

# English - Writing Progression



# <u>Early Years Foundation Stage - Progression</u>

Writing: Transcriptio	n Spelling		
Phonics and Spelling	Rules		
Three and Four-Year- Olds	Literacy	• 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; writing 'm' for mummy.	
Reception	Literacy	<ul> <li>Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with the letter/s.</li> <li>Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a colletter and a full stop.</li> </ul>	
Writing: Transcriptio	n Handwriting		
Letter Formation, Pla	acement and Positioning		
Three and Four-Year- Olds	Physical Development	<ul> <li>Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.</li> <li>Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.</li> <li>Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.</li> <li>Shows a preference for a dominant hand.</li> </ul>	
	Literacy	Write some letters accurately.	



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Reception	Physical Development	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.</li> <li>Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.</li> </ul>
	Literacy	Form lower case and capital letters correctly.

ELG	Physical Development	Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing — using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
	Literacy	Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

l Editing			
Communication and Language	Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.		
Literacy	Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.		
	<ul> <li>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; writing 'm' for mummy.</li> </ul>		
	Write some or all of their name.		
	Write some letters accurately.		
Expressive Arts and Design	Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment, like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses,etc.		
Communication and Language	Learn new vocabulary.		
	Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.		
	Describe events in some detail.		
	<ul> <li>Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.</li> </ul>		
	• Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.		
	<ul> <li>Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.</li> </ul>		
	Use new vocabulary in different contexts.		
	<ul> <li>Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledg and vocabulary.</li> </ul>		
	Communication and Language  Literacy  Expressive Arts and Design		

	Literacy		<ul> <li>Form lower case and capital letters correctly.</li> <li>Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with the letter/s.</li> <li>Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and a full stop.</li> <li>Re-read what they have written to check it makes sense.</li> </ul>	
	Expressive Arts and Design		Develop storylines in their pretend play.	
ELG	Literacy	Writing	<ul> <li>Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.</li> <li>Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.</li> <li>Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.</li> </ul>	
	Expressive Arts and Design	Being Imaginative and Expressive	Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and teachers.	

Awareness of Audier	nce, Purpose and Structure	2	
Three and Four-Year- Olds	Communication and Language  Communication and Language		<ul> <li>Use a wider range of vocabulary.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.</li> <li>Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver."</li> </ul>
Reception Communication o			<ul> <li>Learn new vocabulary.</li> <li>Use new vocabulary throughout the day.</li> <li>Describe events in some detail.</li> <li>Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.</li> <li>Develop social phrases.</li> <li>Use new vocabulary in different contexts.</li> </ul>
ELG	Communication and Language	Speaking	<ul> <li>Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussion, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.</li> <li>Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.</li> <li>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 suppor from their teacher.</li> </ul>

Writing: Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

Sentence Construction and Tense

Please see the website for links for the English Appendix 1 and 2.

Three and Four-Year- Olds	Communication and Language		<ul> <li>Understand 'why' questions, like: 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?'</li> <li>Develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'.</li> <li>Use longer sentences of four to six words.</li> </ul>
Reception	Communication and Lan	guage	<ul> <li>Learn new vocabulary.</li> <li>Use new vocabulary throughout the day.</li> <li>Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.</li> <li>Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.</li> </ul>
ELG	Communication and Language	Speaking	<ul> <li>Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

Use of Phrases and (	Clauses		
Three and Four-Year- Olds	Communication and Language		Use longer sentences of four to six words.
Reception	Communication and Language		<ul> <li>Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.</li> <li>Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.</li> </ul>
ELG	Communication and Speaking Language		<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Poetry and Performa	nce		<b> </b>
Three and Four-Year- Olds	Communication and Language		<ul> <li>Sing a large repertoire of songs.</li> <li>Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.</li> </ul>
	Expressive Arts and Design		<ul> <li>Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.</li> <li>Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc.</li> <li>Remember and sing entire songs.</li> <li>Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').</li> <li>Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down and down and up) of familiar songs.</li> <li>Create their own songs, or improvise a song around one they know.</li> </ul>
Reception	Communication and Language		<ul> <li>Engage in story times.</li> <li>Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.</li> <li>Learn rhymes, poems and songs.</li> </ul>

	Expressive Arts and Design		<ul> <li>Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.</li> <li>Develop storylines in their pretend play.</li> </ul>	
ELG	Literacy	Comprehension	Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.	
	Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials	Make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.	
		Being Imaginative and Expressive	<ul> <li>Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with their peers and their teacher.</li> <li>Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and (when appropriate) try to move in time to music.</li> </ul>	





Non-Fiction				
Reception	Communication and Lang	guage	Engage in non-fiction books.     Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.	
ELG	Communication and Language	Speaking	Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.	
	Literacy	Comprehension	Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.	





### National Curriculum Requirements — Year 1

#### 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 their writing aloud, clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher

#### Spelling

- 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
  - $\bullet$   $\;$  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 - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English appendix 2 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'
  - learning the grammar for year 1 in English appendix 2
- use the grammatical terminology in English English appendix 2 in discussing their writing

#### **Handwriting**

- 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' (ie letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these





	Year 1 Writing Skills	
Skills Progression	Example	Composition
Plan by talking about ideas		Plan by talking about ideas
Record ideas		
Oral rehearse sentences before writing down e.g. regularly assessed through talk for writing teaching — directly impacts the outcome at Year 1		Create simple story maps
Read own writing aloud clearly		Use simple narrative features:
Form lower case letters capital letters and digits 0 — 9 correctly and understand which letters belong to which family.		<ul> <li>story language (once upon a time, happily ever after)</li> <li>'power of three' (he walked and he walked and he walked)</li> </ul>
Leave spaces between words	Linked to school expectations and policy	repetition (Then he waited and walkedand watched and
Use names of people places and things	Identify nouns and that they are different to verbs/adjectives	waited)  > figurative language (alliteration, simile)
Write sequences of linked sentences		
Demarcate sentences using a capital letter		
Demarcate sentences using a full stop		Write stories with characters based on class reading and role play
Join words using 'and' to list in a sentence		Twite stories with characters based on class reducing and role play
Use 'and' to join simple sentences	I went to the park and I met my friend (compound sentences)	W I I f ele un
Generally use the present and past tense accurately	Subject verb agreement: I was/we were	Write stories based on familiar settings:  > real life
Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of	Bob	traditional stories
the week, and the personal pronoun T	Tidworth	
Begin to demarcate sentences using question mark	Does a tiger have stripes?	Use simple language features of non-fiction:
Begin to demarcate sentences using exclamation mark	I love cake!	





Sequence sentences to form short narratives	beginning/middle/end from known texts	First person in recounts		
Sequence sentences to form simple non-fiction texts	invitations/recounts/simple reports/letters/postcards	<ul><li>accurate nouns and verbs</li><li>some use of specific vocabulary</li></ul>		
Use simple language features for fiction	adjectives to describe, once upon a time, nouns and pro-nouns			
Use simple language features for non-fiction	precise nouns, bossy (imperative) verbs for instructions, genre specific features from known texts	Use simple organisational features in fiction:  > beginning, middle and end		
Use simple organisational features in fiction and non-fiction	headings, labels and captions, talk for writing structures linked to story maps			
Spell common exception words and compound words e.g. can include edited writing		Use simple organisational features in non-fiction:		
J		captions		
Add verbs using -ing, -ed, and er where no change is needed in the spelling of root words		instructions in the right order		
Can spell adjectives ending in er and est		Write for simple audiences and purposes based on real-life		
Can spell words using the prefix un		experiences:		
Can spell plural nouns by adding s and es		> thank-you letters, instructions, recounts, reports, stories		
Can spell words containing the range of Year 1 phonemes		1		
Reread writing to check it makes sense and make simple changes		Develop stamina by providing opportunities for children to write more extended pieces of writing.		
Proof read and edit their writing		<u>-</u>		
Write for simple audiences and purposes based on real life experiences	linked to topic/quality texts/wow days/opening experiences			
Write so that other people can understand the meaning of sentences	linked to audience and purpose			





#### National Curriculum Requirements - Year 2

#### Writing - composition

Pupils should be 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
  - rereading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
  - proofreading 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

#### Spelling - see English appendix 1

- spell by:
  - segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
  - learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 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, as listed in English appendix 1
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far

### Writing - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English appendix 2 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 in English appendix 2
  - some features of written Standard English
- use and understand the grammatical terminology in English appendix 2 in discussing their writing

### <u>Handwriting</u>

- 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





Year 2 Writing Skills			
Skills Progression	Example	Composition	
Plan by talking about ideas and vocabulary		Record ideas (eg. through story maps, flow charts)	
Record ideas e.g. story maps/flow charts			
Orally rehearse sentences before writing		Orally rehearse sentences before writing	
Read their own writing aloud clearly with appropriate			
intonation		Create simple plots in narratives with an opening, build-up, dilemma and resolution/ending — based on class reading/stories with repetitive structures	
Use simple <i>expanded</i> noun phrases to describe and specify	the beautiful, blue butterfly	resolution relating based on class reducing scories while repetitive structures	
Use commas to list	I was cold, wet and miserable.	Create simple characters in narratives:	
Use co-ordination (but/and/or/so)	I was wet but we still had to go outside.	➤ Heroes and villains	
Use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently		<ul> <li>1 or 2 main characters</li> <li>Describe appearance, feelings</li> </ul>	
Use full stops and capital letters consistently			
Use apostrophes for contractions	don't can't she'd linked to common exception words and phonics	Create simple settings in narratives:	
	programme	> the woods, under the sea, space, desert island	
Use subordination (when/if/that/because) to add extra	The children were cold because they had		
information	forgotten their coats.		
Use sentences with all different forms: statement, question,	What big ears you have grandma!	Use the main language features of narrative:	
exclamation, command	virtut big ears you have grantanta:	> story language	
exciamation, communa		> powerful verbs	
Use exclamation marks, question marks mostly accurately		> third person	





Use the progressive continuous verb form	I was running/ They were shouting	<ul> <li>tenses</li> <li>power of three (He wore old shoes, torn trousers and a hat with a</li> </ul>
Use apostrophes for singular possession	Tom's coat	hole.)  Use recurring language:  hear of three the wore old shoes, tork trousers and a flat with a hole.)
Use some features of standard written English	linked to text type such as commands in instructions and persuasive phrases would you like to come/Have you ever wondered why/story language - revisit sentence forms	
Create simple character in narrative		> in a land far, far away
Create simple setting in narrative		> Once there was a boy
Write about more than one idea and group related information	begin to use paragraphs, use genre specific structures such as ingredients and steps when writing instructions, coordinating, subordinating conjunctions	Use the main language features of non-fiction:  Imperative verbs for instructions Adverbs such as firstly, next, then Third person for reports  Use the main organisational features in fiction and non-fiction: Clear beginning, middle and end Headings for posters Numbered instructions Information in sections
Create simple plot in narrative	adjectives, noun phrases, expanded noun phrases, beginning/middle/end, appropriate word choices, use of more adventurous words, coordinating, subordinating conjunctions	
Use the main language features of narrative	noun phrases, past and present tense, first or third person, adjectives, similes, story language, adverbs	
Use the main language features of non-fiction	precise noun, past and present tense, first or third person, adjectives, similes, text type specific, adverbs for time	
Use the main organisation features of narrative and non-fiction	beginning/middle/end, genre specific, headings and sub-headings, labels, captions, noun and pro-noun chains to link ideas, coordinating, subordinating conjunctions	Dialogue may be used in narrative writing with inverted commas beginning to be used accurately.
Spell Y2 common exception words and homophones		
Spell longer words using suffixes including: -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly. and rules for plurals		





Spell words containing Year 2 phonemes  Evaluate their writing through discussion and make	
improvements to clarify the meaning  Proof read and edit their writing	
Write a range of fictional and real texts for different audiences and purposes	
Write simple poetry	
Use some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.	