"As unique individuals, we do our best at work and play for the love of God and others."

## Sticky Knowledge: Writing

## Year 3

Composition

- Write narratives, describing setting and characters within a storyline or plot
- Use paragraphing to group related material, focusing on a theme or topic
- In non-narrative, use simple organisational devices (heading and subheadings)
- Use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past (e.g. 'He has gone out to play' in contrast to 'He went out to play.')
- Extend sentences using a wider range of conjunctions other than those stated in the working towards standard
- Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. before, after, while), adverbs (e.g. soon, therefore) and prepositions (e.g. before, after, during, because of)
- Understand and use specific year 3 terminology (preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel letter, inverted commas and speech marks)
- Draw upon material read
- Use, when appropriate, figurative language included metaphors and similes

Grammar and Punctuation

- Demarcate sentences with full stops, with occasional error
- Demarcate sentences with capital letters, with occasional error
- Use question marks and exclamation marks mostly correctly, with occasional error
- Use apostrophes consistently to mark the possession of singular nouns
- Begin to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech


## Year 4

## Composition

- In narratives, create increasingly effective settings, characters and plot
- In non-narrative work, use organisational devices such as headings and sub headings with increasing effect
- Draw upon material read
- Write in a range of genre forms


## Grammar and Punctuation

- Use fronted adverbials (e.g. Later that day) with a comma mostly correctly
- Use paragraphing to organise ideas around a theme
- Select appropriate pronouns or nouns within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
- Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech mostly correctly (e.g. comma after the reporting clause, punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!")
- Use a new line for a new speaker when writing direct speech

|  | - Use apostrophes to mark plural possession (e.g. The girl's name, the girls' names) <br> - Understand and use specific Y4 terminology (determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial) |
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| Spelling <br> - Spell mostly correctly, words with prefixes: sub-, super-, anti-, auto-, inter-, un-, dis-, mis-, in-, il-, im-, ir-, re-. <br> - Spell mostly correctly words with suffixes: -tion, -sion, -ation, -ture, -sure, ly, -ally, -ed and er <br> - Spell many of the words in the $y r 3 / 4 \mathrm{NC}$ list <br> - Spell many of the homophones and near homophones from the Y3/4 appendix <br> - Begin to explore and understand how word families are based upon common words and are related in form and meaning e.g. solve, solution, insoluble <br> - Use the first two letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary <br> - Begin to build a varied and rich vocabulary | Spelling <br> - Spell most of the homophones and near homophones from the $Y 3 / 4$ appendix <br> - Spell most of the words in the $\mathrm{yr} 3 / 4 \mathrm{NC}$ list and majority of focus spelling rules in appendix 1 <br> - Spell mostly correctly words with suffixes: -tion, -sion, -ation, -ture, -sure, ly, -ally, -ous, -cian <br> - Spell mostly correctly words that contain the I sound spelt with a y (e.g. Egypt, gym, myth) <br> - Spell mostly correctly words that contain the k sound spelt ch (e.g. chemist, echo, character) <br> - Spell mostly correctly words with the sh sound spelt ch (e.g. chef, machine, brochure) <br> - Spell mostly correctly words with the g sound spelt gue and the $k$ sound spelt que (e.g. tongue, antique, league, unique) <br> - Spell the u sound spelt ou (e.g. young, touch, double) <br> - Use standard English forms mostly correctly (e.g. we were instead of we was, I did instead of I done) <br> - Use the first two letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary |
| Handwriting <br> - Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined. | Handwriting <br> - Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting paying particular attention to downstrokes of letters, ascenders and descenders |
| Evaluate and Edit <br> - Evaluate the effectiveness of their own and others' writing <br> - Identify some spelling and punctuation errors and make some changes to grammar and vocabulary | Evaluate and Edit <br> - Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements <br> - Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences <br> - Proof read for spelling and punctuation errors |

Word list - years 3 and 4:
accident(ally), actual(ly), address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy/business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain, circle, complete, consider, continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, disappear, early, earth, eight/eighth, enough, exercise, experience, experiment, extreme, famous, favourite, February, forward(s), fruit, grammar, group, guard, guide, heard, heart, height, history, imagine, increase, important, interest, island, knowledge, learn, length, library,
material, medicine,mention, minute, natural, naughty, notice, occasion(ally), often, opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar, perhaps, popular, position, possess(ion), possible, potatoes, pressure, probably, promise, purpose, quarter, question, recent, regular, reign, remember, sentence, separate, special, straight, strange, strength, suppose, surprise, therefore, though/although, thought, through, various, weight, woman/women

## Year 5

Composition

- Identify the audience for and purpose of the writing

Plan their writing by:

- Noting and developing initial ideas drawing on reading
- In writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed
Draft and write by:
- Selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- In narratives, describing setting, characters and atmosphere and using dialogue to sometimes convey character and advance the action
- Précising longer passages
- Using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining)
- Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear


## Grammar and Punctuation

- Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun
- Indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs (e.g. perhaps, surely) or modal verbs (e.g. might, should, will, must)
- Use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph (e.g. then, after, that, this, firstly) and use adverbials of time and number to link ideas across paragraphs
- Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
- Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity
- Understand and use specific year 5 terminology (modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity


## Year 6

## Composition

- Draw upon material read
- Plan their writing by identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing
- 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
- Distinguish between the language of formal and informal speech
- Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear

Grammar and Punctuation

- 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 the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause
- Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
- Use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms, figurative language) within and across paragraphs
- Understand how words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms (e.g. big, large, little)

|  | - Use the passive voice to affect the presentation of information in a sentence (e.g. I broke the window in the greenhouse/The window in the greenhouse was broken.) <br> - Use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing <br> - Use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech) <br> - Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses (e.g. It's raining; I'm fed up) <br> - Understand and use specific year 6 terminology (subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipses, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet point) |
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| Spelling <br> - Spell correctly most words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list and some words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list <br> - Can convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes (e.g. ate, ise, ify) <br> - Spell words with the following patterns; -cious, -tious, -cial, -tial, -able, ably, -ibly, -ant, -ance/ancy, -ation <br> - Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer <br> - Words with the sound spelt ei after c (e.g. deceive, ceiling) <br> - Words containing the letter string -ough <br> - Words with silent letters (e.g. doubt, island, thistle) | Spelling <br> - Spell words with the following patterns; (-anc, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency, <br> - Use the hyphen to join a prefix to a root word e,g, co-ordinate, re-enter) <br> - Understand and use a range of homophones and other words that are often confused (e.g. advise/advice, practise/practice, heard/herd, mourning/morning) <br> - 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 |
| Handwriting <br> - Write legibly and fluently | Handwriting <br> - Maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed |
| Evaluate and Edit <br> - Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing <br> - Proposing changes necessary to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning <br> - Ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing <br> - Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural (e.g. The apples is on the tree/The apples are on the tree <br> - Proof read for spelling and punctuation errors <br> - Use a thesaurus to select more focused language | Evaluate and Edit <br> - Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing <br> - Proposing most changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning <br> - Ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing <br> - Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural (e.g. The apples is on the tree/The apples are on the tree) <br> - Distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register <br> - Proof read for spelling and punctuation errors |

## Word list - years 5 and 6

accommodate, accompany, according, achieve, aggressive, amateur, ancient, apparent, appreciate, attached, available, average, awkward, bargain, bruise, category, cemetery, committee, communicate, community, competition, conscience*, conscious*, controversy, convenience, correspond, criticise (critic + ise), curiosity, definite,
desperate, determined, develop, dictionary, disastrous, embarrass, environment, equip (-ped, -ment), especially, exaggerate, excellent, existence, explanation, familiar, foreign, forty, frequently, government, guarantee, harass, hindrance, identity, immediate(ly), individual, interfere, interrupt, language, leisure, lightning, marvellous, mischievous, muscle, necessary, neighbour, nuisance, occupy, occur, opportunity, parliament, persuade, physical , prejudice, privilege, profession, programme, pronunciation, queue, recognise, recommend, relevant, restaurant, rhyme, rhythm, sacrifice, secretary, shoulder, signature, sincere(ly), soldier, stomach, sufficient, suggest, symbol, system, temperature, thorough, twelfth, variety, vegetable, vehicle, yacht

