

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling – Coverage and Progression



	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Autumn 1	<p>Separation of words with spaces</p> <p>Introduction to capital letters, full stops, marks to demarcate sentences</p> <p>Sequencing sentences to form short narratives</p>	<p>Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences</p> <p>Commas to separate items in a list</p> <p>Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, <i>the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon</i>]</p>	<p>Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech (YEAR 3)</p> <p>Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: <i>The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"</i>] (YEAR 4)</p> <p>Use of the forms <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, <i>a rock, an open box</i>] (YEAR 3)</p> <p>Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, <i>we were</i> instead of <i>we was</i>, or <i>I did</i> instead of <i>I done</i>] (YEAR 4)</p>	<p>Begin by revising any key areas from year 3/4 that are identified for further teaching.</p> <p>Relative clauses beginning with <i>who, which, where, when, whose, that</i>, or an omitted relative pronoun (YEAR 5)</p> <p>Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity (YEAR 5)</p> <p><i>Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis</i> (YEAR 5)</p> <p>How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little]. (YEAR 6)</p>
Autumn 2	<p>Capital letters for names and for the personal pronoun <i>I</i></p>	<p>Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing</p>	<p>Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material (YEAR 3)</p>	<p>Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, <i>then, after that, this, firstly</i>]</p>

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	<p>How words can combine to make sentences</p> <p>Joining words and joining clauses using <i>and</i></p> <p>Sequencing sentences to form short narratives</p>	<p>Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, <i>she is drumming, he was shouting</i>]</p> <p>How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command</p>	<p>Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme (YEAR 4)</p> <p>The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s (YEAR 4)</p> <p>Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, <i>the girl's name, the girls' names</i>] (YEAR 4)</p>	<p>Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, <i>later</i>], place [for example, <i>nearby</i>] and number [for example, <i>secondly</i>] or tense choices [for example, he <i>had</i> seen her before] (YEAR 5)</p> <p>Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as <i>on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence</i>], and ellipsis</p> <p>Layout devices [for example, headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure text] (YEAR 6)</p> <p>Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists Punctuation of bullet points to list information (Year 6)</p>
<p>Spring 1</p>	<p>Separation of words with spaces</p> <p>Introduction to capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences</p>	<p>Subordination (using <i>when, if, that, because</i>) and co-ordination (using <i>or, and, but</i>)</p>	<p>Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. <i>the teacher</i> expanded to: <i>the</i></p>	<p>The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: <i>He's your friend, isn't he?</i>, or the use of</p>

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	Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Formation of nouns using suffixes such as <i>-ness, -er</i> and by compounding [for example, <i>whiteboard, superman</i>]	<i>strict maths teacher with curly hair</i> (YEAR 4) Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes [for example <i>super-, anti-, auto-</i>] (YEAR 3)	subjunctive forms such as <i>If I were</i> or <i>Were they to come</i> in some very formal writing and speech] (YEAR 6) – linked to diary writing The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, <i>find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter</i>] (YEAR 6) – linked to diaries & news reports Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses [for example, <i>It's raining; I'm fed up</i>] (YEAR 6)
Spring 2	Regular plural noun suffixes <i>-s</i> or <i>-es</i> [for example, <i>dog, dogs; wish, wishes</i>], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Subordination (using <i>when, if, that, because</i>) and co-ordination (using <i>or, and, but</i>) Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as <i>-ful, -less</i>	Fronted adverbials [for example, <i>Later that day, I heard the bad news.</i>] (YEAR 4) Use of commas after fronted adverbials (YEAR 4) Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example,	Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs [for example, <i>perhaps, surely</i>] or modal verbs [for example, <i>might, should, will, must</i>] (YEAR 5) Use of the passive to affect the presentation of information in a

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		(A fuller list of suffixes can be found in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1)	<i>when, before, after, while, so, because</i>], adverbs [for example, <i>then, next, soon, therefore</i>], or prepositions [for example, <i>before, after, during, in, because of</i>] (YEAR 3)	sentence [for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)]. (YEAR 6) Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes [for example, -ate; -ise; -ify] (YEAR 5)
Summer 1	Suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. <i>helping, helped, helper</i>) Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Use of the suffixes <i>-er, -est</i> in adjectives and the use of <i>-ly</i> in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, <i>the girl's name</i>]	Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation (YEAR 3) Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition (Year 4) Word families based on common words , showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, <i>solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble</i>] (YEAR 3)	How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover] (YEAR 6) Verb prefixes [for example, <i>dis-, de-, mis-, over-</i> and <i>re-</i>] (YEAR 5)
Summer 2	How the prefix <i>un-</i> changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives [negation, for example, <i>unkind</i> , or <i>undoing: untie the boat</i>]	Revision of key terminology and learning of the year	Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, <i>He has gone out to play</i> contrasted with <i>He went out to play</i>] (YEAR 3)	Revision of all the above and any areas picked up during on-going teacher assessment.

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Terminology	letter, capital letter word, singular, plural sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark	noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense (past, present) apostrophe, comma	preposition conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks') (YEAR 3) determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial (YEAR 4)	modal verb, relative pronoun relative clause parenthesis, bracket, dash cohesion, ambiguity (YEAR 5) subject, object, active, passive synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points (YEAR 6)

Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation will be taught within the teaching of writing both in literacy and across the curriculum. Shared and guided writing will give a high profile to these key skills.