

Whole School Progression of Writing



Writing: Transcription	EYFS 30-50mths to ELGs)	KS1		KS2			
Spelling**	Three and Four- Year-Olds Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Phonics and Spelling Rules	Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with the letter/s. Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and a full stop. To read RWI Set 1 and 2 sounds on their own and in words.	To know all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent. To recognise consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise words with adjacent consonants. To accurately spell most words containing the 40+ previously taught phonemes and GPCs. To spell some words in a phonically plausible way, even if sometimes incorrect. To apply Y1 spelling rules	To segment spoken words into phonemes and to represent these with graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others. To recognise new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known and to learn some words with each spelling, including some common homophones (e.g. bare/bear, blue/ blew, night/knight). To apply further Y2 spelling rules and guidance*, which includes: • the /dʒ/ sound spelt as 'ge' and' dge' (e.g. fudge, huge) or spelt as 'g' or 'j' elsewhere in words (e.g. magic, adjust); • the /n/ sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' (e.g. knock, gnaw); • the/r/sound spelt 'wr' (e.g. write,	To spell words with the / eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey' (e.g. vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey). To spell words with the /ɪ/ sound spelt 'y' in a position other than at the end of words (e.g. mystery, gym). To spell words with a /k/ sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g. scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character). To spell words ending in the /g/ sound spelt 'gue' and the /k/ sound spelt 'que' (e.g. league, tongue, antique, unique). To spell words with a / sh/ sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g. chef, chalet, machine, brochure).	To spell words with / shuhn/ endings spelt with 'sion' (if the root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd', e.g. division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'ssion' (if the root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit', e.g. expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'tion' (if the root word ends in 'te' or 't' or has no definite root, e.g. invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'cian' (if the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs', e.g. musician, electrician, magician, politician,	To spell words with endings that sound like / shuhs/ spelt with -cious (e.g. vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious). To spell words with endings that sound like / shuhs/ spelt with –tious or -ious (e.g. ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious). To spell words with 'silent' letters (e.g. doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight). To spell words containing the letter string 'ough' (e.g. ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought, rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough, through, plough, bough).	To spell words ending in -able and -ably (e.g. adorable/ applicable/ applicably, considerably, tolerable/ tolerably). To spell words ending in -ible and -ibly (e.g. possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/ terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly). To spell words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after 'c' (e.g. deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling) and exceptions (e.g. protein, caffeine, seize). To spell words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter using 'cial' (e.g. official, special,

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	and guidance*,	written);	To spell words	mathematician).	artificial).
	which includes:	• the /l/ or /əl/ sound	with a short /u/	To spell words with	
	• the sounds /f/, /l/,	spelt-le (e.g. little,	sound spelt	the	To spell words with
	/s/, /z/ and /k/			/s/ sound spelt with 'sc'	endings which sound
	spelt 'ff', 'll', 'ss',	middle)orspelt-el	with 'ou' (e.g.	(e.g. sound spelt with 'sc'	like /shuhl/ after a
	'zz' and 'ck' and	(e.g. camel,	young, touch,		vowel letter using 'tial'
	exceptions	tunnel) or spelt –	double, trouble,	e.g. science, scene,	(e.g. partial,
	exceptions	al (e.g. metal,	country).	discipline, fascinate,	confidential,
	 the/ŋ/sound 	hospital) or spelt –	To spell words	crescent).	essential).
	spelt 'n' before	il (e.g. fossil,	ending with the		
	'k' (e.g. bank,	nostril);	/zher/ sound spelt		
	think);	• the /aɪ/ sound spelt	with 'sure' (e.g.		
	dininky;	-y (e.g. cry, fly, July);	measure,		
	 dividing words 	-y (e.g. ery, ny, 5uly),	treasure,		
	into syllables	 adding_estonouns 	pleasure,		
	(e.g. rabbit,	and verbs ending in	enclosure).		
	carrot);	–y where the 'y' is			
		changed to 'i' before	To spell words		
	 the /tʃ/ sound 	the –es (e.g. flies,	ending with the		
	is usually spelt	tries, carries);	/cher/ sound spelt		
	as 'tch' and		with 'ture' (e.g.		
	exceptions;	 adding –ed, –ing, –er 	creature, furniture,		
		and –est to a root	picture, nature,		
	 the /v/ sound at 	word ending in –y	adventure).		
	the end of	(e.g. skiing, replied)			
	words where	and exceptions to			
	the letter 'e'	the rules;			
	usually needs				
	to be added	 adding the endings 			
	(e.g. have,	–ing, –ed, –er, –est			
	live);	and -y to words			
	a adding a and	ending in –e with			
	 adding -s and -es to words 	a consonant			
	(plural of	before (including			
	nouns and the	exceptions);			
	third person	· odding ing od			
	singularof	• adding –ing, –ed,			
	verbs);	-er, -est and -y to			
		words of one syllable			
	adding the	ending in a single			
	endings	consonant letter			
	-ing, -ed and -	after asingle vowel			
	er to verbs	letter (including			
	where no	exceptions);			
	change is	 the /ɔ:/ sound (or) 			
	needed to the				
	root wood (e.g.	spelt 'a' before 'l'			
	buzzer,	and 'll' (e.g. ball, always);			
	jumping);	aiways <i>j</i> ,			
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Common Exception	To write some irregular common	 adding-er and- est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. fresher, grandest); spelling words ending with -y (e.g. funny, party, family); spelling new consonants 'ph'and 'wh' (e.g. dolphin, alphabet, wheel, while); using 'k' for the /k/ sound (e.g. sketch, kit, skin). To read and write set 1, 2 and 3 RWI sounds on their own and in words To spell all Y1 common exception words 	 '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 /a:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w' (e.g. word, work, worm); the /a:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' (e.g. warm, towards); the /ʒ/ sound spelt 's' (e.g. television, usual). 	To spell many of the Y3 and Y4 statutory	To spell all of the Y3 and Y4 statutory	To spell many of the Y5 and Y6 statutory	To spell all of the Y5 and Y6 statutory
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	To add 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, hesitant, hesitancy, tolerant, tolerance, substance).

	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, confidence, obedient, obedience, independent).
						To spell words by adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer (e.g. referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, 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 -ce/-cy and verbs that end in -se/-sy (e.g. practice/ practise, licence/license, advice/advise). To spell words that contain hyphens (e.g. co- ordinate, re-enter, co- operate, co- own). 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.

Writing: Transcription:	EYFS (30 – 50 mths to ELGs)	К	S1		к	S2	
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.

Write some letters accurately.	in similar ways) and to practise these.			
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 spoons.				
Use their core muscle strength to				
achieve 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.				

Writing: Composition	EYFS (30 - 50mths to ELGs)	K	51		K	S2	
•	Three and Four-	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Year-Olds						
	Reception						
	Early Learning Goals						
Planning, Writing	Know many rhymes,	To say out loud what	To write narratives	To begin to use ideas	To compose and	To plan their writing	To note down and
and Editing	be able to talk about	they are going to write	about personal	from their own	rehearse sentences	by identifying the	develop initial ideas,
	familiar books, and be	about.	experiences and	reading and modelled examples to plan their	orally (including	audience for and	drawing on reading and research where
	able to tell a long	To compose a	those of others (real and fictional).	writing.	dialogue), progressively building	purpose of the writing, selecting the	necessary.
	story.	sentence orally before	and neuonal).	witting.	a varied and	appropriate form and	necessary.
	Engage in extended	writing it.	To write about real	To proofread their	rich vocabulary and	using other similar	To use further
	conversations about		events.	own and others' work	an increasing range	writing as models for	organisational and
	stories, learning new	To sequence		to check for errors	of sentence	their own.	presentational
	vocabulary.	sentences to form	To write simple	(with increasing	structures.		devices to structure
	Use some of their	short narratives.	poetry.	accuracy) and to		To consider, when	text and to guide the
	print and letter		-	make improvements.	To consistently	planning narratives,	reader (e.g. headings
	knowledge in their	To discuss what they	To plan what they are		organise their writing	how authors have	bullet points,
	early writing. For	have written with the	going to write about,	To begin to organise	into paragraphs	developed characters	underlining).
	example, writing a pretend shopping list	teacher or other	including writing down	their writing into	around a theme to	and settings in what	
	that starts at the top of	pupils.	ideas and/or key	paragraphs around a	add cohesion and to	pupils have read,	To use a wide range
	the page; write 'm' for	To reread their writing	words and new	theme.	aid the reader.	listened to or seen	of devices to build
	mummy.	To reread their writing to check that it makes	vocabulary.	To use heading and	To proofread	performed.	cohesion within and across paragraphs.
	Write some or all of	sense and to	To encapsulate what	sub-headings to aid	consistently and	To proofread work to	acioss paragraphs.
	their name.	independently begin	they want to say,	presentation.	amend their own and	précis longer	To habitually
	Write some letters	to make changes.	sentence by	procontation.	others' writing,	passages by	proofread for spelling
	accurately.	Je mane en en geer	sentence.	To compose and	correcting errors in	removing	and punctuation
	accurately.	To read their writing		rehearse sentences	grammar, punctuation	unnecessary	errors.
	Begin to develop	aloud clearly enough	To make simple	orally (including	and spelling and	repetition or irrelevant	
	complex stories using	to be heard by their	additions, revisions	dialogue).	adding nouns/	details.	To propose changes
	small world	peers and the	and corrections to		pronouns for		to vocabulary,
	equipment, like	teacher.	their own writing by		cohesion	To consistently link	grammar and
	animal sets, dolls and	- - - -	evaluating their			ideas across and	punctuation to
	dolls houses, etc.	To use adjectives to	writing with the			within paragraphs.	enhance effects and
	Learn new	describe.	teacher and other			To proofread their	clarify meaning.
	vocabulary.		pupils.			work to assess the	To recognise how
	vocabulary.		To reread to check			effectiveness of their	words are related by
	Articulate their ideas		that their writing			own and others'	meaning as
	and thoughts in well-		makes sense and that			writing and to make	synonyms and
	formed sentences.		the correct tense is			necessary corrections	antonyms and to use
	Describe events in some		used throughout.			and improvements.	this knowledge to
	detail.		-				make improvements
	l les tells te hele sur du		To proofread to check				to their writing.
	Use talk to help work		for errors in spelling,				
	out problems and organise thinking and		grammar and				Expanded noun
	activities. Explain how		punctuation (e.g. to				phrases to convey
	things work and why		check that the ends of				

	they might happen.		sentences are				complicated
	Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text; some as exact repetition and		punctuated correctly).				information concisely. Perfect forms of verbs to mark the relationship of time and cause.
	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.						
	Re-read what they have written to check it makes sense.						
	Develop storylines in their pretend play.						
	Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.						
	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and teachers.						
Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure	Use a wider range of vocabulary. Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions. Can start a	To use a number of simple features of different text types and to make relevant choices about subject matter and appropriate vocabulary choices. To start to engage readers by using	To write for different purposes with an awareness of an increased amount of fiction and non-fiction structures. To use new vocabulary from their reading, their discussions about it	To demonstrate an increasing understanding of purpose and audience by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure,	To write a range of narratives and non- fiction pieces using a consistent and appropriate structure (including genre- specific layout devices). To write a range of narratives that are	To consistently produce sustained and accurate writing from different narrative and non- fiction genres with appropriate structure, organisation and layout devices for a range of audiences	To write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (including 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		To so a diala side de ta	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
their play: "Let's go		they have written with	(including the use of	to engage the reader	vocabulary to	and to choose the
on a bus… you sit		appropriate intonation	simple layout devices	and to add	enhance mood, clarify	appropriate level of
there I'll be the		to make the meaning	in non-fiction).	atmosphere.	meaning and create	formality.
driver."		clear.	To make deliberate	To begin to read	pace.	
Learn new			ambitious word	aloud their own	To regularly use	To select vocabulary and grammatical
vocabulary.			choices to add detail.	writing, to a group or	dialogue to convey a	structures that reflect
			choices to add detail.	the whole class, using	character and to	what the writing
Use new vocabulary			To begin to create	appropriate intonation	advance the action.	requires (e.g. using
throughout the day.			settings, characters	and to control the		contracted forms in
Describe events in			and plot in narratives.	tone and volume so	To perform their own	dialogues in narrative;
some detail.				that the meaning is	compositions	using passive verbs
Use talk to help work				clear.	confidently using	to affect how
out problems and				0.0011	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.						possibility).
Develop social						1
phrases.						
prirases.						
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.						
Everence their idear						
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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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 well- formed 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 semi- colons, dashes, colons, hyphens, and, when necessary, to use such punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid ambiguity.

					Commas after fronted adverbials.		
Use of Terminology	the capi sir punct que:	e terms letter, the bital letter, word, p ngular, plural, sentence, ctuation, full stop, estion mark and c clamation mark. a	o recognise and use ne terms noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb, present tense,	To recognise and use the terms preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter and inverted	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, semi- colon and bullet points.
			past tense, apostrophe and comma.	commas (or speech marks).			

*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.