Writing: Non-negotiables for Year 5

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 5.

Sentence Level:

- add noun and prepositional phrases to make sentences more precise & detailed
- use a range of sentence openers eq. inq, preposition, conjunction
- use pronouns to avoid repetition
- link clauses in sentences using a range of subordinating conjunctions
- use verb phrases to create subtle differences (e.g. she began to run)

Paragraphing:

• link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time (e.g. later), place (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly)

Punctuation:

- use brackets
- use dashes
- use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity

Spelling:

• use a range of suffixes to spell words correctly

Handwriting:

• produce a legible and fluent style