

Guilden Sutton Church of England Primary School

Love and Justice for All

Writing Whole School Curriculum Progression Map

Our Christian Values: WISDOM, JUSTICE, COMPASSION, LOVE, FORGIVENESS, FRIENDSHIP

Year Group	
	ELG Writing
Reception	Children are taught to:
	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.
	Writing – Transcription
Year 1	Children are taught to:
	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 to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound
	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.
Writing -Handwriting
Children are taught to:
 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
• understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise
these.
Writing – Composition
Children are taught to:
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
- re-reading what they have written to thetk 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.
Writing – vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Children are taught to:
leave spaces between words

	join words and join clauses using and
	 begin punctuating sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
	• use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'l'
	learn the grammar for year 1
	 use the grammatical terminology when discussing their writing.
	Writing – Transcription
Year 2	
	Spelling
	Children are taught to:
	• 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 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
	 add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly
	apply spelling rules and guidance
	• write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and
	punctuation taught so far.
	Hondwriting
	Handwriting Children are taught to:
	 start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which latters when adjacent to one enother are best left unisingd
	 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 letters.
Writing – Composition
Children are taught to:
 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 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
 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.
Writing – vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Children are taught to:
develop their understanding of the year 2 concepts 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)
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
	 some features of written Standard English
	 use and understand the grammatical terminology when discussing their writing.
	Writing – Transcription
Lower Key Stage 2	
Year 3 and Year 4	Spelling
	Children are taught to:
	 use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them
	spell further homophones
	spell words that are often misspelt
	• place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular
	plurals [for example, children's]
	 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.
	Handwriting
	Children are taught to:
	 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
	touch].
	Writing – Composition
	Children are taught to:
	 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 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] evaluate and edit by:
	 Children are taught to: develop their understanding of the year 3 and year 4 concepts 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 appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition using fronted adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause using the grammar for years 3 and 4 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 year 3 and 4 grammatical terminology accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and
Upper Key Stage 2 Year 5 and Year 6	reading. Writing – Transcription Spelling

Children are taught to:
 use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them
 spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, 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.
Handwriting
Children are taught 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.
Writing – Composition
Children are taught to:
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
- 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
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 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
• perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.
Writing – vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Children are taught to:
 develop their understanding of the year 5 and 6 concepts by:
- recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive 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
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 for years 5 and 6 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and
reading.