



Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus (cf John 8:12)

## Learning Progression Subject: Writing

Key Area	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
anscription	Write recognisable	Naming the letters	Learn the possessive	Use further prefixes		Use further prefixes	
	letters, most of	of the alphabet in	apostrophe	and suffixes and		and suffixes and	
	which are correctly	order	(singular) [for	understand how to		understand the	
	formed;	Using letter names	example, the girl's	add.		guidance for adding	
	Write simple phrases	to distinguish	book]	Spell further		them.	
	and sentences that	between alternative	Distinguish between	homophones		Continue to	
	can be read by	spellings of the same	homophones and	Spell words that are		distinguish between	
	others.	sound	near-homophones	often misspelt .		homophones and	
		Add prefixes and	Add suffixes to spell	Place the possessive		other words which	
		suffixes:	longer words,	apostrophe		are often	
		Using the spelling	including –ment, –	accurately in words		confused	
		rule for adding –s or	ness, –ful, –less, –ly	with regular plurals			
		es as the plural		[for			
		marker for nouns		example, girls',			
		and		boys'] and in words			
		the third person		with irregular plurals			
		singular marker for		[for example,			
		verbs		children's]			
		Using the prefix un-		Use the first two or			
		Using –ing, –ed, –er		three letters of a			
		and –est where no		word to check its			
		change is needed in		spelling in a			
		the spelling of root		dictionary			
		words [for example,		Write from memory			
		helping, helped,		simple sentences,			
		helper, eating,		dictated by the			
		quicker, quickest]		teacher, that include			

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		Apply simple spelling rules and guidance. Write from memory simple sentences.		words and punctuation taught so far.		
Composition	Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play.	Say out loud what they are going to write about Compose a sentence orally before writing it Sequence sentences to form short narratives Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils Read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.	Write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) Write about real events Write poetry Write for different purposes Consider what they are going to write before beginning by: Plan or saying out loud what they are going to write about Write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary Encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence	Plan writing: Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar Discuss and draft: Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures. Organise paragraphs around a theme In narratives, creating settings,	Plan writing: Identify the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own Note and develop 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 Draft and write: Select appropriate	
			Make simple additions, revisions	characters and plot In non-narrative	grammar and vocabulary,	

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and corrections to	material, using	understanding how	
their own writing by:	simple	such choices can	
Evaluating their	organisational	change and enhance	
writing with the	devices [for	meaning	
teacher and other	example,	In narratives,	
pupils	headings and sub-	describing settings,	
Re-read to check	headings]	characters and	
that their writing	Evaluate and edit:	atmosphere and	
makes sense and	Assess the	integrating	
that verbs to	effectiveness of their	dialogue to convey	
indicate	own and others'	character and	
time are used	writing and	advance the action	
correctly and	suggesting	Précis longer	
consistently,	improvements	passages	
including verbs in	Propose changes to	Use a wide range of	
the continuous form	grammar and	devices to build	
Proof-read to check	vocabulary to	cohesion within and	
for errors in spelling,	improve consistency,	across paragraphs	
grammar and	including the	Use further	
punctuation [for	accurate use of	organisational and	
example, ends of	pronouns in	presentational	
sentences	sentences	devices to structure	
punctuated	Proof-read for	text and to	
correctly]	spelling and	guide the reader [for	
Read aloud what	punctuation errors	example, headings,	
they have written	Read aloud their	bullet points,	
with appropriate	own writing, to a	underlining]	
intonation to make	group or the whole	Evaluate and edit:	
the meaning	class, using	Assess the	
clear.	appropriate	effectiveness of their	
	intonation and	own and others'	
	controlling the tone	writing	
	and volume so that	Propose changes to	

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			the meaning is clear.	vocabulary,	
				grammar and	
				punctuation to	
				enhance effects	
				and clarify meaning	
				Ensure the	
				consistent and	
				correct use of tense	
				throughout a piece	
				of writing	
				Ensure correct	
				subject and verb	
				agreement when	
				using singular and	
				plural,	
				distinguishing	
				between the	
				language of speech	
				and writing and	
				choosing the	
				appropriate register	
				Proof-read for	
				spelling and	
				punctuation errors	
Grammar	Join words and	Develop their	Extend the range of	Recognise	
	joining clauses using	understanding of the	sentences with more	vocabulary and	
	and	concepts by	than one clause by	structures that are	
	Begin to punctuate	Learn how to use	using a wider	appropriate for	
	sentences using a	both familiar and	range of	formal speech	
	capital letter and a	new punctuation,	conjunctions,	and writing,	
	full stop, question	including full stops,	including when, if,	including subjunctive	
	mark or exclamation	capital letters,	because, although	forms	
	Use a capital letter	exclamation marks,	Use the present	Use passive verbs to	

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	for names of people,	question marks,	perfect form of	affect the	
	places, the days of	commas for lists and	verbs in contrast to	presentation of	
	the week, and the	apostrophes for	the past tense	information in a	
	personal pronoun 'I'	contracted forms	Choose nouns or	sentence	
		and the	pronouns	Use the perfect form	
		possessive (singular)	appropriately for	of verbs to mark	
		Learn how to use:	clarity and cohesion	relationships of time	
		Sentences with	and to avoid	and cause	
		different forms:	repetition	Use expanded noun	
		statement, question,	Use conjunctions,	phrases to convey	
		exclamation,	adverbs and	complicated	
		command	prepositions to	information	
		Expanded noun	express time and	concisely	
		phrases to describe	cause	Use modal verbs or	
		and specify [for	Use fronted	adverbs to indicate	
		example, the blue	adverbials	degrees of possibility	
		butterfly]	Use commas after	Use relative clauses	
		The present and past	fronted adverbials	beginning with who,	
		tenses correctly and	Indicate possession	which, where, when,	
		consistently	by using the	whose, that or	
		including the	possessive	with an implied (i.e.	
		progressive	apostrophe with	omitted) relative	
		form	plural nouns	pronoun	
		Subordination (using	Use and punctuate	Use commas to	
		when, if, that, or	direct speech	clarify meaning or	
		because) and co-	Use and understand	avoid ambiguity in	
		ordination (using or,	the grammatical	writing	
		and, or but)	accurately	Use hyphens to	
			and appropriately	avoid ambiguity	
			when discussing	Use brackets, dashes	
			their writing and	or commas to	
			reading.	indicate parenthesis	
				Use semi-colons,	

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						colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses Use a colon to introduce a list Punctuate using bullet points consistently	
ic th re so	pell words by dentifying sounds in hem and epresenting the ounds with a etter or letters.	Words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught Common exception words The days of the week	Segment spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly Learn new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones Learn to spell common exception words Learn to spell more	Develop a range of personal strategies for learning new and irregular words Develop a range of personal strategies for spelling at the point of composition Develop a range of strategies for checking and proof reading spellings after writing Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them Begin to recognise different word families spell further	Develop a range of personal strategies for learning new and irregular words Develop a range of personal strategies for spelling at the point of composition Develop a range of strategies for checking and proof reading spellings after writing Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them Spell further homophones Spell words that are often misspelt	Develop a range of personal strategies for learning new and irregular words Develop a range of personal strategies for spelling at the point of composition Develop a range of strategies for checking and proof reading spellings after writing Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight,	Develop a range of personal strategies for learning new and irregular words Develop a range of personal strategies for spelling at the point of composition Develop a range of strategies for checking and proof reading spellings after writing Use further prefixes and understand the guidance for adding them Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for

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	contracted forms	spell words that are	apostrophe	Continue to	psalm, solemn]
	Learn the possessive	often misspelt	accurately in words	distinguish between	Continue to
	apostrophe	Place the possessive	with regular plurals	homophones and	distinguish
	(singular) [for	apostrophe	[for example, girls',	other words which	between
	example, the girl's	accurately in words	boys'] and in words	are often confused	homophones
	book]	with regular plurals	with irregular plurals	Use knowledge of	and other words
	Distinguish between	[for example, girls',	[for example,	morphology and	which are often
	homophones and	boys'] and in words	children's]	etymology in spelling	confused
	near-homophones	with irregular plurals	Use the first two or	and understand that	Use knowledge of
	add suffixes to	[for example,	three letters of a	the spelling of some	morphology and
	spell longer words,	children's]	word to check its	words needs to be	etymology in
	including –ment, –	Use the first two or	spelling in a	learnt specifically.	spelling and
	ness, –ful, –less, –ly	three letters of a	dictionary	Use dictionaries to	understand that
		word to check its	Write from memory	check the spelling	the spelling of
		spelling in a	simple sentences,	and meaning of	some words
		dictionary	dictated by the	words	needs to be
		Write from memory	teacher, that include	Use the first three or	learnt
		simple sentences,	words and	four letters of a	specifically.
		dictated by the	punctuation taught	word to check	Use dictionaries to
		teacher, that include	so far	spelling, meaning or	check the
		words and	Begin to recognise	both of these in a	spelling and
		punctuation taught	different word	dictionary	meaning of
		so far	families	Use a thesaurus- e.g.	words
		Proof-read for	Proof-read for	building up an	Use the first three or
		spelling errors	spelling errors	understanding of	four letters of a
				word families	word to check
				Proof-read for	spelling,
				spelling errors	meaning or both
					of these in a
					dictionary
					Use a thesaurus- e.g.
					building up an
					understanding

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							of word families through synonyms and antonyms Proof-read for spelling errors
Hand	dwriting	Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery; Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.	Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly Begin to form lowercase 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' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) 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	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	Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by: Choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters Choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task.	
				the size of the letters.	do not touch].		

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