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WRITING

Nursery

- To draw lines and circles using gross motor movements.
- To use one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. makes snips in paper with child scissors.
- To hold a pencil between thumb and two fingers, no longer using whole-hand grasp.
- To hold a pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb, and use it with good control.
- To copy some letters, e.g. letters from their name.
- To sometimes give meaning to marks as they draw and paint.
- To realise tools can be used for a purpose.
- To speak to retell a simple past event in correct order (e.g. went down slide, hurt finger).
- To use talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences.
- To use talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play, e.g. 'This box is my castle.'
- To engage in imaginative role play based on own first-hand experiences.
- To build stories around toys, e.g. farm animals needing rescue from an armchair 'cliff'.
- To capture experiences and responses with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words.
- To use vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them.
- To build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.
- To begin to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.
- To question why things happen and gives explanations and asks questions, e.g. who, what, when, how.
- To use a range of tenses in speech (e.g. play, playing, will play, played).
- To begin to use more complex sentences to link thoughts when speaking (e.g. using 'and' and 'because').
- To show an understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture.

Reception – Literacy

Writing

- To write own name and other things such as labels, captions.
- To attempt to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.
- To give meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.
- To use some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.
- To continue a rhyming string.
- To hear and say the initial sound in words.
- To segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.
- To link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- To show a preference for a dominant hand.
- To begin to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines.
- To begin to form recognisable letters.
- To use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
- To show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.
- To move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.
- To handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.
- To write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.
- To link statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.
- To use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.
- To introduce a storyline or narrative into their play.
- To write own name and other things such as labels, captions.
- To attempt to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.
- To play cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative.
- To develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.
- To extend vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words.
- To use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.
- To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.
- To use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.
- To express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.
- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. (ELG)

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- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters. (ELG)
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. (ELG)

Physical Development

Fine motor skills

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. (ELG)
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. (ELG)
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing. (ELG)

Y1/2

Year 1 WRITING

TRANSCRIPTION - SPELLING

Phonics and Spelling rules

- 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 and guidance*, which includes:

the sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck' and exceptions;

the /ŋ/ sound spelt 'n' before 'k' (e.g. bank, think);

dividing words into syllables (e.g. rabbit, carrot);

the /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as 'tch' and exceptions;

the /v/ sound at the end of words where the letter 'e' usually needs to be added (e.g. have, live);

adding -s and -es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs);

adding the endings

–ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. buzzer, jumping);

adding –er and –est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. fresher, grandest);

spelling words with the vowel digraphs and trigraphs:

- 'ai' and 'oi' (e.g. rain,

wait, train, point, soil); 'oy' and 'ay' (e.g. day, toy, enjoy, annoy);

a–e, e–e, i–e, o–e and u–e (e.g. made, theme, ride, woke, tune);

'ar' (e.g. car, park);

'ee' (e.g. green, week);

'ea' (e.g. sea, dream);

'ea' (e.g. meant, bread);

'er' stressed sound (e.g. her, person);

'er' unstressed schwa sound (e.g. better, under);

'ir' (e.g. girl, first, third);

'ur' (e.g. turn, church);

'oo' (e.g. food, soon);

'oo' (e.g. book, good);

'oa' (e.g. road, coach);

'oe' (e.g. toe, goes);

'ou' (e.g. loud, sound);

'ow' (e.g. brown, down);

'ow' (e.g. own, show);

'ue' (e.g. true, rescue, Tuesday);

'ew' (e.g. new, threw);

'ie' (e.g. lie, dried);

'ie' (e.g. chief, field);

'igh' (e.g. bright, right);

'or' (e.g. short, morning);

'ore' (e.g. before, shore);

'aw' (e.g. yawn, crawl);

'au' (e.g. author, haunt);

'air' (e.g. hair, chair);

'ear' (e.g. beard, near, year);

'ear' (e.g. bear, pear, wear);

'are' (e.g. bare, dare, scared);

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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).

Common Exception Words

- To spell all Y1 common exception words correctly.
- To spell days of the week correctly.

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, -er and -est to root words where no change is needed in the spelling of the root words (e.g. helped, quickest).

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

TRANSCRIPTION – HANDWRITING

Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning

- 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 in similar ways) and to practise these.

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Planning, Writing and Editing

- To say out loud what they are going to write about.
- To compose a sentence orally before writing it.
- To sequence sentences to form short narratives.
- To discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils.
- To reread their writing to check that it makes sense and to independently begin to make changes.
- To read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.
- To use adjectives to describe.

Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure

- 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 adjectives to describe.

WRITING - VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Sentence Construction and Tense

- To use simple sentence structures.

Use of Phrases and Clauses

- To use the joining word (conjunction) 'and' to link ideas and sentences.
- To begin to form simple compound sentences.

Punctuation

- To use capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'I'.
- To use finger spaces.
- To use full stops to end sentences.
- To begin to use question marks and exclamation marks.

Use of Terminology

- To recognise and use the terms letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark.

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Year 2 WRITING

TRANSCRIPTION - SPELLING

Phonics and 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, written);
the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -le (e.g. little, middle) or spelt -el (e.g. camel, tunnel) or spelt -al (e.g. metal, hospital) or spelt -il (e.g. fossil, nostril);
the /aɪ/ sound spelt
-y (e.g. cry, fly, July);
adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in
-y where the 'y' is changed to 'i' before the -es (e.g. flies, tries, carries);
adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y (e.g. skiing, replied) and exceptions to the rules;
adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before (including exceptions);
adding -ing, -ed,
-er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter (including exceptions);
the /ɔ:/ sound (or) spelt 'a' before 'l' and 'll' (e.g. ball, always);
the /ʌ/ sound spelt '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 /ɒ/ sound spelt 'a' after 'w' and 'qu' (e.g. want, quantity, squash)
the /ɜ:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w' (e.g. word, work, worm);
the /ɔ:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' (e.g. warm, towards);
the /z/ sound spelt 's' (e.g. television, usual).

Common Exception Words

- To spell most Y1 and Y2 common exception words correctly.

Prefixes and Suffixes

- To add suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing, e.g. -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly.

Further Spelling Conventions

- 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 and to then represent all of the phonemes using graphemes in the right order for both for single- syllable and multi-syllabic words.
- To self-correct misspellings of words that pupils have been taught to spell (this may require support to recognise misspellings).

TRANSCRIPTION – HANDWRITING

Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning

- 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
- **JOINING LETTERS** To begin to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters.

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Planning, Writing and Editing

- To write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional).
- To write about real events. To write simple poetry.
- To plan what they are going to write about, including writing down ideas and/or key words and new vocabulary
- To encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence.
- To make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils.

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- To reread to check that their writing makes sense and that the correct tense is used throughout.
- To proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (e.g. to check that the ends of sentences are punctuated correctly).

Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure

- 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 (one- to-one and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences.
- To read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.

WRITING - VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Sentence Construction and Tense

- To use the present tense and the past tense mostly correctly and consistently.
- To form sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command.
- To use some features of written Standard English.

Use of Phrases and Clauses

- To using 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).

Punctuation

- 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.

Use of Terminology

- To recognise and use the terms noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb, present tense, past tense, apostrophe and comma.

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Y3/4

Year 3 WRITING

TRANSCRIPTION – SPELLING

Phonics and Spelling rules

- 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 a short /u/ sound spelt with 'ou' (e.g. young, touch, double, trouble, country).
- To spell words ending with the /zher/ sound
- spelt with 'sure' (e.g. measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure).
- To spell words ending with the /cher/ sound spelt with 'ture' (e.g. creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure).

Common Exception Words

- To spell many of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spelling words correctly.

Prefixes and Suffixes

- To spell most words with the prefixes dis-, mis-, bi-, re- and de- correctly (e.g. disobey, mistreat, bicycle, reapply, defuse).
- To spell most words with the suffix -ly with no change to the root word; root words that end in 'le', 'al' or 'ic' and the exceptions to the rules.
- To spell words with added suffixes beginning with a vowel (-er/-ed/- ing) to words with more than one syllable (unstressed last syllable, e.g. limiting offering).
- To spell words with added suffixes beginning with a vowel (-er/-ed/- en/-ing) to words with more than one syllable (stressed last syllable, e.g. forgotten beginning).

Further Spelling Conventions

- To spell some more complex homophones and near-homophones, including here/hear, brake/break and mail/ male.

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- To use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary

TRANSCRIPTION – HANDWRITING

Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning

- To use a neat, joined handwriting style with increasing accuracy and speed.

Joining Letters

- To continue to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and to understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Planning, Writing and Editing

- To say out loud what they are going to write about.
- To compose a sentence orally before writing it.
- To sequence sentences to form short narratives.
- To discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils.
- To reread their writing to check that it makes sense and to independently begin to make changes.
- To read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.
- To use adjectives to describe.

Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure

- 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 adjectives to describe.

WRITING - VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Sentence Construction and Tense

- To use simple sentence structures.

Use of Phrases and Clauses

- To use the joining word (conjunction) 'and' to link ideas and sentences.
- To begin to form simple compound sentences.

Punctuation

- To use capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'I'.
- To use finger spaces.
- To use full stops to end sentences.
- To begin to use question marks and exclamation marks.

Use of Terminology

- To recognise and use the terms letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark.

Year 4 WRITING

TRANSCRIPTION – SPELLING

Phonics and Spelling rules

- 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, mathematician).
- To spell words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc' (e.g. sound spelt with 'sc' (e.g. science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent).

Common Exception Words

- To spell many of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spelling words correctly.

Prefixes and Suffixes

- To correctly spell most words with the prefixes in-, il-, im-, ir-, sub-, super-, anti-, auto-, inter-, ex- and non- (e.g. incorrect, illegal, impossible, irrelevant, substandard, superhero, autograph, antisocial, intercity, exchange, nonsense).
- To form nouns with the suffix -ation (e.g. information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration).
- To spell words with the suffix -ous with no change to root words, no definitive root word, words ending in 'y', 'our' or 'e' and the exceptions to the rule (e.g. joyous, fabulous, mysterious,

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rigorous, famous, advantageous).

Further Spelling Conventions

- 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.

TRANSCRIPTION – HANDWRITING

Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning

- To increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [e.g by ensuring that the down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].

Joining Letters

- To confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes throughout their independent writing to increase fluency.

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Planning, Writing and Editing

- To write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional).
- To write about real events. To write simple poetry.
- To plan what they are going to write about, including writing down ideas and/or key words and new vocabulary
- To encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence.
- To make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils.
- To reread to check that their writing makes sense and that the correct tense is used throughout.
- To proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (e.g. to check that the ends of sentences are punctuated correctly).

Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure

- 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 (one- to-one and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences.
- To read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.

WRITING - VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Sentence Construction and Tense

- To use the present tense and the past tense mostly correctly and consistently.
- To form sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command.
- To use some features of written Standard English.

Use of Phrases and Clauses

- To using 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).

Punctuation

- 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.

Use of Terminology

To recognise and use the terms noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb, present tense, past tense, apostrophe and comma.

Y5/6

Year 5 WRITING

TRANSCRIPTION – SPELLING

Phonics and Spelling rules

- 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).

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- To spell words containing the letter string 'ough' (e.g. ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought, rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough, through, thorough, borough, plough, bough).

Common Exception Words

- To spell many of the Y5 and Y6 statutory spelling words correctly.

Prefixes and Suffixes

- 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 convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ify (e.g. signify, falsify, glorify).
- To convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -en (e.g. blacken, brighten, flatten).

Further Spelling Conventions

- 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.

TRANSCRIPTION – HANDWRITING

Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning

- 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.

Joining Letters

- To confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes throughout their independent writing in a legible, fluent and speedy way.

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Planning, Writing and Editing

- To plan their writing by identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own.
- To consider, when planning narratives, how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed.
- To proofread work to précis longer passages by removing unnecessary repetition or irrelevant details.
- To consistently link ideas across paragraphs.
- To proofread their work to assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and to make necessary corrections and improvements.

Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure

- 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 and purposes.
- To describe settings, characters and atmosphere with carefully- chosen vocabulary to enhance mood, clarify meaning and create pace.
- To regularly use dialogue to convey a character and to advance the action.
- To perform their own compositions confidently using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear.

WRITING - VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Sentence Construction and Tense

- To use a range of adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, e.g. surely, perhaps, should, might, etc.
- To ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces of writing.

Use of Phrases and Clauses

- 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.

Punctuation

- To use the full range of punctuation from previous year groups Y3 and Y4.
- To use commas consistently to clarify meaning or to avoid ambiguity.
- To use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.

Use of Terminology

- To recognise and use the terms modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion and ambiguity.

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TRANSCRIPTION – SPELLING

Phonics and Spelling rules

- To spell words ending in -able and
- -ably (e.g. adorable/ adorably, applicable/ applicably, considerable/ 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, artificial).
- To spell words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter using 'tial' (e.g. partial, confidential, essential).

Common Exception Words

- To spell all of the Y5 and Y6 statutory spelling words correctly.

Prefixes and Suffixes

- 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).
- 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 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 understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically.
- To use dictionaries and thesauruses to check the spelling and meaning of words and confidently find synonyms and antonyms.

TRANSCRIPTION – HANDWRITING

Letter Formation, Placement and Positioning

- 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.

Joining Letters

- To recognise when to use an unjoined style (e.g. for labelling a diagram or data, writing an email address or for algebra) and capital letters (e.g. for filling in a form).

WRITING – COMPOSITION

Planning, Writing and Editing

- To note down and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary.
- To use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining).
- To use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.
- To habitually proofread for spelling and punctuation errors.
- To propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.
- To recognise how words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms and to use this knowledge to make improvements to their writing.

Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure

- 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, characterisation, structure, etc.).
- To distinguish between the language of speech and writing and to choose the appropriate level of formality.

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WRITING

- To select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility).

WRITING - VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

Sentence Construction and Tense

- To ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces of writing, including the correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural.

Use of Phrases and Clauses

- 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 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.

Use of Terminology

- To recognise and use the terms subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon and bullet points.

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