



Gorse Hill Primary School
Writing Progression
Nursery- Year 6

Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint. ● Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places. ● Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint. ● Begins to break the flow of speech into words. •Continues a rhyming string. ● Hears and says the initial sound in words. ● Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. ● Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence. ● Writes own name and other things such as labels,captions. 			
Reception	<p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. 			
	Transcription	Handwriting and presentation	Composition	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Year 1	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● spell: words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught common exception words, the days of the week ● name the letters of the alphabet: naming the letters of the alphabet in order using letter names 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● write sentences by: saying out loud what they are going to write about composing a sentence orally before writing it sequencing sentences to form short narratives re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense ● discuss what they have written 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: leaving spaces between words joining words and joining clauses using and beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark using a capital

	<p>to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add prefixes and suffixes: 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 [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest] • apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’ (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these. 	<p>with the teacher or other pupils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the tea 	<p>letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun ‘I’ learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing
Year 2	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spell by: segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by: writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) writing about real events writing poetry writing for different purposes • consider what they are going to write before beginning by: planning or saying out loud 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)

	<p>spelling, including a few common homophones learning to spell common exception words learning to spell more words with contracted forms learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book] distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly • apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1 • write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. 	<p>and relationship to one another and to lower case letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters. 	<p>what they are going to write about writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils 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 correctly] • read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn how to use: sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly] 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) the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2 some features of written Standard English • use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.
Year 3/4	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1) • spell further homophones • spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1) • place the possessive apostrophe accurately in 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan their writing by: discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar discussing and recording ideas • draft and write by: composing and rehearsing sentences 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, including when, if, because, although using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense choosing nouns or pronouns

	<p>words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary • write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. 	<p>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].</p>	<p>orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures (English Appendix 2) organising paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 sentences • 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 	<p>appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause using fronted adverbials learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in English Appendix 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indicate grammatical and other features by: using commas after fronted adverbials indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns using and punctuating direct speech • use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.
Year 5/6	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them • spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan their writing by: identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own 	<p>Pupils should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, including subjunctive

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knight, psalm, solemn] • 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, as listed in English Appendix 1 • use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words • use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary • use a thesaurus. 	<p>choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task.</p>	<p>noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draft and write by: 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 [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] • evaluate and edit by: 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 	<p>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 using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indicate grammatical and other features by: using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing using hyphens to avoid ambiguity using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses using a colon to introduce a list 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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