Writing Overview



Every child a leader – Every chance taken – Every day counts

The national curriculum for writing aims to ensure that all pupils:

The programmes of study for writing at key stages 1 and 2 are:

♠ transcription (spelling and handwriting)

◆ composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech and writing).

It is essential that teaching develops pupils' competence in these two dimensions.

In addition, pupils should be taught how to plan, revise and evaluate their writing. These aspects of writing have been incorporated into the programmes of study for composition. Writing down ideas fluently depends on effective transcription: that is, on spelling quickly and accurately through knowing the relationship between sounds and letters (phonics) and understanding the morphology (word structure) and orthography (spelling structure) of words. Effective composition involves forming, articulating and communicating ideas, and then organising them coherently for a reader. This requires clarity, awareness of the audience, purpose and context, and an increasingly wide knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. Writing also depends on fluent, legible and, eventually, speedy handwriting.

National Curriculum Knowledge

Pupils should...

Upper KS2

Pupils' writing during year 1 will generally develop at a slower pace than their reading. This is because they need to encode the sounds they hear in words (spelling skills), develop the physical skill needed for handwriting, and learn how to organise their ideas in writing. Pupils entering year 1 who have not yet met the early learning goals for literacy should continue to follow their school's curriculum for the Early Years Foundation Stage to develop their word reading, spelling and language skills. However, these pupils should follow the year 1 programme of study in terms of the books they listen to and discuss, so that they develop their vocabulary and understanding of grammar, as well as their knowledge more generally across the curriculum. If they are still struggling to decode and spell, they need to be taught to do this urgently through a rigorous and systematic phonics programme so that they catch up rapidly.

KS1

In writing, pupils at the beginning of year 2 should be able to compose individual sentences orally and then write them down. They should be able to spell correctly many of the words covered in year 1 (see English Appendix 1). They should also be able to make phonically plausible attempts to spell words they have not yet learnt. Finally, they should be able to form individual letters correctly, so establishing good handwriting habits from the beginning. It is important to recognise that pupils begin to meet extra challenges in terms of spelling during year 2. Increasingly, they should learn that there is not always an obvious connection between the way a word is said and the way it is spelt. Variations include different ways of spelling the same sound, the use of so-called silent letters and groups of letters in some words and, sometimes, spelling that has become separated from the way that words are now pronounced, such as the 'le' ending in table. Pupils' motor skills also need to be sufficiently advanced for them to write down ideas that they may be able to compose orally. In addition, writing is intrinsically harder than reading: pupils are likely to be able to read and understand more complex writing (in terms of its vocabulary and structure) than they are capable of producing themselves.

Pupils should be able to write down their ideas with a reasonable degree of accuracy and with good sentence punctuation. Teachers should therefore be consolidating pupils' writing skills, their vocabulary, their grasp of sentence structure and their knowledge of linguistic terminology. Teaching them to develop as writers involves teaching them to enhance the effectiveness of what they write as well as increasing their competence. Teachers should make sure that pupils build on what they have learnt, particularly in terms of the range of their writing and the more varied grammar, vocabulary and narrative structures from which they can draw to express their ideas. Pupils should be beginning to understand how writing can be different from speech. Joined handwriting should be the norm; pupils should be able to use it fast enough to keep pace with what they want to say. Pupils' spelling of common words should be correct, including common exception words and other words that they have learnt (see English Appendix 1). Pupils should spell words as accurately as possible using their phonic knowledge and other knowledge of spelling, such as morphology and etymology.

Lower KS2

Pupils should be able to write down their ideas quickly. Their grammar and punctuation should be broadly accurate. Pupils' spelling of most words taught so far should be accurate and they should be able to spell words that they have not yet been taught by using what they have learnt about how spelling works in English. By the end of year 6, pupils' reading and writing should be sufficiently fluent and effortless for them to manage the general demands of the curriculum in year 7, across all subjects and not just in English, but there will continue to be a need for pupils to learn subject specific vocabulary. They should be able to reflect their understanding of the audience for and purpose of their writing by selecting appropriate vocabulary and grammar. Teachers should prepare pupils for secondary education by ensuring that they can consciously control sentence structure in their writing and understand why sentences are constructed as they are. Pupils should understand nuances in vocabulary choice and age-appropriate, academic vocabulary. This involves consolidation, practice and discussion of language.

Purpose for writing:



Teach others by sharing their experience and knowledge, or to teach themselves by writing to

Persuade Or Influence



Persuade or influence others by sharing their thoughts and opinions.

Entertain



Entertain themselves or others by sharing stories - both real and imagined.

Paint With Words



Paint with words to show their artistry and their ability to see things differently, or to simply play around and have fun.

Reflec



Reflect in order to better understand themselves, their place in the world or their response to a new subject.

Make A Record



Make A Record of something to look back on that they don't want to forget.

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Value	Resilience	Integrity	Democracy	Creativity	Gratitude	Diversity

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Units studied Fiction inked with ross curricular unit	A1 Goldilocks and the Three bears *Writing Rec & Yr2 A1 The Gingerbread Man ts *Writing Rec & Yr2 A2 The Tiger Who Came to Tea *Writing Rec A2 Percy the Park Keeper *Writing Rec A2 Stickman *Writing Rec Su1 We're going on the Bear Hunt *Writing Rec Su1 Handa's surprise *Writing Rec	familiar settings: The Very Hungry Caterpillar *Science Yr2 A2 Fiction Stories in familiar settings – Owl Babies Sp2 Fiction - Narrative – Stories with Repetitive Vocabulary Peace	of a diary Au1	Spr 2: Fiction – Writing a story in the first person (Unit 2) Text – The Disappearing Moon	Fiction –Unit 4- Adventure story – On Safari by Nick Hunter- Au 1 *Geography Yr2 Fiction – Unit 2 story based on reality - Creature Teacher by Sam Watkins- Au 2 Fiction – Unit 1- Fantasy Attack of the Lizard King (Dinosaur Cove series) by Rex Stone- Sp 2 *History Yr3 Fiction –Unit 3- Creating fiction in a historical setting - War Game by Michael Foreman- Su 2	Fiction – Fantasy – Dragon Boy by Dick King Smith Autumn 1 *Reading Yr5 Fiction – Myths and legends – Theseus and the Minotaur Sp 2 Fiction – Mystery story with dialogue – The Pantomime cat by Enid Blyton Su 2 Fiction – Unit 4 – Arthur, High King of Britain (Retelling story) Spr 1	Fiction – Story in a fantasy setting Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll Aut 1 *Reading Yr6 Fiction – Story in a parallel world The Lion, The Witch and the wardrobe by C S Lewis Aut 2 Fiction – Sci Fi story – The Time machine by H G Wells Sum1
Non-Fiction	Su1 The Rainbow Fish *Writing Rec A1 Settling in - All about me *Writing Rec & Yr1 A2 The Christmas story *RE Rec & Yr2 Sp 1 and 2 Fire fighters, Vets, Doctors and Nurses, Dentists, The Postal services, The Police service *Writing Rec Sp2 The Easter Story *Writing Rec & RE Yrs 3 & 4	A1 Non-fiction – All About Me *Reading Sp1 Non-Fiction - Information Report Animals that hunt at night Su 1 Non-Fiction – Recount of planting in Science *Science	Fiction – Classic Narrative - Paddington to the rescue Su2 Non- fiction - Instructions: How to make a Halloween spider Au2 Non- fiction - Non-chronological reports: Mammals Su1 *Science Recount – School trip Sp 2 *History Yr2	Aut 2: Non- Fiction: Writing a report/information text (Unit 5) Text – Real Live Dragons! Spr 1: Non-Fiction: Writing an explanatory text (Unit 6) Text – How Do Your Senses Work? Sum 2: Non-Fiction - Writing a report/information text with longer entries (Unit 7) Text – Garden Creatures Sum 1: Non-Fiction – Writing an instructional text (Unit 8) Text –	*History WWI Yr5 Non-Fiction – Unit 7-information text – The arrival of the railways Spr 1 *History Yr1 & Yr6 Non-Fiction –Unit 6- Persuasion/advert – Dragons Kingdom-Sum1 Non-Fiction – Unit 8-Explanation Text – "What's the point?" Sum 1	Non- Fiction – Information report – Plastic Pollution Spr 1 Non- Fiction – Autobiography based on Floella Benjamin Su 1 Non-Fiction – Persuasive letter – Wonderful Wizards by Maria Richards Sum1 Non- Fiction – Unit 6 – Born Free: Elephant Rescue (Writing a third person recount) Aut 2	Non- Fiction – Persuasive letter Sum2 *Science Diet Yr6 Non-Fiction – Comparison text - Ancient and Medieval art by Rosie Dickens Spr 1 *History Yr5 Non-Fiction – Discussion – Where Should Sports Funding Be Aimed? Spr 1
Poetry	Su1 The Gruffalo *Writing Rec Su2 Commotion in the ocean *Writing Rec Su2 The Snail and the Whale *Writing Rec	A2 Poetry –Acrostic Poems *Writing Yr2 Su1 Poetry – Simple Rhyme Two Feet	Poetry: Shape Poems -Features of shape poems Au1 *Writing Yr1 Poetry - Nonsense poems - The Ow and the Pussycat – Su2	The Teachers Day in Bed	Poetry – Unit 9-Winter Break by Judith Nicholls –Aut 1	Unit 9 – There was a Naughty Boy and What Are heavy? (Poetry) Aut 1	Poetry - The Call by Charlotte Mew Aut1 Poetry – What is the World? Su 1
Grammar	Autumn Extend vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences	Capital letters and full stops	Autumn Writing in sentences Sentence punctuation Joining words: 'and', 'but' Joining words: 'or' Verbs: past and present tense 1 Verbs: past and present tense 2 Statements Questions Exclamations Commands	Noun phrases Using 'a' or 'an' Commas in lists Apostrophes for possession Using adjectives to compare Conjunctions	Autumn Extending sentences Subordinate clauses Word classes Determiners Noun phrases 1 Noun phrases 2 Punctuating direct speech 1 Punctuating direct speech 2 Pronouns within sentences Pronouns across sentences	Autumn Fronted adverbials: words and phrases Fronted adverbials: clauses Punctuating direct speech Direct and indirect speech Pronouns Pronouns and ambiguity Verbs: auxiliary verbs Verbs: perfect forms Standard English	Autumn Subordinate clauses Relative clauses Active voice Passive voice Colons and semicolons in lists Bullet points Synonyms Antonyms Standard English Formal and informal vocabulary

						Standard English: double negatives	
	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring	Spring
	Write short sentences with words	Using 'and' to join sentences	Nouns and noun phrases	Adverbs to show how	Adverbials	Determiners	Structures of informal speech
	with known sound-letter	More capital letters	Adjectives	Adverbs to show time and place	Fronted adverbials	Expanded noun phrases	Structures of formal writing
	correspondences using a capital	Adding –s and –es	Adjectives with suffixes –ful, –less	Prepositions to show place	Commas after fronted adverbials	Relative clauses	Impersonal writing
	letter and full stop	Question marks	Adjectives with suffixes –er, –est	Prepositions to show time	Fronting subordinate clauses	Relative clauses	Verbs: subjunctive form
		Verb endings	Joining words: 'when', 'because'	Inverted commas in direct speech	Singular and plural nouns	Parenthesis: brackets	Linking paragraphs
			Joining words: 'if', 'that'	Punctuation in direct speech	Plural –s or possessive –'s?	Parenthesis: commas and dashes	Ellipsis
			Compound nouns	Verbs: past tense	Apostrophes for plural possession	Adverbs and possibility	Semicolons between clauses
			Commas in lists	Verbs: perfect form	1	Modal verbs and possibility Verbs	Colons between clauses
			Verbs with -ing: present tense	Nouns with suffixes	Apostrophes for plural possession	with suffixes	Dashes between clauses
			Verbs with –ing: past tense	Nouns with prefixes	2	Verbs with prefixes	Hyphens
					Standard English		
					Verbs: perfect form		
	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer
	Use full sentences, including use	Exclamation marks	Adverbs	Clauses and phrases Subordinate	Possessive pronouns	Commas within sentences Commas	Word classes and homonyms
	of past, present and future tenses	Writing in sentences	Adverbs with suffix –ly	clauses	Making pronouns clear	to avoid ambiguity Linking	Nouns with suffixes
		Linking sentences	Apostrophes in shortened forms	Paragraphs: non-fiction	Co-coordinating and subordinating	paragraphs using adverbials	Sentence variation
	Make use of conjunctions, with	Describing words	Apostrophes for possession	Paragraphs: stories and accounts	conjunctions	Linking ideas within paragraphs	Multi-clause sentences
	modelling and support from their	Adding un-	Nouns with suffixes –er, –ness, –	Root words	Giving reasons: cause and effect	Standard English: adverbs	Punctuation to avoid ambiguity
	teacher		ment	Word families	Paragraphs: non-fiction	Sentence adverbs	Punctuation for effect
			Proper nouns	Word classes	Paragraphs: stories	Word classes	Varied verb forms (modal)
			Plural nouns and verbs	Pronouns	Negative sentences	Possessives	Changing tense
			Checking tense	Pronouns and verbs	Questions and question tags	More relative clauses	Standard English: confusing words
			Longer noun phrases	Singular and plural nouns	Adjectives with prefixes and	Conditional sentences	Layout devices: tables
			Writing with joining words		suffixes		
					Word families		
ammatical	Using a capital letter and full	letter, capital letter, word,	noun, noun phrase,	adverb, preposition conjunction,	determiner, pronoun,	modal verb, relative pronoun,	subject, object, active, passive,
erminology	stop.	singular, plural, sentence	statement, question,	word family, prefix, clause,	possessive pronoun,	relative clause, parenthesis,	synonym, antonym, ellipsis,
om the NC		punctuation, full stop, question	exclamation, command,	subordinate clause, direct	adverbial	bracket, dash, cohesion,	hyphen, colon, semi-colon,
ppendix 2)		mark, exclamation mark	compound, adjective, verb,	speech, consonant, consonant		ambiguity	bullet points
			suffix , adverb tense (past,	letter vowel, vowel letter,			
			present), apostrophe,	inverted commas (or 'speech			
			comma	marks')			

<u>Transcription</u>	Start to develop phonic	Read words containing each of	, ,	Consolidate Year 2 list and	Spell further homophones	Spell some words with 'silent'	Spell some words with 'silent'
	knowledge by linking sounds to	the 40+ phonemes taught	-	spell further homophones		letters, e.g. knight, psalm, solemn	letters, e.g. gnome, thumb, doubt.
Phonics & Whole	letters, naming and sounding	common exception words	representing these by		Spell words that are often misspelt	continue to distinguish between	continue to distinguish between
Word Spelling	some of the letters of the	the days of the week	graphemes, spelling many	Spell words that are often misspelt	(Appendix 1)	homophones and other words	homophones and other words
	alphabet, identifying letters and		correctly	(Appendix 1)		which are often confused	which are often confused
(see Spelling	writing recognisable letters in	Name the letters of the alphabet			Place the possessive apostrophe		
Progression for	sequence, such as in their own	in order	Learn to spell Year 2 common	Use further prefixes and suffixes	accurately in words with	Use knowledge of morphology and	use knowledge of morphology and
detailed	name		exception words distinguishing	and understand how to add them	irregular plurals, e.g. children's	etymology in spelling and	etymology in spelling and
breakdown)		Use letter names to distinguish	between homophones and near-		lunch; women's hats	understand that the spelling of	understand that the spelling of
	Begin to break the flow of speech	between alternative spellings of	homophones	Place the possessive apostrophe		some words needs to be learnt	some words needs to be learnt
	into words, to hear and say the	the same sound		accurately in words with	Use the first 2 or 3 letters of a	specifically, as listed in Appendix 1	specifically, as listed in Appendix 1
	initial sound in words and may		Learn to spell KS1 common	irregular plurals, e.g. children's	word to check its spelling in a		
	start to segment the sounds in	Learn the Year 1 common	exception words	lunch; women's hats	dictionary	Use further prefixes and suffixes	Use further prefixes and suffixes
	words and blend them together	exception words				and understand the guidance for	and understand the guidance for
		exception words	Distinguish between homophones	Use the first 2 or 3 letters of a	Write from memory, simple	adding them	adding them
	Spell words by identifying sounds	Use the explication of few adding		word to check its spelling in a	sentences dictated by the teacher	_	-
	in them and representing the	Use the spelling rule for adding –		dictionary	that include the words and	Distinguish between homophones	
	sounds with a letter or letters;	s or —es as the plural marker for	Learn the possessive apostrophe	,	punctuation taught so far	and words often confused	Distinguish between homophones
		nouns and the third person	(singular)	Write from memory, simple			and words often confused
	Begin to link sounds to some	singular marker for verbs		sentences dictated by the teacher		Use dictionaries to check the	
	frequently used digraphs, e.g. sh,	Hee the musting on	Learn to spell more words with	that include the words and		spelling and meaning of words	Use dictionaries to check the
	th, ee	Use the prefix un–		punctuation taught so far			spelling and meaning of words
	,			panetuation taugnt 30 lai		Use the first 3 or 4 letters of a	opening and meaning of words
		Use –ing, –ed, –er and –est	Add suffixes to spell longer			word to check spelling, meaning or	Use the first 3 or 4 letters of a
		where no change is needed in the	words, including -ment, -ness, -			both of these in a dictionary	word to check spelling, meaning or
		spelling of root words	ful, –less, –ly			both of these in a dictionary	both of these in a dictionary
			101, 1033, 19				both of these in a dictionary
		Write simple sentences dictated	Write simple centences distated				
		by the teacher incorporating the	Write simple sentences dictated				
		GPC's and CEW taught so far	by the teacher, incorporating the				
			GPC's, CEW and punctuation				
T		c:	taught so far			A4 25 1 21 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	M 2 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
<u>Transcription</u>	Use a comfortable grip with	Sit correctly at a table,	Form lower-case letters of the	Use the diagonal and horizontal	Use the diagonal and horizontal	Write legibly and fluently,	Write legibly and fluently,
1 ***	good control when holding	holding a pencil comfortably	correct size relative to one	strokes that are needed to join	strokes that are needed to join	choosing which shape of a letter	choosing which shape of a letter
Handwriting	pens and pencils	and correctly	another	letters and understand which	letters and understand which	to use when given choices and	to use when given choices and
/C 1 -++				letters, when adjacent to one	letters, when adjacent to one	deciding whether or not to join	deciding whether or not to join
(See Letterjoin	Begin to form recognisable	-	Start using some of the	another, are best left unjoined	another, are best left unjoined	specific letters	specific letters
Progession for	letters independently.		diagonal and horizontal strokes				
detailed breakdown	1	starting and finishing in the	needed to join letters and	Increase the legibility,	Increase the legibility,	Choose the writing implement that	Choose the writing implement that
	Conduct fine and gross motor	right place	understand which letters,	consistency and quality of their	consistency and quality of their	is best suited for a task	is best suited for a task
	skills warm-up exercises,		when adjacent to one another,	handwriting	handwriting		
	correct sitting position and	Form capital letters	are best left unjoined			Increase in speed	Increase in speed
	tripod pencil grip.			Refine their handwriting,	Use joined handwriting		
			Write capital letters and digits of	improvement in the legibility,	throughout all independent	Producing cursive writing	Select appropriate handwriting style
	Pre-writing patterns		the correct size, orientation and	consistency and quality	work	automatically, enabling them to	for a particular task e.g.
	easy letters and words	Understand which letters	relationship to one another and to			focus on the content of their work	tables/charts in science, algebra
	harder letters and words	belong to which handwriting	lower-case letters		Applying size appropriate	rather than the process of writing.	symbols, including joined and un-
		'families' and to practise			handwriting to all areas of		joined, capitals and quick notes
	At the end of this module,	these correctly write capital	Use spacing between words		the curriculum whilst		
	children should be able to	letters, uses of printed	that reflects the size of the		maintaining fluency and		
	recognise and form all the	letters, numbers,	letters		legibility		
	printed, lowercase letters of	punctuation, maths symbols					
	the alphabet		Pre-cursive patterns and				
			cursive letters and words,				
			letter families, high				
			frequency words, joining				
			practice, sequencing				
			, ,				
			sentences and dictation				
			sentences and dictation exercises				

Planning Writing	Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.	Say out loud what they are going to write about Compose a sentence orally before writing it	Plan or say out loud what they are going to write about	Discuss and record ideas composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures	Discuss and record ideas composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures	· ·	Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
Drafting Writing	Pinch the sound in words before writing.	Sequence sentences to form short narratives Re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense	Write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence	Organise paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings)	Organise paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices	Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning In narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action précising longer passages Use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs Use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader	Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning In narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action précising longer passages Use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs Use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader
Editing Writing	Discuss the writing with teacher looking at letter formation, finger space, and full stop.	Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils	Evaluate their writing with the teacher and other pupils rereading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing Ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors	Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing Ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors
Performing Writing		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 and other's 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.

The national curriculum in England - English Appendix 1: Spelling

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