Curriculum drivers

The curriculum is underpinned by the school's Curriculum Drivers: Knowledge, Skills, Community and Self. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our pupils and their understanding of the core values of our society are woven through the curriculum.

Writing

| EYFS | Year 1 and 2 | Year 3 and 4 | Year 5 and Year 6 |
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| ELG: Writing Children at the expected level of development will: - Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; - Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; EYFS reforms early adopter framework 14 - Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. | Pupils' writing during year 1 will generally develop at a slower pace than their reading. This is because they need to encode the sounds they hear in words (spelling skills), develop the physical skill needed for handwriting, and learn how to organise their ideas in writing. In writing, pupils at the beginning of year 2 should be able to compose individual sentences orally and then write them down. They should be able to spell correctly many of the words covered in year 1 (see English Appendix 1). They should also be able to make phonically plausible attempts to spell words they have not yet learnt. Finally, they should be able to form individual letters correctly, so establishing good handwriting habits from the beginning. | Pupils should be able to write down their ideas with a reasonable degree of accuracy and with good sentence punctuation. Teachers should therefore be consolidating pupils' writing skills, their vocabulary, their grasp of sentence structure and their knowledge of linguistic terminology. Teaching them to develop as writers involves teaching them to enhance the effectiveness of what they write as well as increasing their competence. Teachers should make sure that pupils build on what they have learnt, particularly in terms of the range of their writing and the more varied grammar, vocabulary and narrative structures from which they can draw to express their ideas. Pupils should be beginning to understand how writing can be different from speech. Joined handwriting should be the norm; pupils should be able to use it fast enough to keep pace with what they want to say. | Pupils should be able to write down their ideas quickly. Their grammar and punctuation should be broadly accurate. Pupils' spelling of most words taught so far should be accurate and they should be able to spell words that they have not yet been taught by using what they have learnt about how spelling works in English. During years 5 and 6, teachers should continue to emphasise pupils' enjoyment and understanding of language, especially vocabulary, to support their reading and writing. Pupils' knowledge of language, gained from stories, plays, poetry, non-fiction and textbooks, will support their increasing fluency as readers, their facility as writers, and their comprehension. As in years 3 and 4, pupils should be taught to enhance the effectiveness of their writing as well as their competence. By the end of year 6, pupils' reading and writing should be sufficiently fluent and effortless for them to manage the general demands of the curriculum in year 7, across all subjects and not just in English, but there will continue to be a need for pupils to learn subject-specific vocabulary. They should be able to reflect their understanding of the audience for and purpose of their writing by selecting appropriate vocabulary and grammar. Teachers should prepare pupils for secondary education by ensuring that they can consciously control sentence structure in their writing and understand why sentences are constructed as they are. Pupils should understand nuances in vocabulary choice and age-appropriate, academic vocabulary. This involves consolidation, practice and discussion of language. |
| | Knowledge Labels, lists and captions Non-chronological reports Instructions Recounts (Diary/postcards) Letter Writing Explanation text Persuasive text | Knowledge Non-chronological reports Recounts Biography Persuasive texts Newspaper reports Explanation text Instructions | Knowledge Non-chronological reports Recounts Biography Persuasive texts Newspaper reports Explanation text Formal and informal letters |

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| Grammatical Terminology | | letter capital letter Lower case Word Word space Singular plural sentence Punctuation full stop question mark exclamation mark Demarcate | Noun noun phrase Expanded noun phrase Statement Question Exclamation Command Compound Conjunction (co-ordinate, subordinate) Adjective Verb suffix Root word Adverb tense (past, present, continuous) Apostrophe (possessive, contraction) comma | Adverb preposition conjunction word family Prefix Clause subordinate clause direct speech consonant consonant letter vowel vowel letter inverted commas paragraph Regular/irregular Headings Subheadings Clarity Cohesion Present perfect | Determiner Pronoun possessive pronoun adverbial fronted adverbial | modal verb relative pronoun relative clause Parenthesis Bracket Dash Cohesion Ambiguity Perfect form Précising Appropriate register | Subject Object Active Passive Synonym Antonym Ellipsis hyphen Colon semi-colon bullet points Subjunctive forms Informal/formal |
| | | narrative sequence Orally edit | Real, fiction, personal, purpose, proof-read | Settings, character, plot | | Settings, character, plot, atmosphere | |
| Phonic/spellin g terminology | Phonemes, graphemes, letter names, alphabet, red tricky words blend, segment, digraphs, trigraphs, graphemes, blend (to read), segment | polysyllabic multi-syllabic compound words, alternative graphemes, | Homophones and near- homophones | | | Morphology, etymology | |

| | (to spell), CVC words (a word with three sounds), syllables, consonant, vowel, | | | | | | |
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| Phonic & Whole word spelling | Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s. | words containing each of the 40+ phonemes taught • common exception words • the days of the week • name the letters of the alphabet in order • using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same so | segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly • learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones • learning to spell common exception words • distinguishing between homophones and near- homophones | spell further homophones spell words that are often misspelt | spell further homophones spell words that are often misspelt | spell some words with 'silent' letters continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically | spell some words with 'silent' letters continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically |
| Other word building spelling | | using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs using the prefix un– using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words apply simple spelling rules and guidance from Appendix 1 | learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) learning to spell more words with contracted forms add suffixes to spell longer words, including – ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1 | use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary | use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them • place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals • use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary | use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary | use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary |
| Transcription | | • write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. | write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. | 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. | | |
| Handwriting | Form lower-case and capital letters correctly. | sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly | form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another start using some of the diagonal and horizontal | use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when | use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, | choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters | choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters |

| | | 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 | 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. | adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined • increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting | when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined • increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting | choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task | choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task |
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| Contexts for Writing | Write short sentences with words with known soundletter correspondence s using a capital letter and full stop. | | writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) writing about real events writing poetry writing for different purposes | discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar | discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar | identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed | identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed |
| Planning Writing | | saying out loud what they are going to write about composing a sentence orally before writing it | planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about | discussing and recording ideas composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures | discussing and recording ideas • composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures | noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary | noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary |
| Drafting Writing | | sequencing sentences to form short narratives • re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense | writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence | organising paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings) | organising paragraphs around a theme • in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot • in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices | selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, 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 précising longer passages using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs using further organisational and presentational devices to | selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, 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 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 |

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| Editing Writing | Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense. | discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils | evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils rereading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form proofreading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation | 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 sentences proofread for spelling and punctuation errors | 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 sentences • proofread for spelling and punctuation errors | assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register proofread for spelling and punctuation errors | assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register proofread for spelling and punctuation errors |
| Performing Writing | | read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. | read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear | read their own writing aloud, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. | read their own writing aloud, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. | perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear. | perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear. |
| Vocabulary | Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important. Learn new vocabulary. | leaving spaces between words joining words and joining clauses using "and" | expanded noun phrases to describe and specify | extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause (and place) | extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although • choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition | use a thesaurus using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility | use a thesaurus using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility |

| Grammar | regular plural noun suffixes (-s, -es) verb suffixes where root word is unchanged (-ing, -ed, -er) un- prefix to change meaning of adjectives/adverbs to combine words to make sentences, including using and Sequencing sentences to form short narratives separation of words with spaces sentence demarcation (.!?) capital letters for names and pronoun 'I') | sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but) some features of written Standard English suffixes to form new words (-ful, -er, -ness) sentence demaracation commas in lists apostrophes for ommission & singular | using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense form nouns using prefixes (super-, anti-) use the correct form of 'a' or 'an' word families based on common words (solve, solution, dissolve, insoluble) | using fronted adverbials • difference between plural and possesive -s • Standard English verb inflections (I did vs I done) • extended noun phrases, including with prepositions • appropriate choice of pronoun or noun to create cohesion | using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun converting nouns or adjectives into verbs verb prefixes devices to build cohesion, including adverbials of time, place and number | recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms • using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence • using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause • differences in informal and formal language • synonyms & Antonyms • further cohesive devices such as grammatical connections and adverbials • use of ellipsis |
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| Punctuation | beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark • using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' | ommission & singular possession • learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) | • using and punctuating direct speech (i.e. Inverted commas) | using commas after fronted adverbials indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns using and punctuating direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas) | using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis | using hyphens to avoid ambiguity using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses using a colon to introduce a list punctuating bullet points consistently |

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