



Lower Key Stage 1 **YEAR 1**
Writing and Grammar Objectives

Writing Transcription

Pupils should be taught to spell by:

- 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
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs (Grapheme, Phoneme and Correspondence) and common exception words taught so far

Handwriting

Pupils should be 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

Pupils should be 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
- 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

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in by:
- leaving spaces between words
- joining words and joining clauses using and
- beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'

Word Year 1	SENTENCE Year 1	TEXT Year 1	PUNCTUATION Year 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular plural noun suffixes –s or –es [for example, dog, dogs; wish, wishes], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun • Suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. helping, helped, helper) • How the prefix un– changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives [negation, for example, unkind, or undoing: untie the boat] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How words can combine to make sentences • Joining words and joining clauses using and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequencing sentences to form short narratives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of words with spaces • Introduction to capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences • Capital letters for names and for the personal pronoun I



Pupils' writing during year 1 will generally develop at a slower pace than their reading. This is because they need to encode the sounds they hear in words (spelling skills), develop the physical skill needed for handwriting, and learn how to organise their ideas in writing.

Pupils entering year 1 who have not yet met the early learning goals for literacy should continue to follow their school's curriculum for the Early Years Foundation Stage to develop their word reading, spelling and language skills. However, these pupils should follow the year 1 programme of study in terms of the books they listen to and discuss, so that they develop their vocabulary and understanding of grammar, as well as their knowledge more generally across the curriculum. If they are still struggling to decode and spell, they need to be taught to do this urgently through a rigorous and systematic phonics programme so that they catch up rapidly.

Teachers should ensure that their teaching develops pupils' oral vocabulary as well as their ability to understand and use a variety of grammatical structures, giving particular support to pupils whose oral language skills are insufficiently developed.

Phonics:

linked with new curriculum but taken from:





Year	GRAMMAR Objectives	Example	Terminology	Level of importance
1	Using full stops and capital letters to demarcate sentences	We sailed to the land where the wild things are.	Sentence Word Letter Capital letter Full stop	High
1	Use capital letters for proper names	My name is Rosie and I have a dog called Woof.	Name Capital letter	High
1	Using 'and' to join sentences	Using 'and' to join sentences	Joining words	high
1	Using a question mark at the end of a sentence to indicate a question	Why did Max want to come home?	Question Question mark	
1	Using an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence to indicate an exclamation	There was a terrible mess!	Exclamation Exclamation mark	