

St Winifred's Primary School Progression of Skills and Knowledge: English Curriculum

Skills	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6				
	English writing is taught through the 'Literacy Curriculum', the Centre for Learning in Primary Education (CLPE) and through cross-curricular texts relating to science, history and geography. English reading is also taught through Little Wandle phonics and the 'Literacy Curriculum' using the VIPERS model.										
Reading	Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a'. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos. Looks at books independently. Continues a rhyming string. Hears and says the initial sound in words.	Children are taught phonics using the Letters and sounds programme (phase 2-5) Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words Read common exception words, Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -	Children are taught phonics using the Letters and sounds programme (recap phase 3-5) Begin phase 6 Continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent Read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes read accurately words of two or more syllables that	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.	Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes as listed in English Appendix 1, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.				

Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them. Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. Begins to read words and simple sentences.	est endings Read words of more than one syllable Read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s) Read aloud accurately books that are consistent	contain the same graphemes as above lead words containing common suffixes lead further common exception words lead most words quickly and leccurately, without overt sounding and olending, when they have been requently encountered				
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Reading	Develop pleasure in	understand both the	Develop pleasure in	Develop positive	Develop positive	Maintain positive	Maintain positive
Comprehension	reading, motivation	books they can	reading, motivation	attitudes to reading	attitudes to reading	attitudes to reading	attitudes to reading
	to read, vocabulary	already read	to read, vocabulary	and understanding	and understanding	and understanding	and understanding
	and understanding	accurately and	and understanding	of what they read	of what they read	of what they read	of what they read
	by:	fluently and those	by:	by:	by:	by:	by:
		they listen to				Continuing to read	Continuing to read
	listening to and	Participate in	listening to,	Listening to and	Listening to and	and discuss an	and discuss an
	discussing a wide	discussion about	discussing and	discussing a wide	discussing a wide	increasingly wide	increasingly wide
	range of poems,	what is read to	expressing views	range of fiction,	range of fiction,	range of fiction,	range of fiction,
	stories and non-	them, taking turns	about a wide range	poetry, plays, non-	poetry, plays, non-	poetry, plays, non-	poetry, plays, non-
	fiction	and listening to what	of contemporary and	fiction and reference	fiction and reference	fiction and reference	fiction and reference
		others say	classic poetry,	books or textbooks	books or textbooks	books or textbooks	books or textbooks
	being encouraged to	Fundain clearly their	stories and non-				
	link what they read	Explain clearly their	fiction at a level	Reading books that		Reading books that	Reading books that
	or hear read to their	understanding of what is read to	beyond that at	are structured in	Using dictionaries to	are structured in	are structured in
	own experiences	them.	which they can read	different ways and	check the meaning	different ways and	different ways and
		tileiii.	independently	reading for a range	of words that they	reading for a range	reading for a range
	becoming very	understand both the		of purposes	have read	of purposes	of purposes
	familiar with key	books that they can	discussing the		Increasing their		
	stories, fairy stories	already read	sequence of events	Using dictionaries to	familiarity with a	Increasing their	Increasing their
	and traditional tales	accurately and	in books and how	check the meaning	wide range of books,	familiarity with a	familiarity with a
	and retelling them	fluently and those	items of information	of words that they	including fairy	wide range of books,	wide range of books,
		that they listen to	are related	have read	stories, myths and	including myths,	including myths,
		<u>by:</u>	haranta.	Increasing their	legends, and	legends and	legends and
		drawing on what	becoming	familiarity with a	retelling some of	traditional stories,	traditional stories,
		they already know or	increasingly familiar	wide range of books,	these orally	modern fiction, fiction from our	modern fiction, fiction from our
		on background	with and retelling a	including fairy	Identifying themes		
		information and	wider range of	stories, myths and	Identifying themes and conventions in a	literary heritage, and books from other	literary heritage, and books from other
		vocabulary provided	stories, fairy stories and traditional tales	legends, and retelling some of	wide range of books	cultures and	cultures and
		by the teacher	and traditional tales	these orally	wide range of books	traditions	traditions
				triese orally		traditions	trauitions

recognisir	ng and checking that the	being introduced to	Discussing words	Preparing poems	Recommending	Recommending
joining in	with text makes sense to	non-fiction books	and phrases that	and play scripts to	books that they have	books that they have
	le phrases them as they read	that are structured	capture the reader's	read aloud and to	read to their peers,	read to their peers,
discussing		in different ways	interest and	perform, showing	giving reasons for	giving reasons for
meanings		,	imagination	understanding	their choices	their choices
new mear		recognising simple		through intonation,		
	eady known significance of the	recurring literary	Recognising some	tone, volume and	Identifying and	Identifying and
	title and events	language in stories	different forms of	action	discussing themes	discussing themes
	making inferences	and poetry	poetry [for example,		and conventions in	and conventions in
	on the basis of what	, , , , ,	free verse, narrative	Discussing words	and across a wide	and across a wide
	is being said and	discussing and	poetry]	and phrases that	range of writing	range of writing
	done	clarifying the	, , ,	capture the reader's		
	predicting what	meanings of words,		interest and	Making comparisons	Making comparisons
	might happen on the	linking new		imagination	within and across	within and across
	basis of what has	meanings to known			books	books
	been read so far	vocabulary	Understand what			
		discussing their	they read, in books	Understand what	Preparing poems	Preparing poems
		favourite words and	they can read	they read, in books	and plays to read	and plays to read
		phrases	independently, by:	they can read	aloud and to	aloud and to
				independently, by:	perform, showing	perform, showing
		continuing to build	Checking that the		understanding	understanding
		up a repertoire of	text makes sense to	Checking that the	through intonation,	through intonation,
		poems learnt by	them, discussing	text makes sense to	tone and volume so	tone and volume so
		heart, appreciating	their understanding	them, discussing	that the meaning is	that the meaning is
		these and reciting	and explaining the	their understanding	clear to an audience	clear to an audience
		some, with	meaning of words in	and explaining the		
		appropriate	context	meaning of words in	<u>Understand what</u>	Understand what
		intonation to make		context	they read by:	they read by:
		the meaning clear	Asking questions to			
			improve their	Asking questions to	Checking that the	Checking that the
		understand both the	understanding of a	improve their	book makes sense to	book makes sense to
		books that they can	text	understanding of a	them, discussing	them, discussing
		already read		text	their understanding	their understanding
		accurately and	Drawing inferences		and exploring the	and exploring the
		fluently and those	such as inferring			

	that they listen to	characters' feelings,	Drawing inferences	meaning of words in	meaning of words in
	by:	thoughts and	such as inferring	context	context
		motives from their	characters' feelings,		
	drawing on what	actions, and	thoughts and	Asking questions to	Asking questions to
	they already know or	justifying inferences	motives from their	improve their	improve their
	on background	with evidence	actions, and	understanding	understanding
	information and		justifying inferences		
	vocabulary provided	Predicting what	with evidence	Drawing inferences	Drawing inferences
	by the teacher	might happen from		such as inferring	such as inferring
		details stated and	Predicting what	characters' feelings,	characters' feelings,
	checking that the	implied	might happen from	thoughts and	thoughts and
	text makes sense to		details stated and	motives from their	motives from their
	them as they read	Identifying main	implied	actions, and	actions, and
	and correcting	ideas drawn from		justifying inferences	justifying inferences
	inaccurate reading	more than one	Identifying main	with evidence	with evidence
		paragraph and	ideas drawn from		
	making inferences	summarising these	more than one	Predicting what	Predicting what
	on the basis of what	identifying how	paragraph and	might happen from	might happen from
	is being said and	language, structure,	summarising these	details stated and	details stated and
	done	and presentation	identifying how	implied	implied
	answering and	contribute to	language, structure,		
	asking questions	meaning	and presentation	Summarising the	Summarising the
			contribute to	main ideas drawn	main ideas drawn
	predicting what	Retrieve and record	meaning	from more than one	from more than one
	might happen on the	information from		paragraph,	paragraph,
	basis of what has	non-fiction	Retrieve and record	identifying key	identifying key
	been read so far		information from	details that support	details that support
		Participate in	non-fiction	the main ideas	the main ideas
	Participate in	discussion about		Identifying how	Identifying how
	discussion about	both books that are	Participate in	language, structure	language, structure
	books, poems and	read to them and	discussion about	and presentation	and presentation
	other works that are	those they can read	both books that are	contribute to	contribute to
	read to them and	for themselves,	read to them and	meaning	meaning
	those that they can	taking turns and	those they can read		
	read for themselves,		for themselves,		

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handwriting All year groups use Penpals handwriting scheme (see Penpals handwriting scheme)	Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole-hand grasp. Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control. Can copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name. Shows a preference for a dominant hand. Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines. Begins to form recognisable letters. Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.	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 Form digits 0-9 Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' and to practise these.	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.	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].	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].	Write 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	Write 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

	Encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: Evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils	 In narratives, creating settings, characters and plot In non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings] 	In narratives, creating settings, characters and plot In non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]	such choices can change and enhance meaning In narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action Précising longer	understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning In narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
	Re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form Proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated	 Evaluate and edit by: Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements Proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in 	Assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements Proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in	Using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs Using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]	Précising longer passages Using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs Using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]
	correctly]	sentences Proof-read for spelling and	Proof-read for spelling and	Evaluate and edit by: Assessing the effectiveness of their	Evaluate and edit by: Assessing the effectiveness of their

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		Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make	punctuation errors Read aloud their	punctuation errors Read aloud their	own and others' writing Proposing changes	own and others' writing Proposing changes
		the meaning clear.	own writing, to a group or the whole class,	own writing, to a group or the whole class,	to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to	to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to
			using appropriate intonation and	using appropriate intonation and	enhance effects and clarify meaning	enhance effects and clarify meaning
			controlling the tone and volume so that the	controlling the tone and volume so that the	Ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense	Ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense
			meaning is clear.	meaning is clear	throughout a piece of writing	throughout a piece of writing
					Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when	Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when
					using singular and plural, distinguishing between the	using singular and plural, distinguishing between the
					language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register	language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register
					Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors	Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Writing-	Early Learning	<u>Sentence</u>	<u>Sentence</u>	Sentence:	Sentence:	Sentence:	Sentence:
Vocabulary,	Goal	Words combine to	Subordination –	Expressing time, place	Noun phrases expanded	Relative clauses	Relative clauses
grammar and	Children express	make sentences,	when, if, that,	and cause using	by the addition of	beginning with	beginning with who,
punctuation	themselves	joining words and	because and		modifying adjectives,	who, which, where,	which, where, when,
	effectively,	clauses using 'and'	coordination or, and,	Conjunctions [for	nouns and preposition	when, whose, that	whose, that or an
	showing		but.	example, when,	phrases (e.g. The	or an omitted	omitted pronoun
	awareness of		Expanded noun	before, after, while,	teacher expanded to:	pronoun	Indicating degrees of
	listeners' needs.		phrases for	so, because],	the strict maths teacher	Indicating degrees	possibility using
	They use past,		description and	Adverbs [for example,	with curly hair)	of possibility using	adverbs (perhaps) or
	present		specification	then, next, soon,	Fronted adverbials [for	adverbs (perhaps)	modal verbs (might)
	and future forms			therefore]	example, Later that day,	or modal verbs	
	accurately when		Understand how	Prepositions [for	I heard the bad news.]	(might)	
	talking about		grammatical patterns	example, before, after,			
	events		in a sentence indicate	during, in, because of]			
	that have		its function as a				
	happened or are	<u>Text</u>	statement, question,		Text:		Text:
	to happen in the	Sequencing	explanation or	Text:	Use of paragraphs to		Devises to build
	future.	sentences to form	command	Introduction to	organise ideas around a	Text:	cohesion within a
	They develop	short narratives		paragraphs as a way to	theme	Devises to build	paragraph (then,
	their own		<u>Text</u>	group related	Appropriate choice of	cohesion within a	after)
	narratives and		Correct choice and	material.	pronoun or noun within	paragraph (then,	Linking ideas across
	explanations by		consistence use of	Headings and sub-	and across sentences to	after)	paragraphs using
	connecting ideas		present and past	headings to aid	aid cohesion and avoid	Linking ideas	adverbials of time
	or events.		tense, progressive	presentation.	repetition	across paragraphs	(later), place (nearby)
			form of verbs in	Use of the present		using adverbials of	and number
			present and past to	perfect form of verbs		time (later), place	(secondly) or tense
			mark actions in	instead of the simple		(nearby) and	choices (he <i>had</i> seen
			progress	past (He has gone out		number (secondly)	her before)
				to play contrasted		or tense choices	
				with He went out to		(he <i>had</i> seen her	
				play)		before)	

Punctuation	Punctuation		Punctuation:	Punctuation:	Punctuation:
Spaces to separate	Use of capital letters,	Punctuation:	Introduction to inverted	Brackets, dashes or	Brackets, dashes or
words, introduce	full stops, question	Introduction to	commas to punctuate	commas to	commas to indicate
capital letters, full	marks and	inverted commas to	direct speech.	indicate	parenthesis
stops, question	exclamation marks to	punctuate direct	uncer specen.	parenthesis	Use of commas to
marks and	demark sentences,	speech.		Use of commas to	clarity meaning or
explanation marks	commas to separate	Specen.		clarity meaning or	avoid ambiguity
to demark	items in a list,			avoid ambiguity	a void diffibigaity
sentences, capital	apostrophes to make			avoid arribigaity	
letters for names	missing letters and				
and I	singular possession in		Terminology		Terminology
and I	nouns		: adverb, preposition	Terminology	: modal verb, relative
Terminology	nouris	Terminology	conjunction, word	: modal verb,	pronoun, relative
Letter, capital	Terminology	: adverb, preposition	family, prefix, clause,	relative pronoun,	clause, parenthesis,
letter, word,	noun, noun phrase,	conjunction, word	subordinate clause,	relative clause,	bracket, dash,
singular plural,	statement, question,	family, prefix, clause,	direct speech,	parenthesis,	cohesion, ambiguity
sentence,	exclamation,	subordinate clause,	consonant, consonant	bracket, dash,	concion, ambiguity
punctuation, full	command,	direct speech,	letter vowel, vowel	cohesion,	See The national
stop, question	compound, adjective,	consonant, consonant	letter, inverted commas	ambiguity	curriculum in England
mark, explanation	verb, suffix, adverb,	letter vowel, vowel	(or speech marks)	ambiguity	- English Appendix 2:
mark	tense (past and	letter, inverted	(or specon marks)	See The national	Vocabulary, grammar
mark	present), apostrophe,	commas (or speech	See The national	curriculum in	and punctuation for
	comma	marks)	curriculum in England –	England – English	further detail
	Commu	, markey	English Appendix 2:	Appendix 2:	rai circi actan
See The national	See The national	See The national	Vocabulary, grammar	Vocabulary,	
curriculum in	curriculum in England	curriculum in England	and punctuation for	grammar and	
England – English	– English Appendix 2:	– English Appendix 2:	further detail	punctuation for	
Appendix 2:	Vocabulary, grammar	Vocabulary, grammar		further detail	
Vocabulary,	and punctuation for	and punctuation for			
grammar and	further detail	further detail			
punctuation for					
further detail					

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Spelling	Phonics through	Revision of work	Revision of work	Revision of work	Revision of work	Revision of work	Revision of work
	Letters and sounds	from YR	from YR and Y1	from Y1 and Y2	from Y1 and Y2	from previous years	from previous years
	scheme of work						
	(phase 2)	Phonics through	Phonics through	Sounds- the 'y' as in	Sounds- the 'y' as in	Sounds- words	Sounds- words
		Letters and sounds	Letters and sounds	myth, 'ou' as in	myth, 'ou' as in	ending in '—cious'	ending in '-cious'
		scheme of work	scheme of work	young, '-sure' as in	young, '-sure' as in	and '—tious' as in	and '—tious' as in
		(phase 3-5)	(phase 6)	measure, '-ture' as in	measure, '-ture' as in	vicious and	vicious and
				creature, '-sion' as in	creature, '-sion' as in	ambitious, words	ambitious, words
		Sounds – f, l, s, z, k,	Sounds – dge, ge, g,	division, endings	division, endings	ending in '—cial', '—	ending in '—cial', '—
		ff, II, ss, zz, ck, nk,	s sound spelt c	which sound like '-	which sound like '-	tial' as in official and	tial' as in official and
		tch, v (at the end of	before e, i, and y, Kn	tion', '-sion', '-ssion'	tion', '-sion', '-ssion'	essential, words	essential, words
		a word –n have), ai,	and gn, wr, le, el, al,	and '–cian'	and '-cian'	ending in '—ant', '—	ending in '—ant', '—
		oi, ay, oy, a_e, e_e,	il, y at the end of	(alternative	(alternative	ance' / '—ancy', '—	ance' / '—ancy', '—
		i_e, o_e, u_e, ar,ee,	words, al, all, o as in	spellings), words	spellings), words	ent', '—ence' / '—	ent', '—ence' / '—
		ea, er, ir, ur, oo,	other, ey, the a after	with the sound spelt	with the sound spelt	ency' and '—ation'	ency' and '—ation'
		oa,ou, ow, ue, ew,	w and qu, or as in	'ch' i.e scheme,	'ch' i.e scheme,	(observant,	(observant,
		ie, igh, or, ore, aw,	word, ar as in war,	words with the	words with the	tolerance, hesitancy,	tolerance, hesitancy,
		au, air, ear, are, ph,	the s in television,	sound spelt 'ch' i.e.	sound spelt 'ch' i.e.	innocent,	innocent,
		wh, y (words ending	tion	machine, words	machine, words	confidence, decency	confidence, decency
		in y happy)		ending with the	ending with the	and expectation),	and expectation),
			Adding es to nouns	•	sound spelt a 'g' and	words with the 'i'	words with the 'i'
		Division of words	and verbs, ending in	'k' sound i.e league	'k' sound i.e league	sound spelt ei after c	sound spelt ei after c
		into syllables, adding		or antique, words	or antique, words	as in deceive, words	as in deceive, words
		s and es to words for	and est to a root	with the 'sc' sound	with the 'sc' sound	containing the letter	containing the letter
		plurals	word ending in y	i.e. science, words	i.e. science, words	string 'ough' as in	string 'ough' as in
			with a consonant	with the sound spelt	with the sound spelt	ought, though and	ought, though and
			before it, adding ing,	'ei', 'eigh' or 'ey' i.e.	'ei', 'eigh' or 'ey' i.e.	plough (note the	plough (note the
		to verbs where no	ed, er, est and y to	vein, weigh, obey.	vein, weigh, obey.	different ways to say	different ways to say
		root change is	words of one syllable			the sound), words	the sound), words
		needed, adding er	ending in a single	Adding suffixes	Adding suffixes	with 'silent' letters	with 'silent' letters
		and est to adjective	consonant letter	beginning with	beginning with	i.e. doubt, lamb and	i.e. doubt, lamb and
		where no change	after a single vowel	vowel letters to	vowel letters to	knight.	knight.
		root change is	letter, suffixes ment,				

needed, adding the prefix un, compound words, common exception words See The national curriculum in England – English Appendix 1: Spelling for further detail	ness, ful, less and ly, contraction, possessive apostrophes for singular nouns, Homophones and near homophones, common exception words See The national curriculum in England – English Appendix 1: Spelling for further detail	words of more than one syllable Prefixes: un—, dis—, mis—, in— (illegal, immature, irregular), Re—, sub—, inter—, super—, anti—, auto— Suffixes: —ation, — ly, —ous Possessive apostrophe with plural words Homophones and near homophones See The national curriculum in England — English Appendix 1: Spelling for further detail	words of more than one syllable Prefixes: un—, dis—, mis—, in— (illegal, immature, irregular), Re—, sub—, inter—, super—, anti—, auto— Suffixes: —ation, — ly, —ous Possessive apostrophe with plural words Homophones and near homophones See The national curriculum in England — English Appendix 1: Spelling for further detail	Homophones and other words that are often confused: advice/advise, device/devise, practise/practise. See The national curriculum in England – English Appendix 1: Spelling for further detail	Homophones and other words that are often confused: advice/advise, device/devise, practise/practise. See The national curriculum in England – English Appendix 1: Spelling for further detail
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Grammar objectives

Year	GRAMMAR Objectives	Example	Terminology
1	Using full stops and capital letters to demarcate sentences	We sailed to the land where the wild things are.	Sentence Word Letter Capital letter Full stop
1	Use capital letters for proper names	My name is Rosie and I have a dog called Woof.	Name Capital letter
1	Using 'and' to join sentences	Using 'and' to join sentences	Joining words
1	Using a question mark at the end of a sentence to indicate a question	Why did Max want to come home?	Question Question mark
1	Using an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence to indicate an exclamation	There was a terrible mess!	Exclamation Exclamation mark

Year	GRAMMAR Objectives	Example	Terminology
2	Demarcate sentences using capital letters at the start and full stops, exclamation or question marks at the end.	The endangered animals we are looking at are: tigers, pandas, whales and cheetahs.	Sentence Capital letter Full stop Question mark Exclamation mark
2	Use commas in making lists	The endangered animals we are looking at are: tigers, pandas, whales and cheetahs.	comma
2	Use adjectives to describe nouns	The wild tiger, the black bear and the swimming whale.	Noun Adjective
2	Use conjunctions to join ideas in longer sentences Co-ordination: using 'and', 'or' and 'but' (Compound) Subordination: using 'when', 'where', 'if', 'that' and 'because' (Complex)	Children need to start using compound and complex sentences in their writing: When the tiger came to tea, he ate up all the food and drank up all the water. If another tiger comes to tea, we have some tins of tiger-food.	
2	Use and distinguish past and present text	In a story it is often past tense: The tiger went to the cupboard and took out all the tins. He drank up all the water in the tap. In a description of something which is true now, it is present tense. My favourite colour is red. I like playing princesses and magic games best.	Verb Tense Past Present
2	Use adjectival phrases to describe nouns	The tiger that came to tea was lovely and gentle.	
2	Use apostrophes for contracted forms – relate this to differences between spoken & written English	Encourage children to write speech in a realistic way, e.g. I don't want to come home!	Apostrophe

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3	Recognise simple sentences and begin to recognise compound and complex sentences	Encourage children to extend their sentences using joining words (conjunctions). They can join simple sentences (clauses) The boat arrived late and the man walked down the gangway. They can add a subordinate clause to a sentence When the rain stopped, the girls went back to the playground.	Sentence Conjunction
3	Use and recognise nouns, adjectives and adjectival phrases	Explain what a noun is, and how an adjective or adjectival phrase can modify the noun: Mrs Coles' house was noisy, loud and messy. Peter and Poppy, who were my age, looked after me very nicely.	Noun Adjective
3	Use powerful verbs Introduce the idea of a verb	Explain the concept of a verb and encourage children to use powerful verbs in their writing Not: I went out of the room but I stormed out of the room or I plodded out of the room I crept out of the room	Verb
3	Introduce the idea of tense in verbs	Explain the concept of a verb and help children to recognise these. They also relate the tense of verbs used to the type of writing. E.g. narrative is usually past tense, description can be present tense. She ran along the road and saw the robber vanishing down a trapdoor. My friend has red hair, blue eyes and is always telling jokes.	Verb Past tense Present tense
3	Use dialogue in narrative or in drama	Start by relating speech bubbles to speech marks. Make sure what is inside the speech bubble (marks) is what we or the characters SAY. "I'm hungry!" yelled the big, bad wolf. "Give me some FOOD!"	Inverted commas or speech marks Direct speech
3	Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause. Co-ordination: using 'and', 'or' and 'but' (compound) Subordination: using a wider range of conjunctions to add subordinate clauses (complex).	Extend children's use of longer sentences in their writing, so they frequently use sentences with at least one subordinate clause. Use joining words (conjunctions) such as: and, or, but, if, when, where, because, so, although, etc.	Conjunction Clause

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4	Use adverbs to modify verbs	Children need to understand that we can not only say that something is done or happened, but also HOW. She went off happily to see her granny. He kicked the ball furiously into the wall.	Adverb
4	Use conjunctions to express time or cause	Extend children's use of complex sentences by encouraging them to think about how, when, where or why something was done or happened. Dad tripped on the stairs because the cat was lying there. When the film was over, we all went and had a meal. He was certainly still angry so the dogs thought it best to keep out of his sight for a while.	Conjunction Clause Sentence Subordinate clause
4	Use prepositions to express time and place	Help children make their writing more interesting by using prepositional phrases. With a heavy heart, the princess put the frog back in the pond. He kicked the ball right over the wall.	Preposition Phrase
4	Person – understanding that writing can be third or first person	Children need to become aware that writing can be 'She did this' or 'I did this'. We can write in the 3rd or the 1st person. The dog wandered down the street looking for cats and food. I wandered down the street looking for my dog.	Verb
4	Use adverbs and adverbials (prepositional phrases which act as adverbs)	Extend children's understanding of adverbs, showing them how to use a phrase to say HOW something is done or HOW it happened. He spoke crossly and in a loud voice to all the children. The dog ran with the lead in its mouth, down the street.	Adverb
4	Use commas after or before phrases and clauses	Introduce the idea of a 'short pause' which does not merit a new sentence but does require a comma. Show chn how we can use commas before or after phrases or clauses. After the door slammed, the class sat in total silence. As light as a bird, the glider disappeared into the clouds.	Comma

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4	Pronouns – using pronouns to avoid repetition or ambiguity and to add clarity and cohesion	Encourage children to use pronouns to help them make sense and be clear: 1. Avoid repetition: While Sam watched the TV programme. Sam finished making his Lego spaceship. 2. Avoid ambiguity: Mary wanted to help her granny and she was feeling very tired. 3. Add to the cohesion: When she went to bed, Mog was feeling rather full of milk and cat food.	Pronoun
4	Use dialogue in narrative or in drama, emphasising the differences between spoken and written speech.	Extend children's use of dialogue, consolidating the use of speech punctuation and ensuring that what is in the speech marks is what is SAID, not what might be written. E.g. We can use contracted forms, and we can use slang "Give me a break," sneered Tom, "You can't expect me to believe that!" "Ger'off, you're hurting me," Sam told his younger brother.	Inverted commas or speech marks Direct speech
4	Use the possessive apostrophe	Use for singular and plural nouns. Joanna's temper was rising fast. He really wanted his brother's football shirt. All the dogs' dinners had been stolen.	Apostrophe
4	Use fronted adverbials	Extend children's use of adverbs by encouraging them to start their sentences with an adverbial. In total silence, the children tiptoed along the corridor. Without blinking, Max stared into all their yellow eyes.	Adverbial Phrase

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5	Use a wide range of conjunctions to create compound and complex sentences	Consolidate children's use of 'and', 'but' and 'or' to write compound sentences and their use of other conjunctions to create complex sentences with subordinate clauses.	Conjunction Complex sentence Compound sentence
5	Use relative clauses beginning with 'who', 'which', 'where', 'why' or 'whose'	Extend children's use and knowledge of subordinate clauses.	Relative clause Relative pronoun
5	Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity	Encourage children to read their work for sense and meaning, and to punctuate short pauses with commas.	Comma
5	Use adverbials of time, place and number to link ideas across paragraphs	Encourage children to use paragraphs to break up their writing and to link ideas using words such as 'Earlier' or 'Nearby' or 'Secondly'. They can also use phrases in the same way: 'Later on' or 'Far away'.	Adverbial
5	Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis	Help children to see that brackets, dashes and commas can all be used to indicate parenthesis In the museum, the toys (always the most popular exhibit) are on display as you enter the hall. In the museum, the dinosaur – first seen from the stairs – is the largest exhibit they possess. In the museum, the fossils, never easy to display, have lights behind them.	Bracket Dash Comma Parenthesis

5	Recognise the difference between direct and indirect speech and relate to differences between informal and formal speech structures	Chn need to turn direct speech into indirect speech and recognise how the writing becomes more formal. "I'll never admit that you're better than Arsenal," Fred growled as the Man U supporter tightened the headlock. Turns into: Fred refused to admit that Arsenal was inferior to Manchester United, even though the supporter had him in a headlock.	
5	Use apostrophes correctly	Consolidate correct use of apostrophes: 1. To indicate possession in singular or plural nouns: The dog's tail, cats' eyes, 2. To indicate a contraction – taking the place of missing letter(s) I'm, don't,	Apostrophe Contraction
5	Use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility	Show children how we can have a hierarchy of possibility using modal verbs: I may go to my granny's. I might go to my granny's. I should go to my granny's. I will go to my granny's. I must go to my granny's.	Modal verb
5	Y5/Y6 Use dialogue, recognise differences between spoken and written speech (contractions)	Consolidate children's use of dialogue, including use of speech punctuation Stress differences between spoken and written speech. E.g. Contracted forms, and slang "Give me a break," sneered Tom, "You can't expect me to believe that!" "Ger'off, you're hurting me," Sam told his younger brother.	Inverted commas or speech marks Direct speech

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6	Use a wide range of conjunctions to create compound and complex sentences	Consolidate children's use of 'and', 'but' and 'or' to write compound sentences and their use of other conjunctions to create complex sentences with subordinate clauses.	Conjunction Complex sentence Compound sentence
6	Use full stops, commas, exclamation marks, speech marks and question marks to punctuate sentences correctly.	 Help children use punctuation correctly: Full stops, question marks for questions and exclamation marks for exclamations. Speech marks for dialogue, with capital letters and full stops or exclamation/question marks as appropriate. commas for pauses within sentences 	Full stop Comma Exclamation mark Question mark
6	Use a wide range of adjectives and adjectival phrases, adverbs, adverbials and prepositional phrases to add description and elaboration to writing.	Consolidate children's use of description to enable them to express themselves in interesting ways.	Noun Adjective Verb Adverb Phrase Preposition
6	Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely	The blue and white salts left in the basin can be placed in a jar for safe-keeping. The herd of deer we saw earlier have returned to the hillside. (A good test of a noun phrase is that the whole thing can be replaced by a pronoun.)	Noun Phrase
6	Use semi-colons or dashes	Show children how we can use a semi-colon to indicate a pause longer than a comma and we can use a dash to indicate a further thought. The woolly mammoth was thought to have died out after the ice-age; the weather became too hot for them to survive. Simon absolutely refused to apologise – he was convinced he had done nothing wrong.	Semi-colon Dash

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6	Distinguish between informal and formal vocabulary and sentence structures	Encourage chn to see how we can use speech structures in informal writing and appropriate structures such as the subjunctive in formal writing. E.g. He really gave that his best shot didn't he? [Informal speech structure] She is really not going to change her mind, is she? [Informal speech structure] If I were you, I would go and say sorry to Jimmy. [Subjunctive] If the planet were to warm more than 3°, scientists think that much of the UK would be under the sea. [Subjunctive]	
6	Use bullet points and punctuate correctly	Encourage children to use bullet points in non-fiction writing.	Bullet points Semi-colon
6	Use colons and semi-colons in punctuating bullet points	New playground rules: No running in the quiet area; No football except on the pitch Hoops, skipping ropes and Frisbees to be returned to the big basket; and No food in the sitting area.	Colon
6	Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity	Help children to see that a hyphen can change the meaning: 'man-eating shark' is different from 'man eating shark' 'cat-hating woman' is different from 'cat hating woman' 're-cover' is different from 'recover'	Hyphen
6	Use passive voice to present information in an objective way	Demonstrate to children how we can describe an incident without saying who did it! Show children how the passive voice helps us to report something without allocating responsibility. The window was broken by a football being kicked through it. The kittens were placed on the doorstop of the orphanage. John was punched in the chest.	Passive voice