

## Whole School Progression of Writing

Writing: Transcription	EYFS 30-50mths to ELGs)		KS1		K	S2	
Spelling**	Three and Four-	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Year-Olds						
	Reception						
	Early Learning Goals						
Phonics and	Use some of their	To know all letters	To segment spoken	To spell words with	To spell words with /	To spell words with	To spell
Spelling Rules	print and letter	of the alphabet and	words into phonemes	the / eɪ/ sound spelt	shuhn/ endings spelt	endings that sound	words ending
Rules	knowledge in their	the sounds which	and to represent these	'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey'	with 'sion' (if the root	like / shuhs/spelt	in -able and
	early writing. For	they most commonly	with graphemes, spelling	(e.g. vein, weigh,	word ends in 'se',	with -cious (e.g.	-ably (e.g. adorable/
	example: writing a	represent.	many of these words correctly and making	eight, neighbour, they, obey).	'de' or 'd', e.g. division, invasion,	vicious, precious,	adorably, applicable/
	pretend shopping	To recognise	phonically-plausible	tricy, obcy).	confusion, decision,	conscious,	applicable,
	list that starts at	consonant digraphs	attempts at others.	To spell words	collision, television).	delicious,	considerable/
	the top of the	which have been		with the	,	malicious,	considerably,
	page; write 'm' for	taught and the	To recognise new ways	/ɪ/ sound spelt	To spell words with	suspicious).	tolerable/ tolerably).
	mummy.	sounds which they	of spelling phonemes	'y' in a position other than at	a / shuhn/sound	To spell words with	To an all words
		represent.	for which one or more spellings are already	the end of	spelt with 'ssion' (if the root word ends	endings that sound	To spell words ending in -ible
	Spell words by	To recognise	known and to learn	words (e.g.	in 'ss' or 'mit', e.g.	like / shuhs/spelt	and -ibly (e.g.
	identifying the	vowel digraphs	some words with each	mystery, gym).	expression,	with -tious or -ious	possible/possibly,
	sounds and then	which have been	spelling, including		discussion,	(e.g. ambitious,	horrible/horribly,
	writing the sound	taught and the	some common	To spell words	confession,	cautious, fictitious,	terrible/ terribly,
	with the letter/s.	sounds which	homophones (e.g.	with a /k/ sound spelt	permission,	infectious,	visible/visibly,
	Write short	they represent.	bare/bear, blue/ blew,	with 'ch' (e.g.	admission).	nutritious).	incredible/incredibly,
	sentences with	To recognise words	night/knight).	scheme,	To spell words with	,	sensible/sensibly).
	words with known	with adjacent	To apply further Y2	chorus,	a / shuhn/sound	To spell words with	To spell words
	letter-sound	consonants.	spelling rules and	chemist, echo,	spelt with 'tion' (if	'silent' letters (e.g.	with a long /e/
	correspondences	To accurately spell	guidance*, which	character).	the root word ends	doubt, island, lamb,	sound spelt 'ie' or
	using a capital	most words	includes:	To spell words	in 'te' or 't' or has no	solemn, thistle,	'ei' after 'c' (e.g.
	letter and a full	containing the 40+	the /dʒ/ sound	ending in the /g/	definite root, e.g.	knight).	deceive,
	stop.	previously taught	spelt as 'ge' and'	sound spelt 'gue'	invention, injection, action, hesitation,	To spell words	conceive, receive, perceive,
	To read RWI Set	phonemes and	dge' (e.g. fudge,	and the /k/ sound	completion).	containing the letter	ceiling) and
	1 and 2 sounds	GPCs.	huge) or spelt as	spelt 'que' (e.g.	. ,	string 'ough' (e.g.	exceptions (e.g.
	on their own and	To spell some	'g' or 'j' elsewhere	league, tongue,	To spell words with	ought, bought, thought,	protein, caffeine,
	in words.	words in a	in words (e.g.	antique, unique).	a / shuhn/sound	nought, brought,	seize).
	iii wolus.	phonically plausible	magic, adjust);	To spell words	spelt with 'cian' (if the root word ends	fought, rough, tough,	To spell words with
		way, even if	<ul> <li>the /n/ sound spelt</li> </ul>	with a / sh/	in 'c' or 'cs',	enough, cough, though, although,	endings which
		sometimes	'kn' and 'gn' (e.g.	sound spelt with	111 0 01 00,	dough, through,	sound like /shuhl/
		incorrect.	knock, gnaw);	'ch' (e.g. chef,	e.g. musician,	thorough, borough,	after a vowel letter
		To apply Y1		chalet, machine,	electrician,	plough, bough).	using 'cial' (e.g.
		spelling rules	<ul> <li>the/r/sound spelt</li> </ul>	brochure).	magician,		official, special,
		5F59 10.00	'wr' (e.g. write,		politician,		

and guidance*,	written);		mathematician).	artificial).
which includes:	·	To spell words		,
	<ul> <li>the/l/or/əl/sound</li> </ul>	with a short /u/	To spell words with	To spell words with
<ul> <li>the sounds /f/, /l/,</li> </ul>	spelt-le (e.g. little,	sound spelt	the	endings which sound
/s/, /z/ and /k/	middle) or spelt-el	with 'ou' (e.g.	/s/sound spelt with 'sc'	
spelt 'ff', 'll', 'ss',	(e.g. camel,	young, touch,	(e.g. sound spelt with 'sc'	like /shuhl/ after a
'zz' and 'ck' and	tunnel) or spelt -	double, trouble,	e.g. science, scene,	vowel letter using 'tial'
exceptions	al (e.g. metal,	country).	discipline, fascinate,	(e.g. partial,
	hospital) or spelt –		crescent).	confidential,
<ul> <li>the/ŋ/sound</li> </ul>	il (e.g. fossil,	To spell words		essential).
spelt 'n' before	nostril);	ending with the		
ʻk' (e.g. bank,	nostni),	/zher/ sound spelt		
think);	<ul> <li>the /aɪ/ sound spelt</li> </ul>	with 'sure' (e.g.		
,,	-y (e.g. cry, fly, July);	measure,		
<ul> <li>dividing words</li> </ul>	y (o.g. ory, my, oary),	treasure,		
into syllables	<ul> <li>adding-estonouns</li> </ul>	pleasure,		
(e.g. rabbit,	and verbs ending in	enclosure).		
carrot);	-y where the 'y' is			
	changed to 'i' before	To spell words		
<ul> <li>the /tʃ/ sound</li> </ul>	the –es (e.g. flies,	ending with the		
is usually spelt	tries, carries);	/cher/ sound spelt		
as 'tch' and	tries, carries),	with 'ture' (e.g.		
exceptions;	<ul> <li>adding –ed, –ing,–er</li> </ul>			
57.65p ii.e.,	and –est to a root	creature, furniture, picture, nature,		
<ul> <li>the/v/sound at</li> </ul>	word ending in -y			
the end of	(e.g. skiing, replied)	adventure).		
words where	and exceptions to			
the letter 'e'				
usually needs	the rules;			
to be added	<ul> <li>adding the endings</li> </ul>			
(e.g. have,	-ing, -ed, -er, -est			
live);	and –y to words			
live),				
<ul> <li>adding -s and</li> </ul>	ending in –e with			
es to words	a consonant			
(plural of	before (including			
nounsandthe	exceptions);			
third person	<ul> <li>adding –ing, –ed,</li> </ul>			
singular of				
verbs);	-er, -est and -y to			
veida),	words of one syllable			
<ul> <li>adding the</li> </ul>	ending in a single			
endings	consonant letter			
-ing, -ed and -	after asingle vowel			
er to verbs	letter (including			
where no	exceptions);			
change is	<ul> <li>the /ɔ:/ sound (or)</li> </ul>			
needed to the	spelt 'a' before 'l'			
root wood (e.g.	and 'll' (e.g. ball,			
buzzer,	always);			
jumping);				
	<ul> <li>the /n/ sound spelt</li> </ul>			
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		<ul> <li>adding-erand-est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. fresher, grandest);</li> <li>spelling words ending with -y (e.g. funny, party, family);</li> <li>spelling new consonants 'ph' and 'wh' (e.g. dolphin, alphabet, wheel, while);</li> <li>using 'k' for the /k/ sound (e.g. sketch, kit, skin).</li> <li>To read and write set 1, 2 and 3 RWI sounds on their own and in</li> </ul>	'o' (e.g. other, mother, brother);  • the /i:/ sound spelt —ey: the plural forms of these words are made by the addition of -s (e.g. donkeys, monkeys);  • the /b/ sound spelt 'a' after 'w' and 'qu' (e.g. want, quantity, squash)  • the /s:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w' (e.g. word, work, worm);  • the /o:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' (e.g. warm, towards);  • the /ʒ/ sound spelt 's' (e.g. television, usual).				
Common Exception Words	To write some irregular common words.  Recognise a range of RWI Tricky Red Words.	words To spell all Y1 common exception words correctly. *  To spell days of the week correctly.	To spell most Y1 and Y2 common exception words correctly.	To spell many of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spelling words correctly.	To spell all of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spelling words correctly.	To spell many of the Y5 and Y6 statutory spelling words correctly.	To spell all of the Y5 and Y6 statutory spelling words correctly.
Prefixes and Suffixes		To use -s and -es to form regular plurals correctly.  To use the prefix 'un-' accurately.  To successfully add the suffixes –ing, –ed and – er to root words where no change is needed in the spelling of the	Toadd suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing, e.g. –ment, - ness, -ful, -less, -ly	Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes e.g; super-, anti-, auto.		To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ate (e.g. activate, motivate communicate).  To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ise (e.g. criticise, advertise, capitalise).	To use their knowledge of adjectives ending in -ant to spell nouns ending in -ance/-ancy (e.g. observant, observance, expectant, hesitancy, tolerant, tolerance, substance).

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	root words (e.g. helped, quickest).				To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ify (e.g. signify, falsify, glorify).  Verb prefixes (dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-).	To use their knowledge of adjectives ending in -ent to spell nouns ending in -ence/ency (e.g. innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidente, obediente, obediente, independent).  To spell words by adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer (e.g. referred, referred, transferring, transferred, reference, referee, preference, transference).
Further Spelling Conventions	To spell simple compound words (e.g. dustbin, football).  To read words that they have spelt.  To take part in the process of segmenting spoken words into phonemes before choosing graphemes to represent those phonemes	To spell more words with contracted forms, e.g. can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll.  To learn the possessive singular apostrophe (e.g. the girl's book).  To write, from memory, simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far.  To segment spoken words into phonemes	To spell some more complex homophones and near-homophones, including here/hear, brake/break and mail/ male.  To use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	To spell words that use the possessive apostrophe with plural words, including irregular plurals (e.g. girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's). To use their spelling knowledge to use a dictionary more efficiently.  Grammatical difference between plurals and possessive -s.	To spell complex homophones and near- homophones, including who's/whose and stationary/stationery. To use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary.	To spell homophones and near homophones that include nouns that end in red-cy and verbs that end in red-cy and verbs that end in red-cy fuction practice, licence/license, advice/advise).  To spell words that contain hyphens (e.g. coordinate, re-enter, coroperate, corown).  To use a knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling

and to then represent all of the phonemes using graphemes in the right order for both for	and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically.
single- syllable and multi-syllabic words.  To self-correct misspellings of words that pupils	To use dictionaries and thesauruses to check the spelling and meaning of words and
have been taught to spell (this may require support to recognise misspellings).	confidently find synonyms and antonyms.

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Handwriting	Three and Four- Year-Olds Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning	Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks. Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors. Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. Shows a preference for a dominant hand.	To write lower case and capital letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place with a good level of consistency.  To sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly.  To form digits 0-9.  To understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed	To write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters.  To form lower case letters of the correct size, relative to one another.  To use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.	To use a neat, joined handwriting style with increasing accuracy and speed.	To increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [e.g 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].	To increase the speed of their handwriting so that problems with forming letters do not get in the way of writing down what they want to say.  To be clear about what standard of handwriting is appropriate for a particular task, e.g. quick notes or a final handwritten version.	To 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.

	in similar ways) and to			
Write some letters	practise these.			
accurately.				
Develop their small				
motor skills so that				
they can use a				
range of tools				
competently, safely				
and confidently.				
Suggested tools:				
pencils for drawing				
and writing,				
paintbrushes,				
scissors, knives,				
forks and appears				
forks and spoons.				
Use their core				
muscle strength to				
achieve a good				
acrileve a good				
posture when				
sitting at a table or				
sitting on the floor.				
Develop the				
foundations of a				
handwriting style				
which is fast,				
accurate and				
efficient.				
Form lower case				
and capital letters				
correctly.				
Hold a pencil				
effectively in				
preparation for				
fluent writing –				
using the tripod				
grip in almost all				
cases.				
Write recognisable				
letters, most of				
which are correctly				
formed.				

	they might happen.		sentences are				complicated
	trioy might happon.		punctuated correctly).				information concisely.
	Listen to and talk						-
	about stories to build						Perfect forms of verbs
	familiarity and						to mark the
	understanding						relationship of time
	Retell the story, once						and cause.
	they have developed						
	a deep familiarity with						
	the text; some as						
	exact repetition and						
	some in their own						
	words.						
	Use new vocabulary						
	in different contexts.						
	Write short sentences						
	with words with known						
	letter-sound correspondences						
	using a capital letter						
	and a full stop.						
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	Re-read what they						
	have written to check						
	it makes sense.						
	Develop storylines in						
	their pretend play.						
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	Write simple phrases and sentences that						
	can be read by others.						
	carribe read by others.						
	Invent, adapt and						
	recount narratives and						
	stories with peers and						
	teachers.						
Awareness of	Llea a wider renge of	To use a number of	To write for different	To demonstrate an	To write a range of	To consistently	To write effectively for
Audience,	Use a wider range of vocabulary.	simple features of	purposes with an	increasing	narratives and non-	produce sustained	a range of purposes
Purpose and		different	awareness of an	understanding of	fiction pieces using a	and accurate writing	and audiences,
Structure	Be able to express a point of view and to	text types and to	increased amount of	purpose and	consistent and	from different	selecting the
	debate when they	make relevant	fiction and non-fiction	audience by	appropriate structure	narrative and non-	appropriate form and
	disagree with an	choices about subject	structures.	discussing writing	(including genre-	fiction genres with	drawing
	adult or a friend,	matter and	To use new	similar to that which	specific layout devices).	appropriate structure,	independently on
	using words as well	appropriate vocabulary choices.	vocabulary from their	they are planning to write in order to	uevices).	organisation and layout devices for a	what they have read as models for their
	as actions.	To start to engage	reading, their	understand and learn	To write a range of	range of audiences	own writing (including
	Can start a	readers by using	discussions about it	from its structure,	narratives that are	.ango or additiood	literary language,

conversation with an	adjectives to	(one- to-one and as a	vocabulary and	well- structured and	and purposes.	characterisation,
adult or a friend and	describe.	whole class) and from	grammar.	well-paced.		structure, etc.).
continue it for many		their wider			To describe settings,	
turns.		experiences.	To begin to use the	To create detailed	characters and	To distinguish
Use talk to organise			structure of a wider	settings, characters	atmosphere with	between the language
themselves and		To read aloud what	range of text types	and plot in narratives	carefully- chosen	of speech and writing
		they have written with	(including the use of	to engage the reader	vocabulary to	and to choose the
their play: "Let's go		appropriate intonation	simple layout devices	and to add	enhance mood, clarify	appropriate level of
on a bus you sit		to make the meaning	in non-fiction).	atmosphere.	meaning and create	formality.
there I'll be the		clear.	,	'	pace.	,
driver."			To make deliberate	To begin to read	μ	To select vocabulary
Learn new			ambitious word	aloud their own	To regularly use	and grammatical
vocabulary.			choices to add detail.	writing, to a group or	dialogue to convey a	structures that reflect
Use new vocabulary			onologo to add dotain	the whole class, using	character and to	what the writing
throughout the day.			To begin to create	appropriate intonation	advance the action.	requires (e.g. using
			settings, characters	and to control the	davarios trio dottori.	contracted forms in
Describe events in			and plot in narratives.	tone and volume so	To perform their own	dialogues in narrative;
some detail.			and plot in namatives.	that the meaning is	compositions	using passive verbs
Use talk to help work				clear.	confidently using	to affect how
out problems and				Gloar.	appropriate	information is
organise thinking and					intonation, volume	presented; using
activities. Explain how					and movement so	modal verbs to
things work and why					that meaning is clear.	suggest degrees of
they might happen.					triat meaning is clear.	
						possibility).
Develop social						
phrases.						
Llee new yearhulany						
Use new vocabulary						
in different contexts.						
Participate in small						
group, class and one-						
to-one discussion,						
offering their own						
ideas, using recently						
introduced						
vocabulary.						
Offer explanations for						
why things might						
happen, making use						
of recently introduced						
vocabulary from						
stories, non-fiction,						
rhymes and poems						
when appropriate.						
Express their ideas						
and feelings about						
their experiences						
using full sentences,						
including use of past,						

present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.			

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Grammar and Punctuation	Three and Four- Year-Olds	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Reception Early Learning Goals						
Sentence Construction and Tense	Understand 'why' questions, like: 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?' Develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'.  Use longer sentences of four to six words  Use new vocabulary throughout the day.  Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well- formed sentences.  Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.  Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.  Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including the use of past, present and future tenses and making use of	To use simple sentence structures.	To use the present tense and the past tense mostly correctly and consistently.  To form sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command.  To use some features of written Standard English.	To try to maintain the correct tense (including the present perfect tense) throughout a piece of writing with accurate subject/verb agreement.  To use 'a' or 'an' correctly throughout a piece of writing.	To always maintain an accurate tense throughout a piece of writing.  To always use Standard English verb inflections accurately, e.g. 'we were' rather than 'we was' and 'I did' rather than 'I done'.  Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.	To use a range of adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, e.g. surely, perhaps, should, might, etc.  To ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces of writing.	To ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces of writing, including the correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural.

Use of Phrases and Clauses	conjunctions with modelling and support from the teacher.  Use longer sentences of four to six words.  Articulate their ideas and thoughts in wellformed sentences.  Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.  Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including the use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions with modelling and support from the teacher.	To use the joining word (conjunction) 'and' to link ideas and sentences.  To begin to form simple compound sentences.	To use co-ordination (or/and/but).  To use some subordination (when, if, that, because).  To use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (e.g. the blue butterfly).	To use a range of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause.	To expand noun phrases with the addition of ambitious modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, e.g. the heroic soldier with an unbreakable spirit.  To consistently choose nouns or pronouns appropriately to aid cohesion and avoid repetition, e.g. he, she, they, it.  Fronted adverbials	To use a wide range of linking words/phrases between sentences and paragraphs to build cohesion, including time adverbials (e.g. later), place adverbials (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly).  To use relative clauses beginning with a relative pronoun with confidence (who, which, where, when, whose, that and omitted relative pronouns), e.g. Professor Scriffle, who was a famous inventor, had made a new discovery.  Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and number.	To use the subjunctive form in formal writing. To use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause.  To use the passive voice.  To use question tags in informal writing.
Punctuation		To use capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'l'.  To use finger spaces. To use full stops to end sentences.  To begin to use question marks and exclamation marks.	To use the full range of punctuation taught at key stage 1 mostly correctly including:  - capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks;  - commas to separate lists;  - apostrophes to mark singular possession and contractions.	To use the full range of punctuation from previous year groups.  To punctuate direct speech accurately, including the use of inverted commas.  Embed apostrophes to mark contracted forms in spelling (embed from Yr 2)	To use all of the necessary punctuation in direct speech, including a comma after the reporting clause and all end punctuation within the inverted commas.  To consistently use apostrophes for singular and plural possession.	To use commas consistently to clarify meaning or to avoid ambiguity.  To use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.	To use the full range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 correctly, including consistent and accurate use of semicolons, dashes, colons, hyphens, and, when necessary, to use such punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid ambiguity.

				Commas after fronted adverbials.		
Use of Terminology	To recognise and use the terms letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark.	To recognise and use the terms noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb, present tense, past tense, apostrophe and comma.	To recognise and use the terms preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter and inverted commas (or speech marks).	To recognise and use the terms determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun and adverbial.	To recognise and use the terms modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion and ambiguity.	To recognise and use the terms subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semicolon and bullet points.

<sup>\*</sup>These are detailed in the word lists within the spelling appendix to the national curriculum (English appendix 1). Teachers should refer to these to exemplify the words that pupils should be able to read as well as spell.