



Writing Progression Y1-6

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3																		
Contexts for Writing & Drafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can write my sentences in order to tell a short narrative. ✓ I can say my sentences out loud before I write them down independently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can write narrative texts about the experiences of others (fiction) ✓ I can write narrative texts about my own personal experiences (real) ✓ I can write about real events (non-fiction) ✓ I can write poetry. ✓ I can write for different purposes ✓ I can write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary ✓ I can encapsulate what I want to say, sentence by sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can discuss writing similar to that which I am planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar ✓ I can write a detailed paragraph about 1 point before moving onto another. ✓ I can create settings in my stories. ✓ I can develop characters in my stories. ✓ I can create a plot in my stories. ✓ I can use headings and sub-headings are used to aid presentation. 																		
Spelling & Word Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can spell most of the 40+ phonemes that I have been taught in Reception. ✓ I can spell common exception words which are difficult to sound out. ✓ I can spell the days of the week. ✓ I can name the letters of the alphabet in order. ✓ I can use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound ✓ I can spell plural words correctly by adding -s and -es. ✓ I can use the prefix -un correctly in words that I know to change the meaning of verbs/ adverbs. ✓ I can use words which end in -ing, -ed, -er and -est correctly when I don't have to change the root word. ✓ I can spell words with the spelling patterns; -tch ✓ -ff, ll, ss, zz, ck ✓ I can spell some compound words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can spell words in a phonetically plausible way. ✓ I can use more word-specific knowledge of spellings; including homophones, for both mono- and multi-syllabic words. ✓ I can spell most year 2 common exception words correctly ✓ I can distinguish between homophones and near-homophones ✓ I can use apostrophes in the correct place for contracted forms. ✓ I can add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, er, est -ly ✓ I can apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1 (details on planning document) ✓ I can segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many correctly. ✓ I can spell compounding words (e.g. whiteboard, superman). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can spell further homophones ✓ I can spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1) ✓ I can understand and use further prefixes and suffixes ✓ I am beginning to use the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns. ✓ I can use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary. ✓ I understand some word families based on common words. 																		
Handwriting & Transcription	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can write simple sentences dictated by my teacher. ✓ I can sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly ✓ I can begin to form my lower case letters correctly so that they start and finish in the right place and they face the right way. ✓ I can write my capital letters correctly and they face the right way. ✓ I can write my numbers 0-9 correctly and they face the right way. ✓ I can form letters which belong in the same family in the right way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. ✓ I can form lower case letters correctly although there may be some unevenness in size. ✓ I can join some of my letters correctly. ✓ I can form capital letters correctly which face the right way and are broadly of the same size. ✓ I can form digits 0-9 correctly which face the right way and are broadly of the same size. ✓ I can space my words apart more consistently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. ✓ I can begin to join my handwriting independently using horizontal and diagonal joins ✓ I can make my handwriting increasingly legible and consistent in quality, size and formation. 																		
Planning Writing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can plan or say out loud what I am going to write about ✓ I can show that I have considered my writing through noting down key ideas in planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can discuss and record my ideas ✓ I can compose and rehearse sentences orally, progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures 																		
Editing Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils ✓ I can begin to make improvements to my work after reading it to check it makes sense. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can evaluate my writing with my teacher and other pupils ✓ I can identify errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation to demarcate sentences, in my work. ✓ I can make additions or improvements as a result of re-reading with my teacher (up-stage vocabulary, extend sentences) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can suggest some improvements to the work that my friends have done. ✓ I can suggest some improvements about my own work linked to the success criteria. ✓ I can proof-read and make corrections to familiar spellings and punctuation, including accurate use of pronouns in sentences. 																		
Performing Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can read my writing back to someone else. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can read aloud what I have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can read my 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. 																		
Grammar, Vocabulary & Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can begin to use capital letters and full stops in sentences. ✓ I can begin to use question marks appropriately. ✓ I can begin to use exclamation marks appropriately. ✓ I can begin to use Standard English in my writing. ✓ I can leave spaces between my words. ✓ I can use the conjunction 'and' to join words and clauses. ✓ I am beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark ✓ I can use capital letters; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the names of people Places Days of the week Personal pronoun I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can begin to demonstrate my understanding of sentences in different forms including; Statements Questions Exclamations Commands ✓ I can show my understanding of past and present tense in my writing. ✓ I can use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense. ✓ I can begin to use conjunctions to show co-ordination using <i>or, and, but</i> ✓ I can begin to use conjunctions to show use of subordination using <i>because, if, that and when.</i> ✓ I am beginning to use some features of written Standard English ✓ I can use suffixes to form new words correctly most of the time; 'ment, 'ness, 'ful, 'less, 'ly ✓ I can punctuate my sentences correctly using capital letters and full stops most of the time. ✓ I can use commas in lists. ✓ I can use apostrophes in the correct place for the (singular) possessive form. ✓ I can use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify ✓ I can use question marks accurately. ✓ I can use exclamation marks accurately. ✓ I can begin to show my understanding of how apostrophes are used for contracted word forms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past ✓ I can form some nouns using prefixes (super-, anti-) ✓ I can use 'a' or 'an' according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel. ✓ I can use a variety of simple and compound sentences. ✓ I can begin to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. ✓ I can use a wider range of conjunctions to extend sentences and express time, cause and place including; <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Conjunctions</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Adverbs</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Prepositions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>-when</td> <td>-then</td> <td>-before</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-if</td> <td>-Next</td> <td>-after</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-because</td> <td>-Soon</td> <td>-during</td> </tr> <tr> <td>-although</td> <td>-therefore</td> <td>-in</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>-because of</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Conjunctions	Adverbs	Prepositions	-when	-then	-before	-if	-Next	-after	-because	-Soon	-during	-although	-therefore	-in			-because of
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Grammatical Terminology	letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark	noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, adjective, verb, suffix, adverb tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma	adverb, preposition conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter, inverted commas (or 'speech marks')																		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can spell further homophones ✓ I can spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1) ✓ I can understand and use further prefixes and suffixes (details on planning sheet) ✓ I can use the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns. ✓ I can use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can spell some words with silent letters ✓ I can distinguish between some homophones and other words which are often confused. ✓ I can show some evidence of the use of morphology and etymology in spelling new, unfamiliar or words that need to be specifically learnt. ✓ I can use suffixes to convert nouns or adjectives into verbs ✓ I can add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to some words ending in '-fer' ✓ I can use dictionaries to check spelling and meaning of some words using the first 3 or 4 letters of the word. ✓ I can use prefixes to convert nouns to verbs (e.g. dis, de, mis, over, re) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can spell words with silent letters ✓ I can distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused. ✓ I can show evidence of the use of morphology and etymology in spelling new, unfamiliar or words that need to be specifically learnt. ✓ I can use suffixes to convert nouns or adjectives into verbs ✓ I can add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in '-fer' ✓ I can use dictionaries to check spelling and meaning of words using the first 3 or 4 letters of the word. 	<p>Spelling & Word Building</p>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can discuss and record my ideas ✓ I can compose and rehearse sentences orally, progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I am beginning to use note taking with increasing effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can use note taking effectively. 	<p>Planning Writing</p> <p><small>(These skills should be taught explicitly through the range of genres and any other topic work)</small></p>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can read my 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can perform my own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ I can perform my own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear. 	<p>Performing Writing</p>			
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determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial	modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity	subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points	<p>Grammatical Terminology</p> <p><small>(Children should be using this vocabulary when they talk about their work)</small></p>			

