



## Writing – Progression of Skills

		Nursery	Year R	Year 1	Year 2
Transcription	Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hear and say the initial sound in their name</li> <li>Begins to write own name</li> <li>Explores representing letters</li> <li>Orally segment words in preparation for spelling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spell CVC words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters</li> <li>Spell a few common exception words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes taught</li> <li>Spell common exception words (CEW)</li> <li>Spell the days of the week</li> <li>Name the letters of the alphabet in order</li> <li>Use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</li> <li>Use the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural for nouns and the third person singular for verbs</li> <li>Use the prefix un–</li> <li>Use suffixes –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many correctly</li> <li>Learn new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learns some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones</li> <li>Spell many common exception words</li> <li>Distinguishes between homophones and near-homophones, spelling common homophones</li> <li>Use the possessive apostrophe (singular)</li> <li>Spell words with contracted forms</li> <li>Add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly</li> <li>Apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1 of National Curriculum</li> </ul>
	Handwriting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin to show control and co-ordination in large and small movements</li> <li>Hold a pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole hand grasp</li> <li>Show control in creating pre-writing patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Show control and co-ordination in large and small movements</li> <li>Hold a pencil effectively, in preparation for fluent writing, forming recognisable letters, many of which are correctly formed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</li> <li>Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</li> <li>Form capital letters</li> <li>Form digits 0-9</li> <li>Understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’ and practise these</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another</li> <li>Begin to use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</li> <li>Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters</li> <li>Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes simple CVC captions and sentences dictated by the teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include GPCs and CEWs taught so far</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far</li> </ul>
<b>Vocabulary, grammar &amp; punctuation</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences</li> <li>Speak in increasingly accurate simple sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a capital letter for their name</li> <li>Begin to develop an awareness of capital letter, finger spaces and full stops</li> <li>Draws on recently acquired vocabulary (from stories, poems etc.) to develop their spoken language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leave spaces between words</li> <li>Join words and clauses using "and"</li> <li>Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark</li> <li>Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'</li> <li>Use simple noun phrases (adjective + noun)</li> <li>Use terminology to discuss their writing: letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark, noun, adjective, verb</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify</li> <li>Use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form</li> <li>Use subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)</li> <li>Use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas in lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)</li> <li>Use suffixes including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly, -er, -est</li> <li>Use terminology to discuss their writing: noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, adjective, verb, suffix, adverb tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma</li> </ul>

Composition

- Share ideas and thoughts in small group circle times
- Experience stories, rhymes and songs

- Introduce storylines or narratives into their play
- Develop explanations by connecting ideas or events
- Begin to say a sentence out loud
- Count out the words in a sentence
- Use language to imagine and recreate roles
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others
- Orally express their ideas using full sentences, making use of conjunctions with modelling and support from the teacher

- 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 their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher
- Write simple sentence starting with a personal pronoun
- Write reliably formed simple and compound sentences

- Write for different purposes
- Plan or say out loud what they are going to write about
- When planning, write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary, encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence
- Evaluate their writing with the teacher and other pupils, making simple additions, revisions and corrections
- Reread writing to check it makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear
- Select relevant content showing an awareness of purpose and audience
- Use adventurous vocabulary
- Write questions (beginning with who/what /where /when /how etc.)
- Use sentences with different forms – statement, questions, exclamations, commands