

St. Katharine's Primary School Writing Progression Pathway

	Composition	Sentence Structure	Grammar/Vocabulary	Punctuation	Spelling	Tricky Words	Handwriting
EY	 Orally retell familiar stories Sequence sentences to form short narratives Re-read their writing with support to check it makes sense 	 Introduce Main clause structure (Subject, verb, Object) Questions 	Introduce Subject Verb Object/noun	Introduce Capital letter Full stop Question mark	Letters and Sounds Phase 2, 3, 4	I, no, the, go, he, she, we, be, you, are, her, was, all, they, my, said, so, little, were, there	 Use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are formed correctly.
YEAR 1	 Complete sentences orally before writing Sequence sentences to form short narratives Write a full narrative from a story map Re-reads their writing to check it makes sense 	 Consolidate the above and introduce Joining two clauses with a co-ordinating conjunction. Exclamations 	 Consolidate the above and introduce Clause/sentence Co-ordinating conjunctions – and, but, so Past and present tense Adjectives to make simple noun phrases 	Consolidate the above and introduce • Exclamation mark • Capital for pronoun I	 Recap Letters and Sounds phase 3, 4 Introduce Letters and Sounds phase 5/6 Suffixes – ed and ing Prefix – un Plural rules for s and es 	the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our	 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.
YEAR 2	 Write for different purposes Write down ideas and key words before writing Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to own writing Re-read writing with intonation to make the meaning clear 	 Consolidate the above and introduce Statements, commands, questions and exclamations Subordinate clauses joined to main clause 	Consolidate the above and introduce Co-ordinating conjunctions – and, but, or, so Subordinating conjunctions – because, if, when Past and present tense Adjectives to make simple noun phrases Adverbs – link with spelling Proper nouns Progressive tense used accurately (is playing, was writing)	 Consolidate the above and introduce Commas in lists Capital letters for all proper nouns Apostrophe for singular possession Apostrophe for contractions 	Consolidate the above and introduce Plural rules – s, es, ves, Suffix ed for past tense verbs Suffixes – ness; less; ful; er; Iy (adverbs) Contractions Possessive apostrophes Read, Write, Inc spellings	door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas	 Form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another. Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and 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.

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YEAR 3	 Writing is appropriate to the purpose Consistently select appropriate grammar and vocabulary Create settings, characters and plots Use simple organisational devices Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors Re-read writing with controlled tone and volume to make the meaning clear 	Consolidate the above and introduce • Revise and embed subordinate/main clause structure	Consolidate the above and introduce Subordinating conjunctions – Since, until, because, when, although, if Prepositions of place Well-chosen adverbs Determiners – the, a and an (link to spelling words starting with vowels) Perfect tense used accurately (has eaten, had lived)	Consolidate the above and introduce • Revise word class noun, verb, adjective, adverb • Begin to use inverted commas for direct speech	Consolidate the above and introduce • Revise and embed spelling of verbs with inflected endings (ed and ing) • Prefixes (dis, in, im, anti, super, sub, re) • Suffixes (ous, ly, ion, ian) • ture • ation • ch • ch (but sounds like sh) • Homophones	address, answer, appear, arrive, breath, breathe, build, busy(business), calendar, complete, consider, continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, disappear, early, earth, exercise, experiment, extreme, famous, February, forward, fruit, group, heard, heart, important, increase, interest, island, learn, mention, natural, notice, often, perhaps, popular, position, potatoes, promise, quarter, question, regular, remember, sentence, strange, woman, women	 Begin to use joined handwriting throughout their independent writing. 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 down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.
YEAR 4		Consolidate the above and introduce • Extending sentences with clauses and phrases • Using a range of fronted clauses and phrases (fronted adverbials)	 Consolidate the above and introduce Clauses (contain subject and verb) Phrases (do not contain verbs) Fronted clause Fronted phrase Determiners – articles, quantifiers, ordinals, possessive, demonstrative, numerals Expanded noun phrases Pronouns and possessive pronouns Perfect tense used accurately (has eaten, had lived) 	 Consolidate the above and introduce Correct use of all speech punctuation including inverted commas, commas and full stops Commas after fronted clauses and fronted phrases Apostrophes to mark plural possession 	Consolidate the above and introduce Revise and embed spelling of verbs with inflected endings (ed and ing) Irregular verb spellings (catch, caught) Prefixes (mis, un, in, dis, auto, inter, il, ir) sure ou Suffix ly eigh ei ey ous sc sion que gue ion homophones	accident(ally), actual(ly), believe, bicycle, caught, centre, century, certain, circle, eight, eighth, enough, experience, favourite, grammar, guard, guide, history, height, imagine, knowledge, length, library, material, medicine, minute, naughty, occasion(ally), opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar, possess, possession, possible, pressure, probably, purpose, recent, reign, separate, special, straight, strength, suppose, therefore, though/although, various, weight	 Use a joined handwriting throughout their independent writing. 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 down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.

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YEAR 5	 Writing is appropriate to audience and purpose Writing uses appropriate form Develop characterisation and setting and atmosphere Dialogue develops character and advances action Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary to enhance and clarify meaning Build cohesion within and across paragraphs Organisational and presentational devices structure writing and guide the reader Tense is consistent throughout Subject and verb agreement is accurate Register is matched to the purpose and audience 	 Consolidate the above and introduce A range of multi-clause sentence structures Split main clauses with embedded relative clause 	 Consolidate the above and introduce Adverbs of time, place, manner, frequency and degree Relative pronouns Modal verbs 	Consolidate the above and introduce Brackets and dashes for parenthesis Commas used accurately to mark clauses	Consolidate the above and introduce Silent letters (b and t) ough ible able ibly ably ent ence ei ant ance, ancy cious tious cial homophones	accommodate, accompany, according, aggressive, appreciate, attached, average, awkward, bruise, convenience, criticise, curiosity, definite, desperate, determined, develop, dictionary, disastrous, embarrass, equipped, equipment, especially, exaggerate, excellent, familiar, forty, frequently, immediately, individual, interfere, interrupt, lightning, marvellous, muscle, necessary, neighbour, nuisance, persuade, privilege, programme, pronunciation, recognise, recommend, rhyme, rhythm, suggest, symbol, system, temperature,	 Use a consistent joined handwriting style throughout their independent writing. Choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters. Choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task.
YEAR 6		Consolidate the above and introduce • Passive voice (Object, Verb, Subject) • Subjunctive form for formal writing	Consolidate the above and introduce • Revise and embed all verb tense forms, including passive and subjunctive	Consolidate the above and introduce Semi colon Colon Bullet points Hyphens (link with spelling) Ellipses (cohesive device)	Consolidate the above and introduce suffixes (revise ed, ing, est, er) ough tial cial tion sion sion ei or ie hyphenated words ible able plural rules homophones double consonants rred suffix ly suffix ful (ly)	thorough, vegetable achieve, amateur, ancient, apparent, available, bargain, category, cemetery, committee, communicate, community, competition, conscience, conscious, controversy, correspond, environment, existence, explanation, foreign, government, guarantee, harass, hindrance, identity, language, leisure, mischievous, occupy, occur, opportunity, parliament, physical, prejudice, profession, queue, relevant, restaurant, sacrifice, secretary, shoulder, signature, sincerely, soldier, stomach, sufficient, twelfth, variety, vehicle, yacht	 Use a consistent and fluent handwriting style with greater speed throughout their independent writing. Choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters. Choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task.