, air, ear, are <br> 14) Words ending <br> -y (/i:/ or /I/) <br> 15) New <br> consonant <br> spellings ph and wh <br> 16) Using k for the /k/ sound <br> 17) Adding the prefix -un <br> 18) Compound words | 3) Learning <br> to spell common exception words. <br> 4) Learning <br> to spell more <br> words with <br> contracted forms. <br> 5) Learning the <br> possessive apostrophe <br> (singular) [for example, the girl's book.] <br> 6) Add suffixes <br> to spell longer words including -ment, -ness, -ful, - less, -ly. <br> 7) <br> Write from <br> memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. <br> 8) The $/ \mathrm{d}_{3} /$ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before $e, i$ and $y$ 9) $\quad$ The $/ s /$ sound spelt c before e , i and y 10) The $/ n /$ sound spelt kn and (less often) $g n$ at the beginning of words 11) The $/ r /$ sound spelt wr at the | Year 4: <br> mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's <br> 7) Adding suffixes beginning with vowel <br> letters to words of more than one syllable <br> 8) $\quad$ The $/ \mathrm{I} /$ sound spelt $y$ elsewhere than at the end of words <br> 9) The $/ \Lambda /$ sound spelt ou <br> 10) The suffix -ation <br> 11) The suffix -ly <br> 12) Words with endings sounding like / $3 ə /$ or / $\mathrm{t} \boldsymbol{\mathrm { J }}$ / <br> 13) Endings which sound like / 3 ən/ <br> 14) The suffix -ous <br> 15) Endings which sound like //əən/, spelt -tion, -sion, ssion, -cian <br> 16) Words with the $/ \mathrm{k} /$ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) <br> 17) Words with the /J/ sound spelt ch (mostly <br> French in origin) <br> 18) Words ending with the $/ \mathrm{g} /$ sound spelt gue and the $/ \mathrm{k} /$ sound spelt -que (French in origin) <br> 19) Words with the $/ \mathrm{s} /$ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin) <br> 20) Words with the /eI/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey | 11) Words ending in -able and -ible Words ending in -ably and -ibly <br> 12) Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer <br> 13) Use of the hyphen <br> 14) Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after $c$ <br> 15) Words containing the letter-string ough <br> 16) Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) <br> 17) Homophones and other words that are often confused |
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|  |  | 23) The $/ \mathrm{D} /$ sound <br> spelt a after w and qu <br> 24 The $/ \mathrm{p} /$ sound <br> spelt a after $w$ and qu |  |  |
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| Vocabulary /Terminology for | letter, capital letter word, singular, plural,sentence punctuation, full stop, question marks, exclamation mark | noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense (past, present) apostrophe, comma | preposition, conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks') | determiner pronoun, possessive pronoun adverbial | modal verb, relative pronoun relative clause parenthesis, bracket, dash cohesion, ambiguity | subject, object <br> active, passive <br> synonym, antonym <br> ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semicolon, bullet points |
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NB: Grammar is progressive and builds on previous knowledge. Therefore it is essential that all elements from prior years are evident in writing.

| Grammar <br> : Word | Regular plural noun suffixes -s or -es <br> Suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. helping, helped, helper) <br> How the prefix unchanges the meaning of verbs and adjectives | Formation of nouns using suffixes such as ness, -er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] <br> Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as - ful, -less <br> Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives and | Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes [for example super-, anti-, auto-] <br> Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, | The grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done] | Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes [for example, - ate; -ise; -ify] <br> Verb prefixes [for example, dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-] | The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, find out - discover; ask for request; go in - enter] <br> How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little]. |
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|  |  | the use of -ly in <br> Standard English to | insoluble] |  |  |  |
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|  |  | turn adjectives into adverbs |  |  |  |  |
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| Grammar <br> Sentence | How words can combine to make sentences <br> Joining words and joining clauses using and | Sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command <br> Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify <br> Subordination (using when, if, that, or because) <br> Coordination (using or, and, or but) | Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions eg when,if, because, although <br> Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition <br> Using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause <br> Fronted adverbials | Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions eg when,if, because, although <br> Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition <br> Using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause <br> Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases <br> Fronted adverbials | Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun <br> Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs [for example, perhaps, surely] or modal verbs [for example, might, should, will, must] <br> using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence <br> using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause <br> using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely | Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence [for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)]. <br> The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come in some very formal writing and speech] |


| Grammar : Text | Sequencing sentences to form short narratives | Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing <br> Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense | Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material Headings and subheadings to aid presentation Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past | Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme <br> Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition | Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly] <br> Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for | Linking 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 |
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|  |  | to mark actions in <br> progress [for example, <br> she is drumming, he <br> was shouting] | Use of the present perfect <br> form of verbs instead of <br> the simple past | example, nearby] and <br> number [for example, <br> secondly] or tense choices <br> [for example, he had seen <br> her before] |
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| ellipsis |  |  |  |  | | Layout devices [for example, |
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| headings, sub-headings, |
| columns, bullets, or tables, to |
| structure text] |



