

Writing



At Layfield, we recognise how essential it is for every child to acquire the relevant knowledge and skills to become an independent writer. We are committed to the development of a school - wide culture where children are supported and encouraged to write with confidence, fluency and understanding for a variety of purposes and audiences and across the curriculum.

We want all our children to be confident in the art of speaking and listening and be able to use discussion to communicate and further their learning.

In order to develop a secure foundation in writing, we recognise the need to follow a clear pathway of progression. Our aims are not just embeded in descrete lessons, but also within the wider curriculum.

Our writing curriulum provides purposeful opportunities for discussion, reading and writing and links closely to the aims of the National Curriculum for English 2014.

The National Curriculum for English (writing) aims to ensure that all pupils :

- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate

Our curriculum is designed to provide a coherent and progressive development of knowledge, skills and understanding.

We want Pupils to:

Love learning about English and our rich and varied literary heritage.

Achieve their full potential by gaining high standards of Language and Literacy.

Develop curiosity about language and literature - using their learning to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.

Have fun, learning new poems, reading new books and creating writing in different genres.

Be inspired by stories, texts and experiences.

Have memorable experiences and discuss them in order to learn.

Learn life skills by understanding how literacy can enrich their lives.

Develop a passion for reading for pleasure and information.

We strive to achieve the intent of the curriculum on a daily basis, through the planning and delivery of engaging lessons. These run for approximately one hour and take place five days a week. This is to ensure continuity, rigour in teaching, the acquisition and retention of knowledge, and the learning of new skills.

Knowledge and skills are woven through all lessons to enable the children to develop mastery - doing more, learning more and remembering more.

Displays and resources are used in class to promote and link reading, writing and discussion. We recognise the important role display and the sharing of completed written work has in teaching and learning. Each class displays and / or shares work in a variety of ways, celebrating children's achievements in school.

Our provision follows the 2014 National Curriculum - "Teachers should develop pupil's spoken language, reading, writing and vocabulary as integral aspects of the teaching of every subject. English is both a subject in its own right and the medium for teaching; for pupils, understanding the language provides access to the whole curriculum. Fluency in the English language is an essential foundation for success in all subjects."

We understand fully how spoken language underpins the development of reading and writing. As such, children are taught to speak clearly and convey ideas using standard English. They are assisted in justifying their ideas and giving reasons. They are given opportunities to ask questions to check understanding, develop vocabulary and build knowledge, negotiate, evaluate and build on the ideas of others, and select the appropriate register for effective communication. They are taught to give well–structured descriptions and explanations and develop their understanding through speculating, hypothesising and exploring ideas. We strive to enable them to be able to clarify their thinking as well as organise their ideas for writing.

Building on this foundation, we teach writing using a range of strategies which include:

- Discussions Sharing first-hand experiences, improvisation, role play, drama, group and class discussions.
- The use of books, other text and stimuli to engage children.
- Talk Partners Sharing ideas with a partner and discussing ideas, preparation for writing.
- Questioning Differentiated questioning strategies are used by staff to establish current understanding and develop an individual's learning.
- Modelled Writing Staff model elements of the writing process to demonstrate the high expectations they have. They vocalise their thoughts throughout the activity to make the writing process explicit. They provide a rich varied vocabulary for the children to utilise in their own work.
- Shared Writing Teachers use the ideas from the children to create shared pieces of writing. This enables the children to see the writing process in action as well as taking pride in the finished piece.
- Editing, improving and evaluating The children are taught how to proof—read their work. They are given the time and skills to edit and improve their work. They make suggestions about how to improve the work of other class members.

Through their lessons, the children at Layfield are given opportunities to use these strategies. They develop the stamina and skills needed to write at length and within the wider curriculum. They do so across a variety of genre and for different purposes and audiences. They are taught to spell and use punctuation correctly. There is a clear pathway of progression to facilitate this.

All lessons have a clear objective so that the children understand the purpose of the lesson or series of lessons. Activities are differentiated so that all children can access the lesson and make good progress. Where appropriate, teachers also ensure that children are taught and know how to demonstrate greater depth in their work.

Units of work are planned, focussing on developing the knowledge and skills needed for writing in a particular genre and for specific purposes and audiences. Lessons may often have a cross - curricular approach or link to the class ILP (Topic).

Early Years

In Nursery and Reception, literacy is about understanding and being understood. Early literacy skills are rooted in children's enjoyable experiences at school through talking, singing, playing, reading and writing. Opportunities are provided so that children develop the ability to interpret, create and communicate meaning through writing and reading in different media, such as picture books, logos, environmental print and digital technologies. They are encouraged to observe and join in the diverse ways that different people and communities use literacy for different purposes. Most importantly, the provision and activities mean that writing is engaging, purposeful and creative.

Developing literacy competence and skills is a complex, challenging yet rewarding journey that requires high-quality pedagogical activities to enhance learning. At our school, children are listened to by attentive adults who recognise and value their choices. We offer enjoyable, playful opportunities to being included and involved in the writing practices of their home, early years setting, and community environments.

Children have regular access to experiences of creating and sharing a range of texts in a variety of ways, with different media and materials, with adults and peers, both indoors and outdoors, as well as learning about using different signs and symbols, exploring sound and developing alphabetic and phonetic skills.

Early Learning Goals FY

Writing

Children at the expected level of development will:

- 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.

Key Stage 1 and 2

Our curriculum for writing at key stages 1 and 2 develops pupils' competence in transcription (spelling and handwriting) and composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech and writing). Pupils are taught how to plan, revise and evaluate their writing. These aspects of writing are incorporated into composition lessons.

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. Spelling is taught through an effective phonics programme alongside a structured spelling lessons.

Effective composition is taught by providing opportunities for children to forming, articulate and communicate ideas, and then organise them coherently for a reader. Experiences, vocabulary and ideas are generated and stimulated by a programme of visits, quality texts, audio and visual media and pictures to involves. Children are encouraged to develop and growing awareness of the audience, purpose and context, and an increasingly wide knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. Opportunities are taken to make links with other areas of the curriculum through topic work.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Sp	oring 1	Spring	g 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
Y1	Enchanted Woodland	Moon Zoom	Bright L	ights Big City	Paws Claw Whiske		Rio de Vida	Splendid Skies	
Y2	Land Ahoy!	Land Ahoy!	Street	Detectives	Scented G	arden	Wriggle and Cra	Towers, Turrets and Tunnels	
Y3	Heroes and Villains	Scrumdiddlyum	ptious!	Gods and	d Mortals		Predator!	Flow	
Y4	Misty Mountain Sierra	a I am Warrio	or	Burps, Bo	ttoms, Bile	Ro	oad Trip USA	Blue Abyss	
Y5	Scream Machine	Stargazers	s	Beast (Creator	Time Traveller		Pharaohs	
Y6	Blood Heart	Frozen Kingo	dom	A Child	d's War	Daı	win's Delight	Hola Mexico	

Handwriting is further developed from the skills obtained in the EYSF. Children are encouraged to develop fluent, legible and, eventually, speedy handwriting.

Curriculum Coverage

We ensure that a wide range of text types are introduced and revisited in a consistent and progressive manner. Clarity is provided about the purpose of the text type so that children can explore the purpose and audience for their writing in context.

	Aut	umn	Spi	ring	Sun	nmer
Reception	A variety of writing experiences linked to topics, experiences and books. Book connected writing opportunities Oral segmenting and blending Letter introduction and forming Name writing Captions and labels Work connected to Phase 2and 3 phonics Simple sentences.		A variety of writing experiences linked to topics experiences and books. Phase 2 phonics consolidation Phase 3 phonics teaching Simple sentences Basic punctuation Captions, lists and labels		A variety of writing experiences and books. Phase 3 phonics consoling Phase 4 phonics teaching Recounts Instructions Simple sentences and bear Transition for Y1	idation ng asic punctuation
Year 1	Traditional Tales	Entertain	Information Text	Inform	Information Booklet and posters	Inform
	Booklet	Inform	Recount	Inform	Instructions	Inform
	Instructions	Inform	Letter	Inform	Narrative – Stories with predictable language	Entertain
	Recount	Entertain	Narrative	Entertain	Postcards	Inform
	Character Description	Entertain	Character Description	Entertain	Poetry	Entertain
	Advert	Inform	Poetry	Entertain		
	Report	Inform	-			
Year 2	Simple Biography	Inform	Recount	Inform	Recount	Inform
	Instructions	Inform	Letter	Inform	Non – Chronological Report	Inform
	Poster	Inform	Information Text	Inform	Narrative	Entertain
	Poetry	Entertain	Instructions	Inform	Letter	Inform

	Narratives	Entertain	Poetry	Entertain		
	Non – Chronological Report	Inform	Explanation	Explain	Poetry	Entertain
	Recount	Inform	Narrative	Entertain		
Year 3	Non-chronological report	Inform	Recount,	Inform	Newspaper report	Inform
	Character description,	Entertain	Character description	Entertain	Instructions,	Inform
	Narrative	Entertain	Narrative	Entertain	Diary	Entertain
	Newspaper report,	Inform	Non-chronological report,	Inform	Narrative	Entertain
	Poetry	Entertain	Poetry	Entertain	Non-chronological report	inform
	Recount, bread project	Inform			Poetry	Entertain
	Instructions	Inform			Explanations	Inform
Year 4	Poems	Entertain	Instructions	Inform	Narrative	Entertain
	Narrative	Entertain	Narrative	Entertain	Recount	Inform
	Explanations	Inform	Poems	Entertain	Instructions	Inform
	Character description	Entertain	Explanation	Inform	Poems	Entertain

	Setting Description	Entertain	Leaflet	Persuasive	Biography	Inform
	Recount	Inform	Recount	Inform	Letter	Persuasive
	Non – Chronological Report	Inform				
Year 5	Recount	Inform	Non – Chronological Report	Inform	Poetry	Entertain
	Narrative	Entertain	Letter	Persuasive	Non – Chronological report	Inform
	Adverts	Inform	Narrative	Entertain	Narrative	Entertain
	Non-Chronological reports	Inform	Narrative (Comic Strips)	Entertain	Recount	Inform
	Newspaper Reports	Discuss	Character Studies and descriptive writing	Entertain	Play Scripts	Entertain
	Poetry	Entertain	Leaflets	Inform		
	Letters	Persuasive	Poetry	Entertain		
	Balanced Argument	Discuss				
Year 6	Formal letter	Inform	Informal letter	Inform	Narrative	Entertain
	Explanations	Inform	Narrative	Entertain	Postcards	Inform
	Narrative	Entertain	Speech	Persuade	Information Leaflet	Inform

News Bulletin	Inform	Wildlife documentary	Inform	Poetry	
Newspaper article	Inform	Diary	Inform		
Newspaper article	IIIIOIIII	Diai y	IIIIOIIII	In the summer term, Year 6 begin to make their own choices about the style of writing they will	
Non – Chronological Report	Inform	Biography	Inform	use for a particular purpose and audience.	
Poetry	Entertain				

Skills Progression

		EYFS S	Skills and knowledge	ge progression		
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery Skills	To be able to mark make and identify their marks. (Au1)	To find and identify familiar letters, e.g. letters in their names. (Au2)	To begin to attempt writing familiar letters, e.g. letters in their name. (Sp1)	To be able to mark make and give meaning to their marks. (Sp2)	Children will begin to identify some sounds during oral blending games. (Su1)	Lots of games focussing on oral blending. (Su2)
	To recognise familiar logos and labels within the environment. (Au1)	To talk about and retell a range of familiar stories. (Au2) To begin to explore initial sounds in familiar words. (Au2)	Adults will consistently model correct formation. (Sp1) To find and identify familiar letters, e.g. letters in their names. (Sp1) To talk about and retell a range of familiar	To begin to form some letters correctly, e.g. letters in their name. (Sp2)	To begin to make predictions about a story, sometimes supported by an adult with vocabulary. (Su1)	Children are able to identify initial sounds and blend familiar CVC words. (Su2) Make predictions about a story using the relevant vocabulary with independence. (Su2) To mark make for a
			stories. (Sp1)			purpose and be able to talk about the marks. (Su2)

Nursery Knowledge	To know that text can be used as a form of identification. (Au1) To know that text has a meaning. (Au1) To know that text is read from left to right and top to bottom in English. (Au1) To name and talk about the different parts of a book, e.g. front cover/back cover/spine/pages. (Au1) To learn a range of Nursery Rhymes. (Au1)	To know that letters are used to make up words. (Au2) To know that each letter makes a sound – focussing on sounds in their names. (Au2) To learn that stories have a sequence; beginning, middle and end. (Au2) To know that text is read from left to right and top to bottom in English. (Au2) To name and talk about the different parts of a book, e.g. front cover/ back cover/ spine/ pages (Au2) To begin to acknowledge initial sounds and their relevance in the environment (Au2)	To know that each letter makes a sound – focussing on sounds in their names. (Sp1) To join in with repetition within stories and rhymes. (Sp1) To be able to talk about different parts of the story. (Sp1)	To be able to talk about their marks with confidence. (Sp2) (Sp2) To be able to talk about different parts of the story.	To know that blending sounds makes words. (Su1) To identify the pictures with corresponding. (Su1) To join in with repetition within stories. (Su1) To be able to talk about different parts of the story. (Su1)	To identify CVC words orally. (Su2) To be able to segment sounds in CVC words. (Su2) To know that letters make sounds. (Su2) To join in with repetition within stories. (Su2) To engage in extended conversations about stories. (Su2)
Phonics	Phase 1	Phase1 Phase 2 One sound per week	Phase 1 Phase 2 One sound per week	Phase 1 Phase 2 One sound per week	Phase 1 Phase 2 One sound per week	Phase 1 Phase 2 One sound per week
Reception Knowledge	Knowing that words can be written. (Au1)	Knowing that words can be written. (Au2)	Knowing that words can be written. (Sp1)	Knowing the sounds that the taught phonemes make. (Sp2)	Knowing the sounds that the taught phonemes make. (Su1)	Knowing the sounds that the taught phonemes make. (Su2)

Knowing the sounds that the taught letters make. (Au1)	Knowing the sounds that the taught letters make. (Au2)	Knowing the sounds that the taught letters make. (Sp1)	Knowing what the taught phonemes look like. (Sp2)	Knowing what the taught phonemes look like. (Su1)	Knowing what the taught phonemes look like. (Su2)
that the taught letters	that the taught letters	that the taught letters	taught phonemes look	taught phonemes look	taught phonemes look
				Uses learnt words and phrases to discuss familiar stories or during role play. (Su1)	

	Knows how to spell some familiar words. (Su1)
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Progression for Composition Skills

		F	Progression in Con	nposition		
Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Planning &	Learn to say aloud what	Discuss and plan ideas.	Learn about structure,	Learn about structure,	Identify the audience	Identify the audience
Preparation	they are going to write		grammar and vocab of	grammar and vocab of	and purpose of different	and purpose of different
	about.	Write down key words	different text types	different text types	types or writing.	types for writing.
		& new vocabulary.	through modelling and	through modelling and		
	Understand that words		discussion.	discussion.	Use other similar	Use other similar
	can be joined together				writing as models for	writing as models for
	to make sentences.		Record ideas in	Record ideas in	their own.	their own.
			different ways.	different ways.		
					Develop note-taking	Develop note-taking
			Organise ideas into		and research skills.	and research skills.
			paragraphs to group-			
			related materials		Study different authorial	Study different authorial
			together.		techniques to set	techniques to set
					characters and settings.	characters and settings.

Drafting & Writing	Composing sentences orally before writing. Sequencing sentences to form short narratives.	Compose and rehearse sentences orally. Write narratives about personal experiences and those of others. Write about real events. Write for different purposes.	Compose and rehearse sentences orally, including dialogue. Develop new vocabulary and use it in own writing . Include paragraphs in writing. Create characters, setting and plot in narratives. Use simple organisational devices such as headings/subheadings, in nonnarrative.	Compose and rehearse sentences orally, including dialogue. Develop new vocabulary and use it in own writing. Include paragraphs in writing. Create characters, setting and plot in narratives. Use simple organisational devices such as headings/subheadings, in nonnarrative.	Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary for purpose and audience. Describe settings, characters and atmosphere. Move plot forward through dialogue, action and description. Précising longer passages.	Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary for purpose and audience. Describe settings, characters and atmosphere. Move plot forward through dialogue, action and description. Précising longer passages. Use a range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. Use further presentational and
Editing & Evaluating	Re-reading what they have read to make sure it makes sense. Discuss writing. Read writing aloud clearly.	Evaluate writing with others. Re-read writing for sense. Proof-read to check for punctuation, spelling or grammatical errors. Read writing aloud clearly and with expression.	Assess effectiveness of own writing and that of others'. Proof-read to check for punctuation, spelling or grammatical errors. Read writing with appropriate intonation to make meaning clear.	Assess effectiveness of own writing and that of others': proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary. Proof-read to check for punctuation, spelling or grammatical errors. Read writing with appropriate intonation to make meaning clear.	Assess effectiveness of own writing and that of others': proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to enhance effect and clarify meaning. Ensure consistent and correct use of tense. Ensure correct subject/verb agreement, distinguishing between spoken and written language.	organisational devices. Assess effectiveness of own writing and that of others': proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to enhance effect and clarify meaning. Ensure consistent and correct use of tense. Ensure correct subject/verb agreement, distinguishing between spoken and written language.

		Proof-read to check punctuation, spelling grammatical errors.	
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Skills Progression for Transcription and Spelling

The teaching of spelling is embedded across our curriculum and there are many purposeful opportunities for its development. We use 'Spelling Shed' and follow the progression detailed there. Discrete lessons in spelling take place in each class.

Further to this, children from Reception to Y2 develop a sound knowledge of spelling strategies as part of their daily systematic, synthetic phonics lessons. Regular assessments enable staff to place children into appropriate groups for teaching. These assessments also ensure that children progress through the phonics programme at pace whilst at a rate appropriate to their level of understanding. Those children who are struggling are quickly identified and supported to catch up. Interventions are put in place for those children who did not pass the Y1 Phonics Check (See Reading Curriculum).

Spelling assessments are carried out regularly. These are informed by the National Curriculum and information collected is used to inform subsequent planning.

The school's marking policy also places a strong emphasis on supporting the improvement of spelling. There is a strong focus on Exception Words in KS1 and the use of spelling mats and other resources to support spelling are common across the school.

	Progression in Transcription								
Strand	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 & Year 4	Year 5 & Year 6					
Phonics and Spelling	words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught common exception words 'tricky' words. days of the week name the letters of the alphabet. distinguish between different representations of the same sound e.g. or ore au al ough. add prefixes and suffixes (s, es, un, ing, ed, er, est). use the spelling rule for adding s or es as a plural marker. apply simple spelling rules within appendix 1. write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher.	Spelling and simple spelling rules - see Appendix 1. segment words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes. learn some common homophones and near homophones e.g. see/sea; won/one. learn to spell common exception words 'tricky' words. some contracted forms e.g can't didn't it's. add suffixes to spell longer words e.g - ment -less - ful write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher.	use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them - see appendix 1 understand how to place the apostrophe in words with regular and irregular plurals (e.g. children's). continue to spell further homophones. use a dictionary to check a spelling. write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher.	use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them - see appendix 1. spell some words with silent letters (knight, psalm, solemn). continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused. use knowledge of morphology (how words are formed) and etymology (origins of words) and understand that spellings of some words need to be learnt specifically. use a dictionary to check a spelling and meaning of words. use a thesaurus.					

Handwriting	Pupils should be taught to: sit correctly at the table, hold a pencil correctly and comfortably. begin to form lower case. letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place.	Pupils should be taught to: form lower case letters of the same size. begin to use diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. know capital letters are not joined.	Pupils should be taught to: use diagonal and horizontal strokes to join letters. know that capitals are not joined. increase legibility and consistency of handwriting.	Pupils should be taught to: write legibly, fluidly with increasing speed and style. develop a personal style choose the appropriate writing implement best suited for the task.
Har	form capital letters.	write capital letters and digits of the same size and orientation. use correct spacing between words.	Ensure lines of writing spaced sufficiently. Ensure ascenders and descenders do not touch.	use appropriate style and form depending on the task (e.g. labelling a diagram, writing an email address, algebra and filling a form in capitals).

	Progression in Transcription – Phonics							
Strand	Strand Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 & Year 4 Ye							
	f/l/s/z/k ff/ll/ss/zz/ck n before k syllabification -tch -v/-ve at the end of words -s/es endings to plurals -ing-ed-er endings -er -est vowel digraphs and trigraphs: ai,oi,ay,oy,a-e,e-e,i-e,o-e,u-e, ar,ee,ea, er,ir,ur, oo,oa,oe,ou,ow,ue,ew,ie,igh,or,ore, aw,au, air, ear, are, words ending-y new consonant spellings ph-wh prefix un compound words e.g. football common exception words e.g. the, do.	 -ge -dge at the end of words. variations of g in words. s sound spelt as c before e i y e.g. ice. n sound at the beginning of words spelt kn e.g. knock less often gn – gnaw. r sound spelt wr at the beginning of words e.g. write. I sound spelt -le and -el -al -il at the end of words e.gapple camel petal fossil. ai sound spelt y at the end of words e.g. July. add -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y e.g. babies. add -ed -ing -er -est to a root word ending y with a consonant before e.g. happier happiest. add -ed -ing -er -est to a root word ending e with a consonant before e.g. hiking hiked. add -ed -ing -er -est -y to words with one syllable ending in a single consonant after a single vowel e.g. humming & hummed. or sound spelt before I and II e.g. always ball. o sound as in other, mother, Monday. ey sound as in key. a as o sound as in want watch squash. o sound following a w as in world word work. a after a w as in war, warm, towards. 	 add suffixes beginning with vowels to words of more than one syllable e.g. forgetting beginner limited. the i sound represented as y other than at the end of words e.g. myth. the u sound spelt ou e.g. touch. additional prefixes: dis, mis, un, in, il, im, ir, re, sub, inter, super, anti, auto. suffixes: -ation, ly. words ending in -ure or -sure. words that end in -sion. words that end in -ous. endings which 'sound like' sion - cian, tion, sion, ssion. words with the k sound spelt 'ch'-character, echo (Greek in origin). sh sound spelt 'ch' e.g. chef brochure (French in origin). words ending with 'g' sound spelt - gue e.g. league. k sound spelt 'que' e.g unique. s sound spelt 'sc/ce' e.g. science. ei sound spelt ei, eigh, ey e.g vein, weigh, they. possessive apostrophe with plural words. homophones and near homophones. 	 -tious or cious endings e.g. vicious infectious. -cial -tial endings e.g. official essential. -words ending in -ant, ance, ent, ence, ancy, ency e.g. observant, hesitant, tolerance, innocence, frequency. words ending in -able and -ible -ably - ibly e.g. adorable adorably considerable considerably. add suffixes beginning with vowels to words ending in -fer e.g. referring transferred. use of the hyphen to join a prefix to a root word if the prefix ends in a vowel e.g. co-operate and re-enter. words with 'e' sound spelt ei after c e.g. deceive ceiling (plus exceptions to the rule). words containing the letter string - ough (which can have many sound variations) e.g. dough through ought plough rough. silent letters e.g. doubt knight island lamb solemn thistle. homophones and other words often confused (see appendix 1 for examples). 				

s as in treasure, television, usual. suffixes - ment -less -ful -less -ly. apostrophe of contraction e.g can't, didn't, it's. possessive apostrophe for singular nouns e.g. Megan's the girl's. words ending in -tion e.g. station, fiction. homophones and near homophones. common exception words.		
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Handwriting

Handwriting is taught using *Collins Primary Focus*: Handwriting. It is a 'comprehensive programme designed to support teachers and children through the stages of learning a clear, fluent, legible and fast style of joined writing from the early stages to the top of the Primary phase.' Additional resources are provided from a range of sources, including *'Letter Join'*. The children are explicitly taught the skill of handwriting during designated lessons that take place each week. This systematic approach ensures development in handwriting throughout each cohort in school.

We have high expectations in handwriting lessons and children are expected to apply these same standards in all their work.

Skills Progression in Grammar and Punctuation

Progression in Grammar and Punctuation							
Strand	Year 1	Year 2 Year 3	Year 4 Year	5 Year 6			
Word	 Plural noun suffixes 's' 'es'. Regular verb endings: 'ing' 'ed' 'er'. Prefix 'un'. Introduce the term verb, adjective and noun. 	 Suffixes: (ness', 'er'; (ful', 'less' and 'er',	and suffixe converse nouns adject into versus 'we was', 'I did' versus, 'I done'. and suffixe converse nouns adject into versus 'adject into versus, 'adject into versus, 'in the versus 'in the versus, 'in the versus 'we was', 'I did' versus, 'I done'. Introduce the term	• Use of synonyms and antonyms. • Use of synonyms and antonyms. tives erbs: te', ify'. es: de', '			
Sentence	Words combined to make sentences. Use of the joining word 'and' to join words and clauses.	Use a range of joining words to connect clauses in sentences. Use of expanded noun phrases to give more detail. Use a range conjunctions adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause. Use of fronted adverbials to extend simple sentences.	nouns and prono who, who, who, who is to further expand noun phrases. Introduction to clauses;	information within a sentence. Use vocab and structures appropriate to formal speech and writing. of ree ess. of I and			

		Different forms of sentences: command, question etc	Replace nouns with pronouns to avoid repetition.	complex sentences. • Use of both reported and direct speech in some writing.	degrees of possibility.	
Text	Sequence sentences to form short narratives.	 Correct use of present and past tense within writing. Use of progressive forms of verbs. 	 Introduction of paragraphs. Use of headings and subheadings. Use of present perfect forms of verbs. 	 Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme. Correct use of pronouns or nouns. 	Build cohesion within a paragraph. Link ideas across paragraphs through use of adverbials.	 Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices. Use of layout devices.
Punctuation	 Finger spaces Use of capital letters and full stops. Introduction to question marks and exclamation marks. 	Use of capital letters and full stops. Use of exclamation and question marks. Use of commas in lists. Use of apostrophes	 Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Use of commas after fronted adverbials. 	More specific and accurate punctuation within speech sentences. Use of possessive apostrophes to mark plural possession.	Use of brackets, dashes or commas to show extra information within sentences. Use of commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity.	 Use of semi-colon, colon and dash to separate main clauses within sentences. Use of colon to introduce a list and semi-colons within lists. Use of hyphens to avoid ambiguity.

	for contractions. • Use of possessive apostrophe for singular nouns.	Use of semi-colon to separate 2 main clauses within a compound sentence.	
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Expected outcomes at the end of each year (ARE- Age Related Expectations).

Where qualifiers are used, they have consistent meaning: 'most' indicates that the statement is generally met with only occasional errors; 'many' indicates that the statement is met frequently but not yet consistently; and 'some' indicates that the knowledge or skill is starting to be acquired and is demonstrated correctly on occasion, but is not yet consistent or frequent.

References to common exception words and spelling lists relate to the lists in the appendix in the National Curriculum for English

Reception	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.
Y1	The pupil can, after discussion with the teacher:
	Orally compose sentences
	Read their own work aloud to check for sense
	Write simple narratives with sequenced events (real or fictional)
	Write phrases and sentences for a range of purposes
	Make some effective use of story language (e.g. Once upon a time)
	Demarcate some sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops or question marks
	Use 'and' to join clauses

Make some use of capitals for proper nouns

Spell many Y1 common exception words

Use a range of graphemes to spell words with long vowel phonemes and show increasing awareness of spelling rules

Make some use of 'ing' and 'ed' suffixes

Pluralise regular nouns

Maintain finger spaces between words

Form letters with correct orientation and from the correct starting point

Y2 The pupil can, after discussion with the teacher:

write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional)

write about real events, recording these simply and clearly

demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use question marks correctly when required

use present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently

use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that /because) to join clauses

segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others

spell many common exception words

form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters

use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.

Y3 The pupil can, after discussion with the teacher:

write for a range of purposes

in narrative, create setting, characters and a beginning, middle and end

in non-narrative, make some use of simple devices to structure the writing (e.g. headings)

make some use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme

use a range of conjunctions for co-ordination and subordination

add detail and precision in their writing through effective use of adjectives, adverbs and prepositions

demarcate most sentences in their writing using capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks and commas for lists

make some use of apostrophes for contraction and possession

use past and present tense mostly correctly and consistently spell correctly some of the words from the year 3/4 spelling list use and apply the spelling rules for prefixes, suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing. write legibly using many joins make simple additions, revisions and proof-reading corrections to their own writing Y4 The pupil can, with increasing independence: write effectively for a range of purposes use a range of conjunctions use some adverbs and prepositions use paragraphs to organise ideas in non-narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings and sub-headings) in narratives, create settings, characters and simple plot use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly use some direct speech, punctuating it correctly make some use of fronted adverbials, punctuating them correctly use and maintain the appropriate verb tense in most of their writing
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spell correctly most of the words from the year 3/4 spelling list
write legibly using mostly joined handwriting
identify and correct some spelling and punctuation errors in their own work
Y5 The pupil can, with increasing independence:
write effectively for a range of purposes showing some awareness of the intended audience
use a range of devices to build cohesion across paragraphs (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials, pronouns)
create a link between the first and last paragraphs in non-narrative writing
vary sentence structure to reflect what the writing requires, including the use of subordinating conjunctions and embedded clauses to add interest and detail
use some parenthesis to add information, using correct punctuation
integrate dialogue in narratives, using correct punctuation

	use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction and possession correctly
	use Standard English in most writing, unless for effect
	spell correctly some words from the Year 5/6 spelling list
	identify and correct spelling and punctuation errors in their own work and use a dictionary when necessary
	write legibly using joined handwriting in most work
Y6	The pupil can:
	write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of the first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing)
	in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
	integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
	select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)
	use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs
	use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
	use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech)
	spell correctly most words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list, and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
	maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.

Progression within expected Writing outcomes across different genre

To Entertain - Narrative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
The purpose of narrative can be	Simple narratives	Narratives and	Narratives and	Narratives and	Narratives and	Narratives and
defined simply as to tell a story.	and	retellings are told/	retellings are written	retellings are	retellings are	retellings are
However, that does not convey the	retellings are told/	written in	in first	written in the	written in first	written in first
many purposes of stories and the way	written in first or third	first or third person	or third person.	first or third	or third person.	or third person.
that they work at different levels. The	person.	 Narratives and 	 Narratives and 	person.	 Narratives and 	 Narratives and
purpose of a narrator is to make the	 Simple narratives 	retellings are told/	retellings are written	 Narratives and 	retellings are	retellings are
listener or reader respond in a	are	written in	in past	retellings are	written in past	written in past
particular way. Stories are written or	told/ written in past	past tense	tense, occasionally	written in the	tense, occasionally	tense, occasionally
told to entertain and enthral an	tense.	Events are	these are told in the	past tense,	these are told in	these are told in
audience. Stories can make us sad,	 Events are 	sequenced to create	present tense.	occasionally these	the	the
horrify us, make us laugh, make us	sequenced	texts that	 Events are 	are told in the	present tense.	present tense.
excited. They create imaginative worlds	to create texts that	make sense.	sequenced to create	present tense.	 Narratives are 	 Narratives are
that can help us understand ourselves	make sense.	The main	chronological	 Events are 	told sequentially	told sequentially
and the things around us and take us	The main	participants are	plots through the use	sequenced to	and non sequentially	and non sequentially
beyond our own experience. From the	participants are	human or animal.	of adverbials and	create chronology	(e.g. flashbacks)	(e.g. flashbacks),
earliest times, stories have been a part	human	They are simply	prepositions.	through the use of	through the use	exercising
of the way that people have explained	or animal.	developed as either	 Descriptions, 	adverbials and	adverbials and	conscious control
their world, passed on their beliefs and	 Simple narratives 	good or	including those of	prepositions	prepositions.	over levels of
memories and entertained one another.	use	bad characters.	settings, are	 Descriptions, 	 Descriptions of 	formality.
	typical characters,	 Simple narratives 	developed through	including those of	characters, setting,	 Descriptions of
	settings and events	use typical	the use of	settings, are	and	characters, setting,
	whether imagined or	characters,	adverbials,	developed through	atmosphere are	and
	real.	settings and events	e.g.	the use of	developed through	atmosphere are
	 'Story language' 	whether imagined	in the deep dark	adverbials, e.g.	confident	developed
	(e.g.	or	woods	in the deep dark	vocabulary choices	through precise
	once upon a time,	real.	 Narratives use 	woods	e.g. adverbs,	vocabulary choices
	later	 Language choices 	typical characters,	 Narratives use 	adjectives,	e.g. adverbs,
	that day etc.) may be	help create realistic	settings	typical characters,	precise nouns,	adjectives,
	used to create	sounding	and events whether	settings	expressive verbs	precise nouns,
		narratives. e.g.	imagined or real.	and events	and	expressive verbs
		adverbs, adjectives,	 Dialogue begins to 	whether imagined	figurative language	and
		precise nouns	be used to convey	or real.	to consciously	figurative
		(turquoise instead of	characters' thoughts	 Dialogue is used 	engage the reader.	language, using
		Blue , jumper	and to move the	to convey	 Dialogue is used 	what they have read
		instead of	narrative forward.	characters	to convey	as models for
		top, policeman	 Language choices 	thoughts and to	characters'	their own writing.
		instead of	help create realistic	move the narrative	thoughts and to	 Language is

man) etc.	sounding	forward.	move the narrative	selected,
,	narratives. e.g.	Language choices	forward.	showing good
	adverbs, adjectives,	help create realistic		awareness of the
	precise nouns	sounding		audience and
	(turquoise instead of	narratives. e.g.		purpose for
	blue,	adverbs,		writing.
	jumper instead of	adjectives, precise		Dialogue is used
	top, policeman	nouns, expressive		to create
	instead of	verbs and		atmosphere,
	man), expressive	figurative language		convey character
	verbs (e.g.	etc.		and advance the
	shouted/muttered			action
	instead of said etc.)			

To Entertain - Reports	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Common forms of report text:	Although, the Year 1	Use present and	Express time, place	Create cohesion	Create cohesion	Use vocabulary
	curriculum asks	past	and cause using	through the use of	within paragraphs	typical of informal
Describing aspects of daily life	pupils	tense throughout	conjunctions (e.g.	nouns and	using adverbials	speech and that
in history (e.g. fashion,	to sequence	writing	so,	pronouns	Parenthesis can be	appropriate for
transport, buildings)	sentences	Questions can be	because), adverbs	Use of paragraphs	used to add	formal speech in
Describing the	to write short	used to form titles	and prepositions	to organise ideas	additional	the appropriate
characteristics of anything	narratives, simple	Question marks are	Headings and		information	written forms
(e.g. particular animals or	nonchronological	used to denote	subheadings used to		Use layout devices	The passive voice
plants; the planets I the	reports	questions (Y1)	aid presentation		to provide	can be used
solar system, different	can be	Use conjunctions			additional	Create cohesion
rocks and materials;	written about topics	e.g. because to aid			information and	across paragraphs
mythological	with which pupils are	explanation			guide the reader	using a wider
• creatures)	familiar. These	Use adjectives				range of cohesive
Comparing and describing	should	including				devices such as
localities or geographical	use the grammar	comparative				organisational
features	and	adjectives to create				features, headings
Describing the	punctuation	description				and questions.
characteristics of religious	objectives					
groups and their lifestyles	listed in the National					
in RE	Curriculum for Year					
Information leaflets	1.					
Tourist guidebooks						
Encyclopaedia entries						
Magazine articles						

To inform: recounts	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Structure often includes:	Although, the Year 1	Use past and	Express time, place	Use of paragraphs	Use of the past	Use of the past
	curriculum asks	present	and cause using	to organise ideas	perfect	perfect progressive
 orientation such as scenesetting or 	pupils	tense throughout	conjunctions (e.g.	Effective use of	Modals can be	form of verbs
establishing context (It was the	to sequence	writing	so,	expanded noun	used to indicate	Adapt degrees of
school	sentences	Use progressive	because), adverbs	phrases	degrees of	formality and
holidays. I went to the park)	to write short	forms of verbs	and prepositions	Fronted adverbials	possibility	informality to suit
an account of the events that	narratives, simple	Use conjunctions for	Inverted commas	(e.g. Later that	Create cohesion	the form of the
took place,	recounts and	coordination and	can	day)	within paragraphs	text
often in chronological order	retellings	subordination	be used to punctuate		using adverbials	Create cohesion
(The first	can be written	Use of noun phrases	direct speech			across paragraphs
person to arrive was)	about experiences					using a wider
 some additional detail about 	with					range of cohesive
each event	which pupils are					devices which can
(He was surprised to see me.)	familiar. These					include adverbials
 reorientation, e.g. a closing 	should					
statement	use the grammar					
that may include elaboration.	and					
(I hope I	punctuation					
can go to the park again next	objectives					
week. It	listed in the National					
was fun.)	Curriculum for Year					
Structure sometimes	1.					
reorganises the chronology						
of events using techniques such						
as flashbacks,						
moving the focus backwards						
and forwards in						
time, but these strategies are						
more often used in						
fiction recounts						

To inform: non-chronological reports	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
General structure:	Although, the Year 1	Consistent use of	Express time, place	Use fronted	Indicate degrees of	Adapt degrees of

A general statement to introduce the topic being explained. E.g. In the winter some animals hibernate. • The steps or phases in a process are explained logically, in order. E.g. When the nights get longer because the temperature begins to drop so the hedgehog looks for a safe place to hide.	curriculum asks pupils to sequence sentences to write short narratives, simple recounts and retellings can be written about experiences with which pupils are familiar. These should use the grammar and punctuation objectives listed in the National Curriculum for Year 1.	present tense Questions can be used to form titles Question marks are used to denote questions (Y1) Use conjunctions e.g. sobecause	and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions Heading and subheadings used to aid presentation	adverbials Use of paragraphs to organise ideas Create cohesion through the use of nouns and pronoun	possibility using adverbs and modal verbs Use layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials Relative clauses can be used to add further information Parenthesis can be used to add clarification of technical words	formality and informality to suit the form of the explanation Create cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include adverbials The passive voice can be used
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To inform: instructions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
General structure:	Although, the Year 1	Use of command	Express time, place	N/A	N/A	N/A
Begin by defining the goal or	curriculum asks	sentences Commas	and cause using			
desired	pupils to sequence	in lists	conjunctions (e.g.			
outcome. E.g. How to make a	sentences to write		so, because),			
board game.	short narratives,		adverbs and			
List any material or	simple instructions		prepositions			
equipment needed, in	can be written.		Heading and			
order. Provide simple, clear	These should use		subheadings used to			
instructions. If a	the grammar and		aid presentation			
process is to be undertaken,	punctuation					
keep to the	objectives listed in					
order in which the steps need	the National					

to be followed	Curriculum for Year			
to achieve the stated goal.	1.			
Diagrams or illustrations are often				
integral and may even take the place of				
some text. (Diagram B shows you how				
to connect the wires.) • A final				
evaluative statement can be used to				
wrap up the process. E.g. Now go and				
enjoy playing your new game. Your				
beautiful summer salad is now ready to				
eat				

To Persuade	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
General structure: An opening statement (thesis) that sums up the viewpoint being presented. (Greentrees Hotel is the best in the world. School uniform is a good idea.) • Strategically organised information presents and then elaborates on the desired viewpoint. (Vote for me because I am very experienced. I have been a school councillor three times and I have) • A closing statement repeats and reinforces the original thesis. (All the evidence shows that It's quite clear that Having seen all that we offer you, there can be no doubt that we are the best.	N/A	N/A	Written in present tense Rhetorical questions Effective use of noun phrases 3 Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions Use present perfect form of verbs	Create cohesion through the use of nouns and pronouns Use adverbials e.g. therefore, however Use paragraphs to organise ideas Effective use of expanded noun phrases	Modals can be used to suggest degrees of possibility Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials	Make formal and informal vocabulary choices Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit the form of the text The passive voice can be used in some formal persuasive texts Use conditional forms such as the subjunctive form to hypothesise Create cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include adverbials

To Discuss	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
The most common structure includes: • a statement of the issues involved and a preview of the main arguments; • arguments for, with supporting evidence/examples; • arguments against or alternative views, with supporting evidence/examples. Another common structure presents the arguments 'for' and 'against' alternatively. Discussion texts usually end with a summary and a statement of recommendation or conclusion. The summary may develop one particular viewpoint using reasoned judgements based on the evidence provided	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Consistent use of present tense (Y2) Use present perfect form of verbs (Y3) Effective use of noun phrases Use of paragraphs to organise ideas Use adverbials e.g. therefore, however Heading and subheadings used to aid presentation (Y3) Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials Use layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader	Create cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include adverbials Make formal and informal vocabulary choices Use the passive voice to present points of view without Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit the form of the discussion Use conditional forms such as the subjunctive form to hypothesise Make formal and informal vocabulary choices Use semi -colons, colons and dashes to make boundaries between clauses