

Writing Progression



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Writing: Transcription Spelling**	Three and Four-Year- Olds Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Spelling Rules	Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with the letter/s. Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and a full stop.	 To know all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent. To recognise consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise words with adjacent consonants. To accurately spell most words containing the 40+ previously taught phonemes and GPCs. To spell some words in a phonically plausible way, even if sometimes incorrect. To apply Y1 spelling rules and guidance*, which includes: the sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 	To segment spoken words into phonemes and to represent these with graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others. To recognise new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known and to learn some words with each spelling, including some common homophones (e.g. bare/bear, blue/ blew, night/knight). To apply further Y2 spelling rules and guidance*, which includes: the /dʒ/ sound spelt as 'ge' and' dge' (e.g. fudge, huge) or spelt as 'g' or 'j' elsewhere in words (e.g. magic, adjust); the /n/ sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' (e.g. knock, gnaw);	To spell words with the / e/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey' (e.g. vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, othey). To spell words with the /1/ sound spelt 'y' in a position other than at the end of words (e.g. mystery, gym). To spell words with a /k/ sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g. scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character). To spell words ending in the /g/ sound spelt 'gue' and the /k/ sound spelt 'que' (e.g. league, tongue, antique, unique). To spell words with a / sh/ sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g. chef, chalet, machine, brochure). To spell words with a short /u/ sound spelt with 'ou' (e.g. young, touch, double, trouble, country). To spell words ending with the /zher/ sound	To spell words with / shuhn/ endings spelt with 'sion' (if the root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd', e.g. division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'ssion' (if the root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit', e.g. expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'tion' (if the root word ends in 'te' or 't' or has no definite root, e.g. invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'cian' (if the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs', e.g. musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician). To spell words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc' (e.g. sound spelt with 'sc'	To spell words with endings that sound like / shuhs/ spelt with -cious (e.g. vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious). To spell words with endings that sound like / shuhs/ spelt with -tious or -ious (e.g. ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious). To spell words with 'silent' letters (e.g. doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight). To spell words containing the letter string 'ough' (e.g. ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought, rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough, through, plough, borough, plough, bough).	To spell words ending in -able and -ably (e.g. adorable/ adorably, applicable/ applicably, considerable/ considerably, tolerable/ considerably, tolerable/ tolerably). To spell words ending in - ible and -ibly (e.g. possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/ terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly). To spell words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after 'c' (e.g. deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling) and exceptions (e.g. protein, caffeine, seize). To spell words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter using 'cial' (e.g. official, special, artificial). To spell words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter using 'cial' (e.g. partial, confidential, essential).





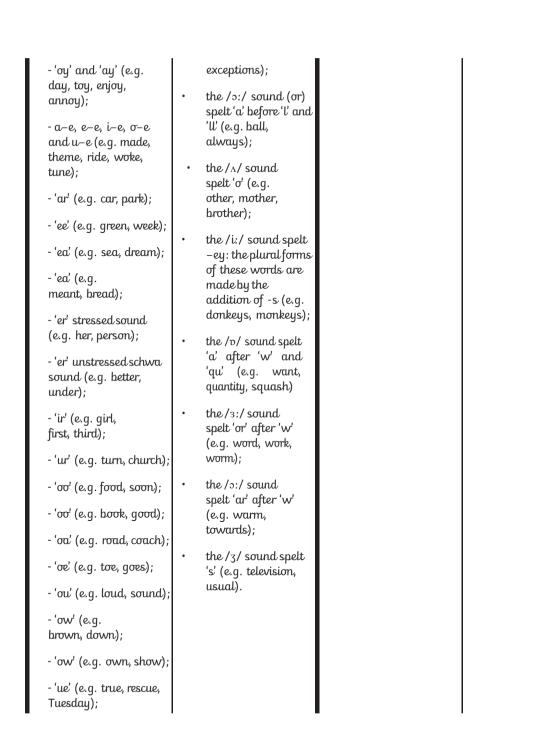
'ck' and exceptions; the/ŋ/ sound spelt	 the/r/ sound spelt 'wr' (e.g. write, written); 	spelt with 'sure' (e.g. measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure).	(e.g. science, scene, discipline, fascinate,
'n' before 'k' (e.g.			crescent).
bank, think);	 the/l/or/əl/ sound spelt-le 	To spell words ending with the /cher/ sound	
dividing words into syllables (e.g. rabbit, carrot);	(e.g. little, middle) orspelt–el (e.g. camel, tunnel) or	spelt with 'ture' (e.g. creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure).	
the /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as 'tch' and exceptions;	spelt –al (e.g. metal, hospital) or spelt –il (e.g. fossil, nostril);		
the /v/ sound at the end of words where the letter 'e'	• the/a/ sound spelt -y (e.g. cry, fly, July);		
usually needs.to be.added (e.g. have, live);	 adding – es to nouns and verbs ending in -y where the 'y' is 		
adding -s and -es to words (plural of nouns and the	changed to 'i' before the –es (e.g. flies, tries, carries);		
third person singular of verbs);	• adding –ed, –ing, – er and –est to a root		
adding the endings –ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to	word ending in -y (e.g. skiing, replied) and exceptions to the rules;		
the root wood (e.g. buzzer, jumping);	• adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est		
adding –erand –est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. fresher, grandest);	and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before (including exceptions);		
spelling words with the vowel digraphs and trigraphs:	 adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single 		
- 'ai' and 'oi' (e.g. rain, wait, train, point, soil);	consonant letter after asingle vowel		





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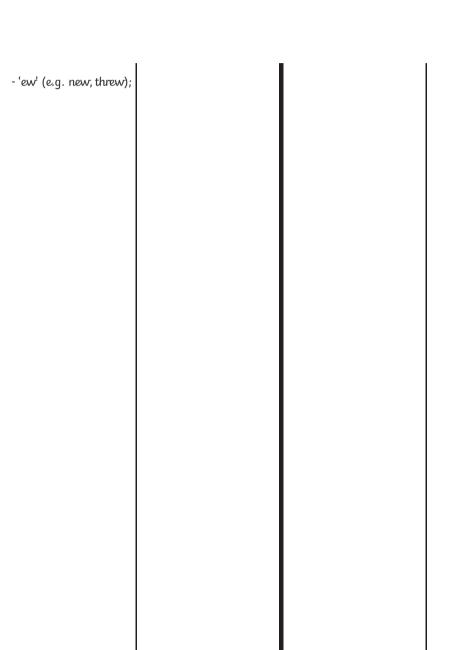




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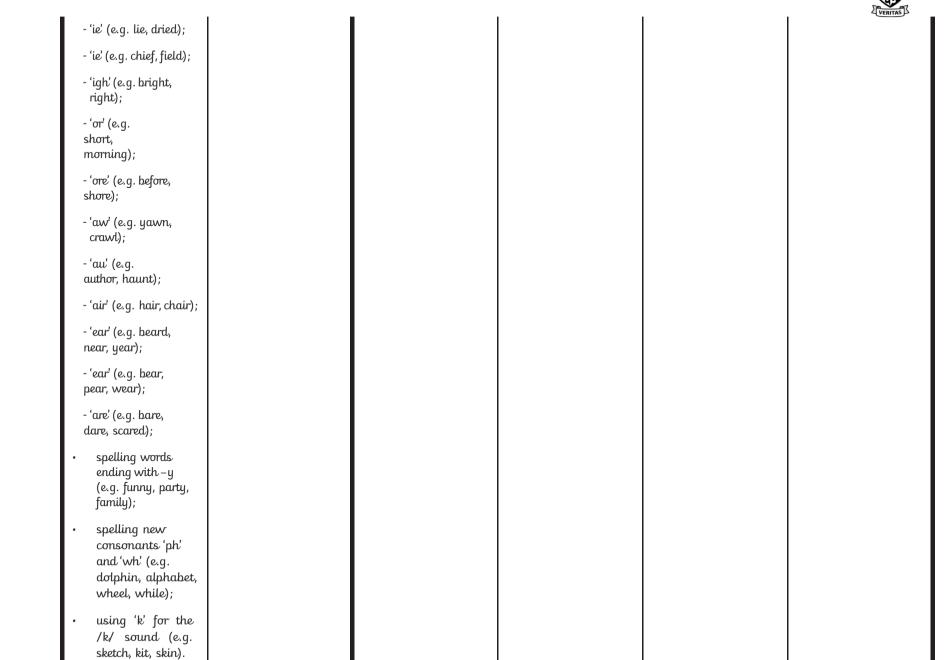
















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Prefixes and Suffixes		To use -s and -es to form regular plurals correctly. To use the prefix 'un-' accurately. To successfully add the suffixes –ing, –ed, –er and –est to root words where no change is needed in the spelling of the root words (e.g. helped, quickest).	To add suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing, e.gment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly.	To spell most words with the prefixes dis-, mis-, bi-, re- and de- correctly (e.g. disobey, mistreat, bicycle, reapply, defuse). To spell most words with the suffix -ly with no change to the root word; root words that end in 'le', 'al' or 'ic' and the exceptions to the rules. To spell words with added suffixes beginning with a vowel (-er/-ed/- ing) to words with more than one syllable (unstressed last syllable, e.g. limiting offering). To spell words with added suffixes beginning with a vowel (-er/-ed/- en/-ing) to words with more than one syllable, e.g. limiting offering).	To correctly spell most words with the prefixes in-, il-, im-, ir-, sub-, super-, anti-, auto-, inter-, ex- and non- (e.g. incorrect, illegal, impossible, irrelevant, substandard, superhero, autograph, antisocial, intercity, exchange, nonsense). To form nouns with the suffix - ation (e.g. information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration). To spell words with the suffix - ous with no change to root words, no definitive root word, words ending in 'y', 'our' or 'e' and the exceptions to the rule (e.g. joyous, fabulous, mysterious, rigorous, famous, advantageous).	To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ate (e.g. activate, motivate communicate). To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ise (e.g. criticise, advertise, capitalise). To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ify (e.g. signify, falsify, glorify). To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -en (e.g. blacken, brighten, flatten).	To use their knowledge of adjectives ending in -ant to spell nouns ending in -ance/-ancy (e.g. observant, observance, expectant, hesitant, hesitancy, tolerant, tolerance, substance). To use their knowledge of adjectives ending in -ent to spell nouns ending in -ence/-ency (e.g. innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence, obedient, obedience, independent). To spell words by adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer (e.g. referring, referred, referred, transferring, transferred, reference, referee, preference, transference).
Further Spelling Conventions		To spell simple compound words (e.g. dustbin, football). To read words that they have spelt. To take part in the process of segmenting spoken words into phonemes before choosing graphemes to represent those	To spell more words with contracted forms, e.g. can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll. To learn the possessive singular apostrophe (e.g. the girl's book). To write, from memory, simple sentences dictated by the teacher	To spell some more complex homophones and near-homophones, including here/hear, brake/break and mail/ male. To use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	To spell words that use the possessive apostrophe with plural words, including irregular plurals (e.g. girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's). To use their spelling knowledge to use a dictionary more efficiently.	To spell complex homophones and near- homophones, including who's/whose and stationary/stationery. To use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary.	To spell homophones and near homophones that include nouns that end in -ce/-cy and verbs that end in -se/-sy (e.g. practice/ practise, licence/license, advice/advise). To spell words that contain hyphens (e.g. co-ordinate, re-enter, co- operate, co-own).





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	that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. To segment spoken words into phonemes and to then represent all of the phonemes using graphemes in the right order for both for single- syllable and multi-syllabic words. To self-correct misspellings of words that pupils have been taught to spell (this may require support to recognise misspellings).		of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically. Touse dictionaries and thesauruses to check the spelling and meaning of words and confidently find synonyms and antonyms.





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Writing: Transcription Handwriting	Three and Four-Year- Olds Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning	Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors. Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. Shows a preference for a dominant hand. Write some letters accurately. Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons. Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor. Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.	To write lower case and capital letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place with a good level of consistency. To sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. To form digits 0-9. To understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.	To write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters. To form lower case letters of the correct size, relative to one another. To use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.	To use a neat, joined handwriting style with increasing accuracy and speed.	To increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [e.g by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].	To increase the speed of their handwriting so that problems with forming letters do not get in the way of writing down what they want to say. To be clear about what standard of handwriting is appropriate for a particular task, e.g. quick notes or a final handwritten version.	Towrite legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by: -choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters; - choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task.	

	Form lower case and capital letters correctly. Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.					
Joining Letters		To begin to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters.	To continue to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and to understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.	To confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes throughout their independent writing to increase fluency.	To confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes throughout their independent writing in a legible, fluent and speedy way.	To recognise when to use an unjoined style (e.g. for labelling a diagram or data, writing an email address or for algebra) and capital letters (e.g. for filling in a form).





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Writing: composition	Three and Four-Year- Olds Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Planning, Writing and Editing	Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story. Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example, writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy. Write some or all of their name. Write some letters: accurately. Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment, like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc. Learn new vocabulary. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Describe events in some detail.	To say out loud what they are going to write about. To compose a sentence orally before writing it. To sequence sentences to form short narratives. To discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils. To reread their writing to check that it makes sense and to independently begin to make changes. To read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. To use adjectives to describe.	To write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional). To write about real events. To write simple poetry. To plan what they are going to write about, including writing down ideas and/or key words and new vocabulary To encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence. To make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils. To reread to check that their writing makes sense and that the correct tense is used throughout. To proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (e.g. to check that the ends of sentences are punctuated correctly).	To begin to use ideas from their own reading and modelled examples to plan their writing. To proofread their own and others' work to check for errors (with increasing accuracy) and to make improvements. To begin to organise their writing into paragraphs around a theme. To compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue).	To compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures. To consistently organise their writing into paragraphs around a theme to add cohesion and to aid the reader. To proofread consistently and amend their own and others' writing, correcting errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling and adding nouns/ pronouns for cohesion.	To plan their writing by identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own. To consider, when planning narratives, how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed. To proofread work to précis longer passages by removing unnecessary repetition or irrelevant details. To consistently link ideas across paragraphs. To proofread their work to assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and to make necessary corrections and improvements.	 To note down and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary. To use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining). To use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. To habitually proofread for spelling and punctuation errors. To propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. To recognise how words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms and to use this knowledge to make improvements to their writing.





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	Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities. Explain how things work and why they might happen.	
	Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding	
	Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and some in their own words.	
	Use new vocabulary in different contexts.	
	Write short sentences with words with known letter- sound correspondences using a capital letter and a full stop.	
	Re-read what they have written to check it makes sense.	
	Develop storylines in their pretend play.	
	Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.	

Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and teachers.



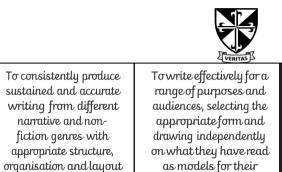
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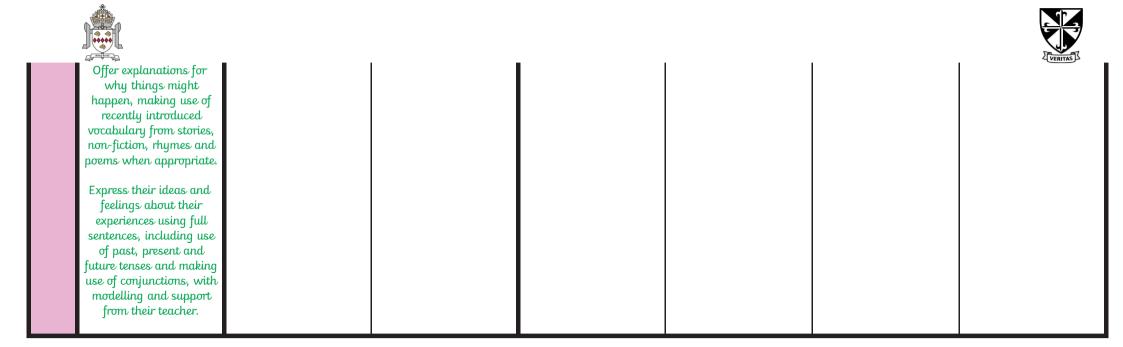


own writing (including literary language, characterisation, structure, etc.).

To distinguish between the language of speech and writing and to choose the appropriate level of formality.

To select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires (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 wider range of To write for different Touse a number of simple To demonstrate an To write a range of features of different purposes with an increasing understanding narratives and nontext types and to make awareness of an of purpose and audience fiction pieces using a Be able to express a relevant choices about increased amount of by discussing writing consistent and point of view and to subject matter and fiction and non-fiction similar to that which appropriate structure debate when they appropriate vocabulary structures they are planning to (including genre-specific disagree with an adult choices write in order to layout devices). or a friend, using words To use new vocabulary understand and learn devices for a range of as well as actions. from their reading, their To write a range of from its structure, audiences and To start to engage Can start a conversation discussions about it (onenarratives that are wellreaders by using vocabulary and grammar. purposes. with an adult or a friend to-one and as a whole structured and well-paced. adjectives to and continue it for many class) and from their To begin to use the To describe settings. describe. To create detailed wider experiences. structure of a wider range characters and settings. characters Use talk to organise of text types (including atmosphere with carefully. To read aloud what and plot in narratives themselves and their the use of simple layout chosen vocabulary to they have written play: "Let's go on a devices in non-fiction). enhance mood. clarify with, engage the reader and to bus... you sit there... I'll meaning and create pace. appropriate intonation to To make deliberate add atmosphere. be the driver." make the meaning clear. ambitious word choices to To regularly use dialogue Learn new vocabulary. To begin to read aloud add detail. to convey a character and their own writing, Use new vocabulary to advance the action. to a group or the throughout the day. To begin to create settings characters and plot in whole, To perform their own Describe events in some class, using appropriate compositions confidently narratives. intonation and to control the using appropriate Use talk to help work out tone and volume so that the intonation. volume problems and organise meaning is clear. and movement so that thinking and activities. meaning is clear. Explain how things work and why they might Develop social phrases. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Participate in small group, class and one-toone discussion, offering their own ideas. using recently introduced







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Writing: Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation	Three and Four-Year- Olds Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sentence Construction and Tense	Understand 'why' questions, like: 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?' Develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'. Use longer sentences of four to six words Use new vocabulary throughout the day. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.	Τσ use simple sentence structures.	To use the present tense and the past tense mostly correctly and consistently. To form sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command. To use some features of written Standard English.	To try to maintain the correct tense (including the present perfect tense) throughout a piece of writing with accurate subject/verb agreement. To use 'a' or 'an' correctly throughout a piece of writing.	To always maintain an accurate tense throughout a piece of writing. To always use Standard English verb inflections accurately, e.g. 'we were' rather than 'we was' and 'I did' rather than 'I done'.	To use a range of adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, e.g. surely, perhaps, should, might, etc. To ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces of writing.	To ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces of writing, including the correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural.





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	Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including the use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions with modelling and support from the teacher.						
Use of Phrases and Clauses	Use longer sentences of four to six words. Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including the use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions with modelling and support from the teacher.	To use the joining word (conjunction) 'and' to link ideas and sentences. To begin to form simple compound sentences.	To using co-ordination (or/and/but). To use some subordination (when/if/ that/because). To use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (e.g. the blue butterfly).	To use subordinate clauses, extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, and although. To use a range of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to showtime, place and cause.	To use subordinate clauses, extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, which are sometimes in varied positions within sentences. To expand noun phrases with the addition of ambitious modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, e.g. the heroic soldier with an unbreakable spirit. To consistently choose nouns or pronouns appropriately to aid cohesion and avoid repetition, e.g. he, she, they, it.	To use a wide range of linking words/phrases between sentences and paragraphs to build cohesion, including time adverbials (e.g. later), place adverbials (e.g. nearby) and number(e.g. secondly). To use relative clauses beginning with a relative pronoun with confidence (who, which, where, when, whose, that and omitted relative pronouns), e.g. Professor Scriffle, who was a famous inventor, had made a new discovery.	To use the subjunctive form in formal writing. To use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause. To use the passive voice. To use question tags in informal writing.

