Writing: Non-negotiables for Year 3

Writing is an essential skill which will benefit every pupil throughout their life. It is a critical skill which equips children with the ability to communicate in numerous ways. The Writing non-negotiables help build children's essential base platform for the progression in writing.



The following non-negotiables will be taught over the year and are the expectations for **most** children by the end of year 3.

Sentence Level:

- express time, place and cause using conjunctions: before, after, when, because
- use adverbs: then, next, soon
- use prepositions e.g. before, after, during, in

Paragraphing:

• use headings and subheadings

Punctuation:

correct use of speech marks for direct speech

Spelling:

understand what prefixes are and spell many/most words from year 3 using them correctly (attached)

Handwriting:

 increase the legibility, consistency and quality of diagonal, horizontal strokes, ascenders and descenders

Year 3 Spellings from the Year 3/4 spelling list:

decide address group sentence disappear history answer surprise eight/eighth important woman/women appear experiment learn centre circle February possible