



Skills Progression: ENGLISH Writing



Skills	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonic & Whole word spelling children should:	Recognises sounds and reads words in line with what has been taught in Monster Phonics	<p>Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes taught</p> <p>Spell common exception words</p> <p>Spell the days of the week</p> <p>Name the letters of the alphabet in order</p> <p>Use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</p> <p>Spell words with simple phoneme/ grapheme correspondence accurately e.g. cat, dog, red</p> <p>Make phonetically plausible attempts at writing longer words using dominant phonemes and common grapheme representations</p>	<p>Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many correctly</p> <p>Learn 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</p> <p>Learn to spell common exception words</p> <p>Distinguish between homophones and near-homophones</p>		<p>Spell further homophones</p> <p>Spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1)</p>	<p>Spell some words with 'silent' letters</p> <p>Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused</p> <p>Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in Appendix 1</p>	<p>Spell some words with 'silent' letters</p> <p>Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused</p> <p>Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in Appendix 1</p>
Other word building spelling children should:		<p>Other word building spelling-use the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs</p> <p>use the prefix un–</p> <p>use –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words</p> <p>apply simple spelling rules and guidance from Appendix 1</p>	<p>learning the possessive apostrophe (singular)</p> <p>learn to spell more words with contracted forms</p> <p>add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly</p> <p>show awareness of silent letters in spelling e.g. knight, write</p> <p>use –le ending as the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words</p> <p>apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1</p>	<p>use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them</p> <p>place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals</p> <p>use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary</p>	<p>use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them</p> <p>place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals</p> <p>use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary</p>	<p>use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</p> <p>use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</p> <p>use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</p>	<p>use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</p> <p>use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</p> <p>use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</p>
Transcription children should:	<p>Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; • Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; • Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.</p> <p>Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.</p> <p>Writes short sentences with words with known sounds using a capital letter and full stop.</p>	<p>write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far</p>	<p>write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far.</p>	<p>write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.</p>	<p>write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.</p>		
Handwriting children should:	<p>Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing. 	<p>sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</p> <p>begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</p> <p>form capital letters</p> <p>form digits 0-9</p>	<p>form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another</p> <p>start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</p>	<p>use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</p> <p>increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting</p>	<p>use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</p> <p>increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting</p>	<p>choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters</p> <p>choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task</p>	<p>choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters</p> <p>choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task</p>



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		<p>understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' and to practise these</p> <p>Produce recognisable letters and words to convey meaning</p> <p>another person can read writing with some mediation</p>	<p>write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters</p> <p>use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.</p>				
Contexts for Writing children should:	<p>Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling</p> <p>Child initiated writing (in role, and for purpose)</p> <p>write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)</p> <p>write about real events write poetry</p> <p>write for different purposes</p>	<p>write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)</p> <p>write about real events write poetry</p> <p>write for different purposes</p>	<p>write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)</p> <p>write about real events write poetry</p> <p>write for different purposes</p>	<p>discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar</p>	<p>discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar</p>	<p>identify the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own</p> <p>in writing narratives, consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed</p>	<p>identify the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own</p> <p>in writing narratives, consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed</p>
Planning Writing children should:	<p>Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher</p> <p>Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary; • Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; • Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.</p>	<p>say out loud what they are going to write about</p> <p>compose a sentence orally before writing it</p>	<p>plan or say out loud what they are going to write about</p>	<p>discuss and record ideas</p> <p>compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures</p>	<p>discus and record ideas</p> <p>compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures</p>	<p>note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary</p>	<p>note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary</p>
Drafting Writing children should:	<p>To think of, say and write a simple sentence, sometimes using a capital letter and full stop.</p>	<p>sequence sentences to form short narratives</p>	<p>write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary</p> <p>encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence</p>	<p>organise paragraphs around a theme</p> <p>in narratives, create settings, characters and plot</p> <p>in non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings)</p>	<p>organise paragraphs around a theme</p> <p>in narratives, create settings, characters and plot</p> <p>in non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings)</p>	<p>select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning</p> <p>in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action</p> <p>predicting longer passages</p> <p>use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs</p> <p>use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader</p>	<p>select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning</p> <p>in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action</p> <p>précising longer passages</p> <p>use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs</p> <p>use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader</p>
Editing Writing children should:	<p>Re-reads what they have written to check that it makes sense.</p>	<p>re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense</p> <p>discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils</p>	<p>evaluate their writing with the teacher and other pupils</p> <p>re-read to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly</p>	<p>assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements</p> <p>propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve</p>	<p>assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements</p> <p>propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve</p>	<p>assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing</p> <p>propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify</p>	<p>assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing</p> <p>propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify</p>



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Performing Writing children should:	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions; • Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding; • Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher; • Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs; • Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and – when appropriate try to move in time with music.	read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher	read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear	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.	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.	perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.	perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.
Vocabulary children should:	Talk about elements of a topic using newly introduced vocabulary and extending sentences using a range of conjunctions to offer extra explanation and detail with correct tenses. (leave spaces between words join words and joining clauses using "and" Use familiar adjectives to add detail e.g. red apple, bad wolf	use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify attempt some varied vocab and use some varied sentence openings e.g. time connectives	extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition	extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition	use a thesaurus use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility	use a thesaurus use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
Grammar children should:		use regular plural noun suffixes (-s, -es) use verb suffixes where root word is unchanged (-ing, -ed, -er) use the un- prefix to change meaning of adjectives/adverbs combine words to make sentences, including using and sequence sentences to form short narratives separate of words with spaces use sentence demarcation (. ! ?) use capital letters for names and pronoun 'I')	use coordination (using or, and, or but) use commas in lists use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command use subordination (using when, if, that, or because) use apostrophes for omission & singular possession use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form use extended simple sentences e.g. including adverbs and adjectives to add interest use some features of written Standard English Learn how to use selected grammar for Year 2	use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense form nouns using prefixes use the correct form of 'a' or 'an' use word families based on common words (solve, solution, dissolve, insoluble) use fronted adverbials use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause learn, use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.	use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense form nouns using prefixes use the correct form of 'a' or 'an' use word families based on common words (solve, solution, dissolve, insoluble) use a wide range of fronted adverbials correctly punctuated use a wide range of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause. learn, use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.	use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun convert nouns or adjectives into verbs use verb prefixes use devices to build cohesion, including adverbials of time, place and number	recognise vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause understand and use differences in informal and formal language understand synonyms & Antonyms use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connections and adverbials use of ellipsis



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Punctuation children should:	Think of, say and write a simple sentence, sometimes using a capital letter and full stop. (LIT)	begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'	develop understanding by learning how to use familiar and new punctuation correctly: Full stops and capital letters and question marks use sentence demarcation CL . ? Exclamation marks and commas in a list Apostrophes for contracted form and for possession	use commas after fronted adverbials indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns use and punctuate direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas)	use commas after fronted adverbials indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns use and punctuate direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas)	use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis	use hyphens to avoid ambiguity use semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses use a colon to introduce a list punctuating bullet points consistently
Grammatical Terminology children should:	letter capital letter word sentence full stop	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')	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