





Pathways to Write

Unit Overviews: Year 1 to Year 6





Whole school overview

Year group	Autum	nn term	Sprin	g term	Summe	er term
1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	Nibbles: The Book Monster by Emma Yarlett	The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright	Beegu by Alexis Deacon	Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson
2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Look Up! By Nathan Bryon	The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark by Jill Tomlinson, (and Chapter version)	The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward, How to Train Your Dragon (2010 film), The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey	My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner	The Last Wolf by Mini Grey	Grandad's Secret Giant by David Litchfield
3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman	Winter's Child by Graham Baker-Smith, Ice Palace by Robert Swindells	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura	Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies, This Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo	Journey by Aaron Becker, Tilly Mint Tales by Berlie Doherty	Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr
4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker	Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith, Oz the Great and Powerful (2013 film)	Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit	Amazing Islands by Sabrina Weiss, Koji's Island by The Literacy Company	Alba The Hundred Year Old Fish by Lara Hawthorne, A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton	Blue John by Berlie Doherty
5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story by Catherine Johnson	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton	The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield	The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner, Coral Reefs by Jason Chin	Radiant Child by Javaka Steptoe, Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou
6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	King Kong by Anthony Browne, King Kong (1933 film)	Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins	The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde & Ritva Voutila	The Day War Came by Nicola Davies, Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann	Manfish by Jennifer Berne, Great Adventurers by Alastair Humphreys	Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll





Year 1 Texts and Outcomes

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	Nibbles: The Book Monster by Emma Yarlett	The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright	Beegu by Alexis Deacon	Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts and Hannah Peck	Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson
Outcome Fiction: write an adventure story Greater Depth Change the setting and characters of the story	Outcome Recount: write a diary entry based on Nibbles' adventures Greater Depth Add a new adventure based on a previously read text	Outcome Fiction: write a journey story Greater Depth Change both animals in the story	Outcome Fiction: write own version of the story Greater Depth Write the story in first person	Outcome Non-fiction: write information about sea animals Greater Depth Includes sections on how to protect them	Outcome Fiction: write a traditional story with a new character Greater Depth Change the character/ setting Extension: Non-chron report

Year 1 Mastery Keys

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
1	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word
		Use plural noun suffixes -s	Add suffixes where no	Add suffixes where no	Add suffixes where no	
		and -es	change is needed to the	change is needed to the	change is needed to the	
			root of the word e.ged, -	root of the word e.ged, -	root of the word e.ged, -	
			ing, -er, -est	ing, -er, -est	ing, -er, -est	
			Some accurate use of the		Change the meaning of	
			prefix un-		verbs/adjectives by adding	
					prefix un-	
	Word					
	1	ways to Write there will be opp				
	Spell words containing each of	of the 40+ phonemes already ta	ught and spell common except	tion words		
	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence
	Combine words to make	Join words using and	Join words and clauses	Join words and clauses	Join words and clauses	Join words and clauses
	sentences		using <i>and</i>	using <i>and</i>	using and	using <i>and</i>





Text	Text	Text	Text	Text	Text
	Sequence sentences (link				Sequence sentences to
	ideas or events by pronoun)				form short narratives (link
					ideas or events by
					pronouns)
Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation
Leave spaces between	Punctuate sentences using	Punctuate sentences using	Punctuate sentences using	Punctuate sentences using	Use capital letter for names
words	a capital letter and a full	of people and places			
Begin to use capital letters	stop	stop, some question marks	stop, question mark or	stop, question mark or	Punctuate sentences using
and full stops	Use capital letters for	and exclamation marks	exclamation mark	exclamation mark	a capital letter, full stop,
Use a capital letter for	names of people and places				question mark or
names of people and the					exclamation marks
personal pronoun 'I'					

Year 2 Texts and Outcomes

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Set	Look Up! By Nathan	The Owl Who Was Afraid	The Dragon Machine by	My Name is Not Refugee	The Last Wolf by Mini	Grandad's Secret Giant
1	Bryon	of The Dark by Jill	Helen Ward, How to	by Kate Milner	Grey	by David Litchfield
		Tomlinson (picture book	Train Your Dragon (2010			
		and chapter book)	film), The Dragonsitter			
			Disasters by Josh Lacey			
	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome
	Recount: write a diary	Non-chronological	Fiction: write an	Recount: write a recount	Letter: write a letter in	Fiction: write a story with
	entry	report: write a fact sheet	adventure story with	of events from	role as the character	a moral focus
	Greater Depth	about owls	change of character and	character's point of view	persuading to save the	Greater Depth
	Draw on wider reading to	Greater Depth	machine	Greater Depth	trees	Story from the point of
	inform vocabulary	Alter the layout to	Greater Depth	Include how the other	Greater Depth	view of the giant
	choices	include own subheadings	Story written in first	characters felt	Real life letter to specific	
		and extra features	person		audience e.g. local MP	

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Year 2 Mastery Keys

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
2		Word Add -ly to turn adjectives into adverbs hways to Write there will be op y segmenting spoken words into	Word portunities to apply word skills:	Word	Word Add -er and -est to adjectives Use homophones and near homophones	Word Add suffixes to spell longer words (e.g -ment,- ful)
	Sentence Use subordination (because) and co- ordination (and) Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify	Sentence Use co-ordination (but, or)	Sentence Write sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command Use subordination (apply because, introduce when)	Sentence Use subordination (apply because, when; introduce that)	Sentence Use subordination (if, that)	Sentence Use subordination (when, if, that, because) and coordination (or, and, but) Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify
	Text	Text	Text Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently (some progressive)	Text Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently Use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense	Text	Text Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form





Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation
Use punctuation correctly -	Use commas to separate	Use punctuation correctly -	Use punctuation correctly –	Use punctuation correctly –	
full stops, capital letters	items in a list	exclamation marks,	introduce apostrophe for	apostrophes for contracted	
		question marks	the possessive (singular)	forms	

Year 3 Texts and Outcomes

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Seal Surfer by Michael	Winter's Child by Angela	Stone Age Boy by	Big Blue Whale by Nicola	Journey by Aaron	Zeraffa Giraffa
Foreman	McAllister, Ice Palace by	Satoshi Kitamura	Davies, This Morning I	Becker, Tilly Mint Tales	by Dianne Hofmeyr
	Robert Swindells		Met a Whale by Michael	by Berlie Doherty	
			Morpurgo		
Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome
Recount: write a letter in	Fiction: write a fantasy	Fiction: write a historical	Persuasion: write an	Fiction: write an	Persuasion: write a
role recounting events of	story based on a fable	narrative set in the Stone	informative article	adventure story based on	tourism leaflet for the
the story	Greater Depth	Age	persuading for the	Journey using the	Jardin des Plantes in Paris
Greater Depth	Narrative from a	Greater Depth	protection of the blue	language of Berlie	Greater Depth
Write a letter from	different point of view	Write from the point of	whale	Doherty	Include a section of a
Grandad in response to		view of a person from	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	researched Paris
one of his grandson's		the Stone Age	Include a fact file about	Include a new setting	landmark
letters			other endangered sea	route to lead from one	
			creatures	place into another	

Year 3 Mastery Keys

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
3	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word
		Use a or an according to	Form nouns with a range		Use a or an according to	
		whether the next word	of prefixes		whether the next word	
		begins with a vowel or			begins with a vowel or	
		consonant			consonant	





Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence
Use prepositions to	Use conjunctions and		Build an increasing range	Use prepositions,	Build an increasing range
express time, place and	adverbs to express, time,		of sentence structures	conjunctions and	of sentence structures
cause.	place and cause		Use adverbs to express	adverbs to express time,	
			time, place and cause	place and cause	
Text	Text	Text	Text	Text	Text
Group related ideas into	In narratives, create	Use present and past	Use headings and sub-	Group related ideas into	Use present and past
paragraphs	characters, settings and	tenses correctly and	headings to aid	paragraphs	tenses correctly and
Build a varied and rich	plot	consistently including the	presentation Assess the	Use the present perfect	consistently including the
vocabulary		progressive and present	effectiveness of own and	form of verbs in contrast	progressive form and the
		perfect forms	others' writing	to the past tense	present perfect form
		Build a varied and rich			In non-narrative
		vocabulary			material, use simple
					organisational devices
					including headings and
					sub-headings to aid
					presentation
Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation
Introduce inverted	Use inverted commas to	Use inverted commas to			
commas to punctuate	punctuate direct speech	punctuate direct speech			
direct speech					

Year 4 Texts and Outcomes

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Set	Counting on Katherine	Leon and the Place	Escape from Pompeii by	Amazing Islands	Alba The Hundred Year	Blue John by Berlie
1	by Helaine Becker	Between by Graham Baker-Smith, Oz the Great and Powerful (2013 film)	Christina Balit	by Sabrina Weiss, Koji's Island by The Literacy Company	Old Fish by Lara Hawthorne, A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton	Doherty





Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome
Non-fiction: write a fact	Recount: write a diary	Fiction: write a historical	Fiction: write an	Non-fiction: write an	Explanation: write a
file	from Leon's point of view	narrative from	adventure story from	information board	letter in role as a caving
Greater Depth	Greater Depth	character's point of view	point of view of the boy	Greater Depth	expert, including an
Include quotes	Write from Abdul	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Include a graphic and	explanation
	Kazam's point of view	Write from the point of	Write from the point of	voiceover	Greater Depth
		view of the captain	view of the God		Include a persuasive
					section about Treak Cliff
					Caverns

Year 4 Mastery Keys

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
4	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word
		Use Standard English	Use Standard English		Recognise the	
		forms for verb inflections	forms for verb inflections		grammatical difference	
		Recognise the			between plural and	
		grammatical difference			possessive 's'	
		between plural and				
		possessive 's'				
	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence
	Expand noun phrases by	Extend the range of		Expand noun phrases by		Extend the range of
	the addition of modifying	sentences with more		the addition of modifying		sentences with more
	adjectives, nouns and	than one clause by using		adjectives, nouns and		than one clause by using
	prepositional phrases	a wider range of		prepositional phrases		a wider range of
	Use fronted adverbials	conjunctions including				conjunctions including
		when, if, because,				when, if, because,
		although				although
	Text	Text	Text	Text	Text	Text
	Organise paragraphs	Build a varied and rich	Organise paragraphs	Choose nouns or	Build a varied and rich	Build a varied and rich
	around a theme (to	vocabulary	around a theme (using	pronouns appropriately	vocabulary	vocabulary
	organise and sequence		fronted adverbials to	for clarity and cohesion	Organise paragraphs	Organise paragraphs
	more extended narrative		introduce or connect	and to avoid repetition	around a theme	around a theme
	structures)		paragraphs)		Propose changes to	
					grammar and vocabulary	

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Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately		Variety of verb forms used correctly and		to improve consistency, including the accurate	Variety of verb forms used correctly and
for clarity and cohesion		consistently including the		use of pronouns in	consistently including the
and to avoid repetition		progressive and the		sentences	progressive and the
		present perfect forms			present perfect forms
Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation
Use commas after	Indicate possession by	Use and punctuate direct	Use inverted commas	Indicate possession by	
fronted adverbials	using the possessive	speech (using dialogue to	and other punctuation to	using the possessive	
Recap: Use inverted	apostrophe with plural	show the relationship	punctuate direct speech	apostrophe with plural	
commas for direct	nouns	between characters)	Use commas after	nouns.	
speech			fronted adverbials		

Year 5 Texts and Outcomes

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Young, Gifted and Black	Beowulf by Michael	Arthur and the Golden	The Darkest Dark by	The Brilliant Deep by	Radiant Child by Javaka
by Jamia Wilson, Race to	Morpurgo	Rope by Joe Todd-	Chris Hadfield	Kate Messner, Coral	Steptoe, Life Doesn't
the Frozen North: The		Stanton		Reefs by Jason Chin	Frighten Me by Maya
Matthew Henson Story					Angelou
by Catherine Johnson					
Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome
Recount: write a series of	Fiction: write a further	Fiction: write a myth,	Recount: write a formal	Persuasion/information:	Non-fiction: write an
diary entries	adventure	creating characters and	biography of Chris	write an information	information text for a
Greater Depth	Greater Depth	settings	Hadfield	leaflet	gallery
Series of diary entries	Invent their own monster	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth
including her viewpoint	and include motives and	Tell the myth from an	Include an extra section	Authorial choices on	Plan own layout and
on other characters	viewpoint	alternative viewpoint	in informal first person	sections of text and	structure for gallery
				layout	information

Year 5 Mastery Keys

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
5	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word





Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence	Sentence
	Use expanded noun	Use expanded noun	Extend the range of	Use modal verbs to	Use relative clauses
	phrases to convey	phrases to convey	sentences with more	indicate degrees of	beginning with who,
	complicated information	complicated information	than one clause by using	possibility	which, where, when,
	concisely	concisely	a wider range of		whose, that or an
			conjunctions		omitted relative pronoun
		Use relative clauses			
		beginning with who,			Use adverbs to indicate
		which, where, when,			degrees of possibility
		whose, that or an			
		omitted relative pronoun			
Text	Text	Text	Text	Text	Text
Identify the audience for	Describe settings,	Link ideas across	Link ideas across	Use devices to build	Use a wider range of
and purpose of writing	characters and	paragraphs using	paragraphs using	cohesion within a	devices to build cohesion
Organise paragraphs	atmosphere	adverbials	adverbials and tense	paragraph	across paragraphs
around a theme with a	Integrate dialogue to		choices	Choose the appropriate	Link ideas using tense
focus on more complex	convey character and		Recap: Variety of verb	register	choices
narrative structures	advance the action		forms used correctly and	Enhance meaning	
			consistently	through selecting	
				appropriate grammar	
				and vocabulary	
Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation
Use commas after	Use of inverted commas	Use commas to clarify	Use commas to clarify	Use brackets, dashes or	
fronted adverbials (Y4)	and other punctuation to	meaning or avoid	meaning or avoid	commas to indicate	
Use commas to clarify	punctuate direct speech	ambiguity in writing	ambiguity in writing	parenthesis	
meaning or avoid	(Y4)		Use brackets, dashes or		
ambiguity in writing			commas to indicate		
			parenthesis		





Year 6 Texts and Outcomes

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
King Kong by Anthony	Can We Save the Tiger?	The Selfish Giant by	The Day War Came	Manfish by Jennifer	Sky Chasers by Emma
Browne, King Kong (1933	by Martin Jenkins	Oscar Wilde & Ritva	by Nicola Davies, Leaf by	Berne, Great	Carroll
film)		Voutila	Sandra Dieckmann	Adventurers by Alastair	
				Humphreys	
Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome	Outcome
Fiction: write an action-	Information/explanation/	Fiction: retell a classic	Persuasion: write a letter	Recount: write a	Fiction: write an
packed story ending	persuasion: write a	narrative from a	to raise awareness	biography of Jacques	adventure story from
Greater Depth	hybrid booklet about an	character's point of view	Greater Depth	Cousteau & Fiction:	two different viewpoints
With a viewpoint from	amazing animal &	&	Choose the form and the	adventure story	& Recount:
one of the characters	Recount: diary	Explanation	audience	Greater Depth	autobiography
	Greater Depth	Greater Depth		Include a section entitled	Greater Depth
	Write a Newsround TV	Write the narrative from		'How Jacques Cousteau	Include a section written
	style report about the	the viewpoint of the		inspired me'	from the viewpoint of
	tiger crisis	special tree			another person

Year 6 Mastery Keys

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
6	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word	Word
	Contono	Contours	Combones	Contono	Contono	Cantana
	Sentence Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely Use passive verbs	Sentence Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility (Y5)	Sentence Recognise structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms Use passive verbs	Sentence Use passive verbs	Sentence Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or an omitted relative pronoun (Y5)	Recognise vocabulary and structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms
	Text Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider	Text Enhance meaning through selecting	Text	Text Use a wider range of devices to build cohesion	Text Use a wider range of devices to build cohesion	Text Identify the audience for and purpose of writing





range of cohesive	appropriate grammar	Distinguish between the	Use organisational and		Choose the appropriate
devices	and vocabulary	language of speech and	presentational devices to		register
Integrate dialogue to		writing	structure text		
convey character and		Integrate dialogue to	Variety of verb forms		
advance the action		convey character and	used correctly and		
		advance the action	consistently (progressive		
			present perfect forms)		
Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation	Punctuation
Punctuate bullet points	Use brackets, dashes or	Use semi-colons to mark	Use colons or dashes to	Use a colon to introduce	Use semi-colons, colons
consistently	commas to indicate	boundaries between	mark boundaries	a list and use of semi-	or dashes to mark
	parenthesis (Y5)	independent clauses	between independent	colons within lists	boundaries between
			clauses	Use hyphens to avoid	independent clauses
				ambiguity	

^{*}Objectives in italics are writing composition objectives