

# **Curriculum:**

# **Progression in Writing**



### <u>INTENT – The Writing Curriculum</u>

By the end of Year 6, we intend for our children to be enthusiastic, articulate and imaginative communicators, proficient in expressing themselves in various forms and for different purposes.

We see it as imperative for children to reach their full potential in writing, a life-skill that will serve them throughout any future career they may seek or any path they may choose to follow in life; their ability to achieve this rests on their skills and understanding in transcription, composition, oracy and grammar, punctuation & spelling, fundamental pillars of the English language. It is essential that our teaching and curriculum develops pupils' competence in these areas by providing children with the opportunity to write for a range of purposes, forms and audiences and across the curriculum to help ensure their writing is relevant and purposeful.

Through careful planning, we seek to provide the children with a platform to take ownership of their writing, completing an enjoyable and interesting process which provides them with the opportunities to explore existing texts; share their ideas through speaking and listening activities; plan for structure, content and vocabulary; work collaboratively with peers and adults to develop their writing; and work independently to produce a piece of writing in which they can see a clear and meaningful purpose. Writing is an ever-evolving skill and we encourage children to edit and improve their work often, forever striving to produce their best work.

Writing, much like reading, another key driver in our curriculum, provides children with the opportunity to let their imaginations run free and transport them to other worlds in a way in which no other subject can match. It is our job to nurture and encourage this and ensure children are provided with rich and plentiful opportunities to express themselves through their writing. Our curriculum seeks to excite, engage and enthuse children whilst simultaneously providing them with the skills required to reach their full potential in writing.

## IMPLEMENTATION - Progression in Writing

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Transcription	The children learn to: Spell words by identifying sounds in	The children learn to: Spell: words containing each of the 40+	The children learn to: Spell by: segmenting spoken words into phonemes and	The children learn to: Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand	The children learn to: Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand	The children learn to: Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand	The children learn to: Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand
	them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.	phonemes already taught.	representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly.	how to add them (English Appendix 1).	how to add them (English Appendix 1).	the guidance for adding them.	the guidance for adding them.
		Spell: common exception words. Spell: the days of the	Spell by: learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings		Spell further homophones Spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1).	Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn].	Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn].
		week. Name the letters of the alphabet: naming the	are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones.	Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular	Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular	Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which	Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which
		letters of the alphabet in order. Name the letters of the	Spell by: learning to spell common exception words.	plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's].	plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's].	are often confused. Use knowledge of morphology and	are often confused. Use knowledge of morphology and
		alphabet: using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound.	Spell by: learning to spell more words with contracted forms. Spell by: learning the possessive apostrophe	Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1.	etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1.
		Add prefixes and suffixes: using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person	(singular) [for example, the	Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.	Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.	Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words.	Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words.
		singular marker for verbs.	near-homophones. Add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -	1 0		Use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary.	
		using –ing, –ed, –er and – est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper,	Apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English			Use a thesaurus.	Use a thesaurus.
		Apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as	Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common				

		listed in English Appendix 1. Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.	exception words and punctuation taught so far.				
Handwriting and Presentation	The children learn to: 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.	The children learn to: Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place. Form capital letters and digits 0-9. Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.	The children learn to: Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another. Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined. Write 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.	their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that	The children learn to: 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. Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, 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].	by: choosing the writing implement that is best	01

Composition	The children learn to:	The children learn:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:
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	Write simple phrases and	Write sentences by:	Develop positive attitudes	Plan their writing by:	Plan their writing by:	Plan their writing by:	Plan their writing by:
	sentences that can be read	saying out loud what	towards and stamina for	discussing writing similar	discussing writing similar	identifying the audience	identifying the audience
	by others.	they are going to write about.	writing by: writing narratives	to that which they are	to that which they are	for and purpose of the	for and purpose of the
		about.	about personal experiences		planning to write in order		writing, selecting the
		Write sentences by:	and those of others (real and	to understand and learn	to understand and learn	appropriate form and	appropriate form and
		composing a sentence	fictional).	from its structure, vocabulary and grammar	from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.	using other similar writing as models for their own.	using other similar writing as models for their own.
		orally before writing it.	Develop positive attitudes	Plan their writing by:	vocabulary and grammar.	as models for their own.	as models for their own.
			towards and stamina for	discussing and recording	Plan their writing by:	Plan their writing by:	Plan their writing by:
		Write sentences by:	writing by: writing about real	ideas.	discussing and recording	noting and developing	noting and developing
		sequencing sentences to form short narratives.	events.		ideas.	initial ideas, drawing on	initial ideas, drawing on
		form short narratives.		Draft and write by:		reading and research	reading and research
		Write sentences by: re-	Develop positive attitudes	composing and rehearsing		where necessary.	where necessary.
		reading what they have	towards and stamina for writing by: writing poetry.	dialogue), progressively	composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including		Plan their writing by: in
		written to check that it	writing by: writing poetry.	building a varied and rich	dialogue), progressively	writing narratives,	writing narratives,
		makes sense.	Develop positive attitudes	vocabulary and an	building a varied and rich	considering how authors	considering how authors
		Discuss what they have	towards and stamina for	increasing range of	vocabulary and an	have developed	have developed
		written with the teacher	writing by: writing for	sentence structures	increasing range of	characters and settings in	characters and settings in
		or other pupils.	different purposes.	(English Appendix 2.	sentence structures	what pupils have read,	what pupils have read,
			Consider what they are	Draft and write by:	(English Appendix 2).	listened to or seen performed.	listened to or seen performed.
		Read aloud their writing	going to write before	organising paragraphs	Draft and write by:	periormed.	performed.
		clearly enough to be	beginning by: planning or	around a theme.	organising paragraphs	Draft and write by:	Draft and write by:
		heard by their peers and the teacher.	saying out loud what they		around a theme	selecting appropriate	selecting appropriate
		the teacher.	are going to write about.	Draft and write by: in	Draft and write by: in	grammar and vocabulary,	grammar and vocabulary,
				narratives, creating	narratives, creating	understanding how such	understanding how such
			Consider what they are going to write before	settings, characters and plot.	settings, characters and plot.	choices can change and enhance meaning.	choices can change and enhance meaning.
			beginning by: writing down	piot.	piot.	ennance meaning.	ennance meaning.
			ideas and/or key words,	Draft and write by: in	Draft and write by: in	Draft and write by: in	Draft and write by: in
			including new vocabulary.	non-narrative material,	non-narrative material,	narratives, describing	narratives, describing
				using simple	using simple	settings, characters and	settings, characters and
			Consider what they are	organisational devices	organisational devices	atmosphere and	atmosphere and
			going to write before beginning by: encapsulating	[for example, headings and sub-headings].	[for example, headings and sub-headings].	integrating dialogue to convey character and	integrating dialogue to convey character and
			what they want to say,	and sub-neddings].	and sub-neudings].	advance the action.	advance the action.
			sentence by sentence.	Evaluate and edit by:	Evaluate and edit by:		
				assessing the effectiveness	assessing the effectiveness	Draft and write by:	Draft and write by:
			Make simple additions,	of their own and others'	of their own and others'	précising longer passages.	précising longer passages.
			revisions and corrections to	writing and suggesting	writing and suggesting	Duction do with her wing	Durft and with her original
			their own writing by: evaluating their writing with	improvements.	improvements.	Draft and write by: using a wide range of devices	Draft and write by: using a wide range of devices
			the teacher and other pupils.	Evaluate and edit by:	Evaluate and edit by:	to build cohesion within	to build cohesion within
				proposing changes to	proposing changes to	and across paragraphs.	and across paragraphs.
			Make simple additions,	grammar and vocabulary	grammar and vocabulary		
			revisions and corrections to	to improve consistency,	to improve consistency,	Draft and write by: using	Draft and write by: using
			their own writing by: re-	including the accurate use	including the accurate use	further organisational and	further organisational and
			reading to check that their writing makes sense and that	of pronouns in sentences Proof-read for spelling	of pronouns in sentences.	presentational devices to structure text and to	presentational devices to structure text and to
			verbs to indicate time are	and punctuation errors.		guide the reader [for	guide the reader [for
				and punctuation errors.		guide the reduet [10]	guide the redder [10]

			used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form. Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: proof- reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]. Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	Read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.	Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors. Read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.	<ul> <li>example, headings, bullet points, underlining].</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing.</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing.</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register.</li> <li>Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors.</li> <li>Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>example, headings, bullet points, underlining].</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing.</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing.</li> <li>Evaluate and edit by: ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register.</li> <li>Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors.</li> <li>Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.</li> </ul>
Vocabulary,	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:	The children learn to:
Grammar and Punctuation	Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.	Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: leaving spaces between words. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in	Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks,	understanding of the concepts set out in English	Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions,		Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing,

Offer explanat	tions for why	English Appendix 2 by:	question marks, commas for	including when, if,	including when, if,	including subjunctive	including subjunctive
things might h				because, although.	because, although.	forms.	forms.
	happen, recently ocabulary nonfiction,	English Appendix 2 by: joining words and joining clauses using and. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun '1'. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2. Use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.	<ul> <li>question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular).</li> <li>Learn how to use: sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command.</li> <li>Learn how to use: expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly].</li> <li>Learn how to use: the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form.</li> <li>Learn how to use: subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co- ordination (using or, and, or but).</li> <li>Learn how to use: the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2.</li> <li>Learn how to use: some features of written Standard English.</li> <li>Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.</li> </ul>	because, although. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: using fronted adverbials. 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		tneir writing.	grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in	concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in English Appendix 2. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using	concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in English Appendix 2. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using	understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative	understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative
					adverbials.	Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning the grammar for years 5	Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2.

		othe and spee Use gran in Er accu appr discu	er features by: using d punctuating direct	Indicate grammatical and other features by: using and punctuating direct speech. Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.	Indicate grammatical and other features by: using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing Indicate grammatical and other features by: using hyphens to avoid ambiguity. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using a colon to introduce a list Indicate grammatical and other features by: punctuating bullet points consistently. Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.	Indicate grammatical and other features by: using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing Indicate grammatical and other features by: using hyphens to avoid ambiguity. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses. Indicate grammatical and other features by: using a colon to introduce a list Indicate grammatical and other features by: using a colon to introduce a list Indicate grammatical and other features by: punctuating bullet points consistently. Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.
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#### **IMPLEMENTATION - Rationale**

Our Writing curriculum is designed to ensure our children have a consistent 'writing journey'; a build-up of essential skills to provide them with the platform to produce their best writing. Each year group follow a two week writing journey where they will focus on one genre of writing at a time, culminating in a sustained piece of writing which they have the opportunity to assess, edit and improve. There is an emphasis on vocabulary throughout the journey and children are provided with example texts to explore as well as the time to plan their own vocabulary to aid them in their writing. Through shared writing, teachers model their own writing processes and work alongside the children to edit and improve their work. Children receive feedback from their teacher and a 'next step' to improve their writing once per week following shared and sustained pieces of writing.

Some of the writing journey's will be inspired by core texts, others will be inspired by learning in other subjects, school / local / national events or other stimuli which will ignite an enthusiasm for writing amongst our pupil's.

This is supplemented by our approach to Handwriting. We adopted the Letterjoin Handwriting scheme in January 2022, which allows us to have a consistent approach to the teaching of handwriting across the school, resulting in a neat and cursive style. Furthermore, children's ability to develop in Spelling is supported through our SSP (Little Wandle) in Reception and Year 1 (and beyond), to No Nonsense Spelling from Year 2 – Year 6.

The structure below demonstrates the journey the children should follow over a two-week period.

#### KS1 (8 lessons, 4 per week):

Lesson 1: introduction of a new genre, example texts explored and identification of the purpose, form and audience.

Lessons 2 and 3: discrete skills lessons as appropriately identified by teacher as being relevant to current genre.

Lesson 4: identify features of text to create a 'My Writing Could Include' list and shared writing (must involve some teacher modelling).

Lesson 5: introduce the stimuli for writing and plan for vocabulary.

Lesson 6: plan the structure/content of writing.

Lesson 7: sustained writing.

Lesson 8: assessment, edit and improve writing (individual and whole class feedback).

#### KS2 (10 lessons, 5 per week):

Lesson 1: introduction of a new genre, example texts explored and identification of the purpose, form and audience.

Lessons 2 and 3: discrete skills lessons as appropriately identified by teacher as being relevant to current genre.

Lesson 4: identify features of the example text(s) and create a 'My Writing Could Include' list.

Lesson 5: shared writing (must include some teacher modelling).

Lesson 6: introduce stimuli for writing and plan vocabulary.

Lesson 7: plan structure/content of writing.

Lesson 8: sustained writing

Lesson 9: continue sustained writing with peer/self-assessment.

Lesson 10: edit/improve and next step tasks (individual and whole class feedback given).

#### **IMPACT**

The effectiveness of our Writing curriculum is measured by the extent in which our children are able to write confidently and accurately across a wide range of genres and for various purposes and audiences. Children should leave year 6 with an enthusiasm for writing and equipped with all of the essential skills and techniques to flourish in writing for the remainder of their education and beyond. The impact of our curriculum is assessed robustly on a day-to-day basis to ensure it is providing children with the best possible foundations in which to succeed in writing. Our writing is celebrated and assessed in a variety of ways:

- 1. Assessing sustained pieces of writing against the relevant writing objectives using insight tracker.
- 2. Termly PIRA assessments to assess attainment and progress in grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- 3. Whole school writing gallery showcasing the progression in writing from EYFS to Year 6.
- 4. Regular book looks, learning walks and pupil voice to identify good practice and areas for development conducted by the English lead alongside the Headteacher and the link governor for English.
- 5. Weekly awards for achievements in writing.
- 6. Daily spelling and handwriting activities focussing on skills required for accurate and well-presented writing.