

Writing Success Criteria

Year 1

- ✓ Neat correctly formed handwriting
- ✓ Consistent finger spaces
- ✓ Full stops at the end of a sentence
- ✓ Capital letters at the beginning of a sentence
- ✓ Phonetically plausible spelling
- ✓ Correctly spelt 'harder to read and spell' words
- ✓ Year 1 common exception words spelt correctly

Writing Success Criteria

Year 2

- ✓ Finger spaces
- ✓ Handwriting - lower case letters the same size; ascenders and descenders; and capital letters bigger
- ✓ Start at the margin and write all the way along the line
- ✓ Capital letters at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns
- ✓ Full stops at the end of sentences (or do you need a question mark or exclamation mark?)
- ✓ Sentences make sense
- ✓ Year 2 common exception words and 'harder to read and spell' words spelt correctly (the booklet will help!)

Writing Success Criteria

Year 3

- ✓ Joined handwriting
- ✓ Write on the line and start at the margin
- ✓ Each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop / ? / !
- ✓ Use of apostrophes for possession and contraction
- ✓ Use a range of conjunctions
- ✓ Apply taught spellings rules to writing
- ✓ Use of the booklet to check spellings

Writing Success Criteria

Year 4

- ✓ Neat, cursive and joined handwriting
- ✓ Write on the line and start at the margin
- ✓ Each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop / ? / !
- ✓ Capital letters for proper nouns
- ✓ Use of inverted commas
- ✓ Accurate use of apostrophes for possession and contraction
- ✓ Use of the booklet to check spellings
- ✓ Use of topic vocabulary in writing (spelt correctly)
- ✓ Correct spelling of most Year 3 and 4 statutory words
- ✓ Write in paragraphs

Writing Success Criteria

Year 5

- ✓ Neat, cursive and joined handwriting
- ✓ Each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop / ? / !
- ✓ Capital letters for proper nouns
- ✓ Use commas in lists accurately
- ✓ Fully accurate use of apostrophes for possession and contraction
- ✓ Use inverted commas accurately
- ✓ Use of the booklet to check spellings
- ✓ Previously taught spellings spelt correctly
- ✓ Use adventurous language and vocabulary
- ✓ Write in paragraphs

Writing Success Criteria

Year 6

- ✓ Neat, cursive and joined handwriting
- ✓ Each sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop / ? / !
- ✓ Capital letters for proper nouns
- ✓ Accurate use of commas (clarity, lists, clauses)
- ✓ Fully accurate use of apostrophes for possession and contraction
- ✓ Correctly punctuated dialogue
- ✓ Punctuation for parenthesis (brackets, dashes, commas)
- ✓ Use of the booklet to check spellings
- ✓ 5/6 Spelling list words spelt correctly
- ✓ Variety of sentence openers and types
- ✓ Adventurous and exciting language
- ✓ Write in paragraphs