

Writing Policy

together we shine



Our School Vision

We will ensure that our children have the best educational experience it is possible to have and, as a result, are fully prepared for life beyond our school. We want our children to understand their faith, to articulate their values and to be able to act in a way, which reflects these. Our school is at the heart of the community which it serves; we create children who are ready to contribute and improve themselves, those around them and the places we live

In this policy, we demonstrate how our vision is supported as we plan, teach and assess the vital skills involved in the process of writing at our school. We want our children to be confident writers who enjoy the expressive process of entertaining people and can inform, persuade or discuss ideas effectively, in a range of situations.

Our Whole School Writing Aims

As a school we aim to:

- Design a curriculum which teaches core skills in a progressively mapped out manner
- Plan for a range of writing purposes in a variety of different contexts
- Use high quality texts and examples of writing as a basis for teaching
- Constantly reflect on, and retrieve, the knowledge and skills required for effective writing
- Allow children opportunities to write in depth across the curriculum
- Provide children with effective and regular feedback as to how they could improve their writing
- Celebrate good writing across the school
- Demonstrate excellent presentation and handwriting in all of our books



How We Teach Writing

At Khalsa Primary School, writing is a key skill in all of our subjects. In order for children to learn and practise this skill, the following strategies are in place:

- An Early Years curriculum which has a focus on mark making, letter formation and grapheme phoneme correspondence
- Phonics and spelling lessons which are progressively planned across the school and which provide children the opportunity to practice writing words and sounds as well as reading them
- A four-phase planning format for English unit that is based on our curriculum and skills progression maps
- Handwriting lessons which utilise a scheme to teach the vital mechanical skills of letter formation and cursive writing

Early Years

In EYFS children begin their writing journeys by mark making. They are taught the significance of letter formation gradually learning to write their own name. By the end of EYFS children are able to write short sentences, using taught grapheme phoneme correspondence with the correct punctuation. Using the ALS scheme (www.alsphonics.co.uk), children are taught grapheme phoneme correspondence and correct letter formation through dedicated phonics lessons with follow up writing activities at tables. In both Nursery and Reception, mark making or writing activities are part of daily planning.

Phased Planning for English Units (KS1 onwards)

Writing Purposes

Our English units are planned so that they culminate in writing for a specific purpose. For example a writing to entertain unit in Year 1 might end with children writing a version of a traditional fairy tale. The purposes for writing are taught as follows:

Writing to entertain e.g. stories, poems – Taught from Year 1 to Year 6 Writing to inform e.g. recounts, newspapers - Taught from Year 1 to Year 6 Writing to persuade e.g. debates, letters - Taught from Year 3 to Year 6 Writing to discuss e.g. reviews, newspapers – Taught from Year 5 to Year 6

Our writing skills progression give more detail on the word, sentence and text level teaching requirements for each unit type (see appendix).

The units are based around one or more key texts which match the writing purpose. For example, if writing to inform and creating a non-chronological report, one or more good examples of such writing will be used an example to discuss in the first week and references for the rest of the unit.

Planning Phases

In order to ensure the best writing possible for each purpose, we have broken our units into four distinct phases.



The four phases are as follows (a planning template can be found in the appendix)

• Read and Understand Phase

 In this phase, children read and respond to a text which showcases effective example of the given writing purpose e.g. to inform

• Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills Phase

- This phase focusses on explaining and exploring new GPS skills, as well as consolidating previously learnt skills.
- This phase should also be used to teach the Alan Peat sentences as mapped out in the progression document
- Spelling rules to be taught in this phase are mapped out in our phonics and spelling progression document (see reading policy appendix)

Writing Phase

o In this phase, children will prepare for their final writing piece by practising the skills they have been taught, planning and editing their work.

• Independent Writing Phase

Finally, children will have the opportunity to use all of the skills they have learnt in this unit, along with their already embedded skills to write independently. This independent piece will be assessed by teachers as the key piece of evidence for the unit. Children should be given the opportunity to respond to feedback and edit as necessary.



Handwriting

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We teach the skill of handwriting so that children can write in a way that is presentable and which allows them to write with fluency. Pupils should eventually develop the ability to form written letters without thinking and to decide whether they will join letters or not. Children should continue to practice, and therefore staff should continually feedback to children on, their handwriting in all lessons. Outside of the lesson, teachers should continue to model good handwriting at any opportunity to children.

How we teach handwriting

EYFS

Nursery work on holding a writing tool correctly and give opportunities for mark marking every day. They encourage children to add some marks to their drawings which give meaning e.g. that says mummy, to copy patterns, form some letters and to write some or all of their names.

In Reception, handwriting is linked in with phonics and grapheme, phoneme correspondence using ALS resources (see appendix).

KS1

Children learn to form letters in the following families:

Anti-clockwise letters: c, a, d, g, o, q, e, s, f

Line Letters: i, j, l, t, u, y

Down and retrace letters: b, h, k, p, m, n, r

Zig-Zag letter: z, v, w, z

Introduction Taught	 Teacher introduces the family of letters (e.g. anti-clockwise letters) and explain the rule. Teacher should model 2/3 letters in that family and children should copy using their fingers in the air.
Focus Taught	 Teacher should model - on a board with lines – a chosen letter from the family discussed during the introduction or a pattern based on the family structure. Children should be given the opportunity to copy the pattern or letter into their books, practicing the formation. Staff should circulate and correct letter formation and joins as appropriate. Some children will require teacher modelling of letters and joins in their books. Some will require letters to trace, written by staff using highlighters.



	•	Anything unfinished during the lesson can be practiced during the week.
Extra and Extension Practice	•	Words and/or sentences should be given for children to practice during the week.

They should be taught that some letters reach the top of the line (ascenders) and that some trail below the line they sit on (descenders).

Once basic letter formation has been achieved children move onto using Nelson (red level) handwriting books.

Using the Nelson Books to Teach Handwriting

Handwriting should be taught during 1 timetabled lesson, which should last around 20 minutes. There should be opportunities for children to practice that week's focus, in their handwriting books, throughout the week.

Handwriting lessons should follow the Nelson Book for that year group. One book unit should be taught per week and the following structure should be followed.

Introduction Taught	 During a lesson, introduce the objective (at the top of the page), the sounds and the sentence as necessary. Ask children to look at the arrows and draw the letters in the air with their fingers
Focus Taught	 During a lesson, model - on a board with lines - the patterns and letters. Teachers should model one pattern or letter at a time and then give children a chance to practice before moving onto the next. Give children the chance to practice writing at least a line of each one. Staff should circulate and correct letter formation and joins as appropriate. Some children will require teacher modelling of letters and joins in their books. Some will require letters to trace, written by staff using highlighters. Anything unfinished during the lesson can be practiced during the week.
Extra and Extension Practice	The two sections on the opposite page are for children to read and practice independently into their books.

Books should be acknowledged and marked using the school policy.

Teacher can plan to repeat units as they see fit.

Assessment

Teachers should assess children's ability in handwriting by using the following key questions:

- Are letters formed correctly?
- Are any letters too tall or too short?
- Is there space between words?
- Are letters being joined appropriately?



Pencils and pen licences

Teachers must ensure that, in all lessons, children are writing with a sharp pencil of an appropriate length.

Pen licences should be awarded to pupils who are able to consistently demonstrate good handwriting across their books. Teachers should assess children's ability and award pen licences as they see fit.



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Writing Progression

Year 1					
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform			
Effect	To make the reader feel sad/scared/worried/happy/excited.	To provide the reader with information			
Text types	Story	Recount			
Text types	Poetry	Letter			
Alan Peat	Connected sentences	Connected sentences			
sentences	SVO sentences	SVO sentences			
Composition		·			

Composition

- Sequences sentences to form short narratives.
- Re-reads what they have written to check that it makes sense.
- Says out loud what they are going to write about
- Composes a sentence orally before writing it.
- Discusses what they have written with the teacher or other pupils.
- Reads aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.

Handwriting

- Begins to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- · Forms capital letters.
- Form digits 0-9.
- Sits correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly.
- Understands which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (ie letters that are formed in similar ways) and practises these

- Shows some awareness of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences.
- Understands how words can combine to make sentences.
- · Separates words with spaces.
- Joins words and clauses using coordinating conjunctions: 'and.'
- Uses capital letters for names and for the personal pronoun 'l'.
- Shows understanding of regular plural noun suffixes –s or –es (e.g. dog, dogs; wish, wishes), including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun.
- Shows understanding of how the prefix un
 — changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives (negation, for example, unkind, or undoing: until the boat)
- Shows understanding of suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. helping, helped, helper)



Year 2					
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform			
Effect	To make the reader feel sad/scared/worried/happy/excited.	To provide the reader with information			
Toyt types	Story	Recount			
Text types	Poetry	Letter			
	BOYS sentences	BOYS sentences			
	2A sentences	2A sentences			
Alan Peat	Doubly-ly ending	Doubly-ly ending			
sentences	List sentences	List sentences			
	What +!	What +!			
		Then but now			

- Plans or says out loud what they are going to write about.
- Develops positive attitudes towards, and stamina for, writing, by writing for different purposes.
- Proof-reads to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Encapsulates what they want to say, sentence by sentence.
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- Writes down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary.
- Makes simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils.
- Re-reads to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- Reads aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear

Handwriting

- Writes capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters.
- Uses spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.
- Forms lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- Starts using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understands which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined

- Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing.
- Accurate use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences
- Some use of the suffixes –er, –est in adjectives.
- Uses suffix –ly to turn adjectives into adverbs.
- Uses subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but).
- Uses commas to separate items in a list.
- Uses the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress (e.g. she is drumming, he was shouting)
- Shows understanding of formation of nouns, using suffixes such as –ness, –er and by compounding (e.g. whiteboard, superman).
- Shows understanding of formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less.
- Uses expanded noun phrases for description and specification (e.g. the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon).
- Shows understanding of the grammatical patterns in a sentence, indicating its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command.
- Uses apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling.
- Uses apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns (e.g. the girl's name).



Year 3				
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform	Writing to persuade	
Effect	To make the reader feel sad/scared/worried/happy/excited.	To provide the reader with information.	To influence the reader to want to do or agree with something.	
Text types	Narrative Poetry Descriptions	Biography Report	Poster Speech	
Alan Peat sentences	If, then _ing, _ed With a(n) action, more action As –ly When_ Getting worse/getting better	All the Ws If, then As –ly When_	All the Ws If, then As –ly When_	

- Makes some attempt to define paragraphs by organising ideas with related points placed next to each other –
 eg one sentence paragraphs or ideas loosely organised.
- In non-narrative material uses simple organisational devices eg headings and sub headings
- Proof reads for spelling and punctuation errors.
- Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write and understands and learns from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.
- Discusses and records ideas
- Composes and rehearses sentences orally (including dialogue) progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structure.
- In narrative creates settings, characters and plot, with some attempt to elaborate on basic information or events eq nouns expanded by simple adjectives etc.
- Assesses the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggests improvements.
- Proposes changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences.
- Reads aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class using appropriate intonation and controls the tone
 of voice so that the meaning is made clear.

Handwriting

- Uses diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understands which letters, when adjacent to one another are best left un-joined.
- Increases the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting eg by ensuring that the downward letters are parallel and equidistant.
- Increases the legibility, consistency, and quality of their handwriting eg by ensuring that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.

- Limited use of inverted commas to punctuate direct speech
- Attempts to use paragraphs as a way to group related materials.
- Makes some use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past eg "He has gone out to play".
 In contrast with "He went out to play".
- Express time, place and cause using conjunctions. Eg when, before, after, while, because.
- Uses the forms "a" or "an" according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or vowel. Eg a rock, an open box.
- Shows and awareness of headings and sub headings to aid presentation.
- Expresses time, place and cause using adverbs. Eg then, next, soon, therefore.
- Expresses time, place and cause using prepositions eg during, after, in, because of.
- Shows understanding of the formation of nouns, using a range of prefixes eg super, anti, auto.
- Shows knowledge of word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning, eg solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble.



Year 4	Year 4				
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform	Writing to persuade		
Effect	To make the reader feel sad/scared/worried/happy/excited.	To provide the reader with information.	To influence the reader to want to do or agree with something.		
Text types	Narrative Poetry Dexcriptions	Explanation Recount (diary entry) Report Newspaper	Advert Letter		
Alan Peat sentences	The more, the more If, if, if, then 3_ed Emotion, comma Verb, person First word last	The more, the more If, if, if, then 3_ed Emotion, comma Verb, person	The more, the more If, if, if, then 3_ed Emotion, comma Verb, person		

- Organises paragraphs around a theme: paragraphs/ sections help to organise content.
- In narratives creates settings, characters and plot, with some ideas and material developed in detail (e.g. descriptions elaborated by adverbial and expanded noun phrases).
- Proof-reads for errors in spelling and punctuation.
- Discusses writing similar to that which they are planning to write and understands and learns from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.
- Discusses and records ideas.
- Composes and rehearses sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary, and an increasing range of sentence structures.
- Assesses the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggests improvements.
- Proposes changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences.
- Proof-reads for errors in spelling and punctuation.
- Reads aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controls the tone
 and volume, so that the meaning is clear.

Handwriting

- Uses the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understands which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.
- Increases the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, e.g. by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant.
- Increases the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, e.g. by ensuring that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.

- Uses inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech (e.g. a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!").
- Uses paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme.
- Makes appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.
- Uses fronted adverbials (eg 'Later that day, I heard the bad news')
- Most of the time uses appropriate standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms (e.g. 'we were' instead of 'we was', or 'I did' instead of 'I done').
- Uses expanded noun phrases, by adding modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair).
- Understands the grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s
- Uses commas after fronted adverbials
- Some correct use of apostrophes to mark plural possession (e.g. the girl's name, the girls' names).



Year 5				
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform		
Effect	To make the reader feel sad/scared/worried/happy/excited.	To provide the reader with information.		
Text types	Narrative Poetry Setting descriptions	Biography Newspaper		
Alan Peat sentences	Noun which/where/who Name – adjective pair – sentence Tell: show three 2 pairs Emotion- consequence 3 bad dash question Object/person	Noun, which/where/who Name – adjective pair – sentence Tell: show 3 Subject – 3 examples – are all Most important – in short,		
	Writing to persuade	Writing to discuss		
Effect	To influence the reader to want to do or agree with something.	To help the reader understand an issue		
Text types	Campaign Debate Speech	Argument Report		
Alan Peat sentences	Noun which/where/who 3 bad dash question Subject – 3 examples – are all Most important – in short,	Noun, which/where/who Name – adjective pair – sentence Tell: show 3 Subject – 3 examples – are all Most important – in short,		

- Identifies the audience for and purpose of the writing. Selects the appropriate form and uses other similar
 writing as a model for their own writing.
- In narratives, describes settings, characters and atmosphere and integrates dialogue to convey character and advance the action.
- Uses further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining).
- Ensures the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing.
- Proof-reads for errors in spelling and punctuation.
- Makes notes and develops initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary.
- When developing characters and settings for a narrative, the pupil considers what has been learned from their experience of reading, listening to and watching the work of real authors.
- Selects appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning. A reasonably wide vocabulary is often chosen for effect.
- Attempts to précis longer passages.
- Uses a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.
- Assesses the effectiveness of their own, and others' writing.
- Proposes changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.
- Ensures correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing, and choosing the appropriate register.

Handwriting

- Writes legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices.
- Decides, as part of their personal style, whether or not to join specific letters.
- Is clear about what standard of handwriting is appropriate for a particular task (e.g. quick notes or a final handwritten version).
- Chooses the writing implement that is best suited for a task (e.g. quick notes, letters).



- Uses commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity.
- Uses a range of devices to build cohesion within a paragraph (e.g. then, after that, this, firstly).
- Indicates degrees of possibility using adverbs (e.g. perhaps, surely) or modal verbs (e.g. might, should, will, must).
- Understands how to convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes (e.g. –ate; –ise; –ify).
- Uses brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.
- Uses a range of linking ideas across paragraphs: adverbials of time (e.g. later), place (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly) or tense choices (e.g. he had seen her before).
- Uses relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun.
- Knowledge of verb prefixes (e.g. dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-).



Year 6		
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform
Effect	To make the reader feel sad/scared/worried/happy/excited.	To provide the reader with information.
Text types	Narrative Poetry Character descriptions	Report
Alan Peat sentences	O. (I.) Tell: show 3; De: de Ed, ing, ed sentence	Tell: show 3; De: de Some; others When; when; when, then
	Writing to persuade	Writing to discuss
Effect	To influence the reader to want to do or agree with something.	To help the reader understand an issue
Text types	Speech Advert Debate	Newspaper Review Report Speech
Alan Peat sentences	Tell: show 3; De: de Some; others Imagine 3 examples: Irony sentences The question is:	Tell: show 3; De: de Some; others Imagine 3 examples: Irony sentences The question is:

- Identifies the audience for and purpose of the writing. Selects the appropriate form and uses other similar writing as a model for their own writing.
- In narratives, describes settings, characters and atmosphere and integrates dialogue to convey character and advance the action.
- Uses further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader (e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining).
- Ensures the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing.
- Proof-reads for errors in spelling and punctuation.
- Makes notes and develops initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary.
- When developing characters and settings for a narrative, the pupil considers what has been learned from their
 experience of reading, listening to and watching the work of real authors.
- Selects appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning. A reasonably wide vocabulary is often chosen for effect.
- Attempts to précis longer passages.
- Uses a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.
- Assesses the effectiveness of their own, and others' writing.
- Proposes changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.
- Ensures correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing, and choosing the appropriate register.

Handwriting

- Writes legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices.
- Decides, as part of their personal style, whether or not to join specific letters.
- Is clear about what standard of handwriting is appropriate for a particular task (e.g. quick notes or a final handwritten version).
- Chooses the writing implement that is best suited for a task (e.g. quick notes, letters)



- Uses commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity.
- Uses a range of devices to build cohesion within a paragraph (e.g. then, after that, this, firstly).
- Indicates degrees of possibility using adverbs (e.g. perhaps, surely) or modal verbs (e.g. might, should, will, must).
- Understands how to convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes (e.g. –ate; –ise; –ify).
- Uses brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.
- Uses a range of linking ideas across paragraphs: adverbials of time (e.g. later), place (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly) or tense choices (e.g. he had seen her before).
- Uses relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun.
- Knowledge of verb prefixes (e.g. dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-).



4 Phase English Plan Template – to be used in KS1 and KS2

	Writing to: To entertain/ to info	m/ to		ct Text Type:	nn.	Key Text/s:	ovamnio
	persuade/ to explain/ to discuss		e.g. narrative/report/letter/diary		Good quality example		
	(delete as appropriate	e)					
Phase 1 • Read and	READ & UNDERSTANDING PHASE						
respond to key	Continuous focus on language and vocabulary						
text	<u>Monday</u> WALT:	Tuesday WALT:	<u>/</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> WALT:	WALT	<u>hursday</u> ·	<u>Friday</u> WALT:
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 Drama activities 							
Key features or							
style of text							
Phase 2				SKILLS PHASE (GPS))		
Use progression		Revisit,	retriev	e, revise and new year			
document to teach:	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>L</u>	Wednesday ·	<u> </u>	<u>hursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Spelling rulesGrammar	TEXT LEVEL	SENTENCE L	F\/FI	WORD LEVEL	PUCT	UATION/SPE	AFL/PLANNING
Sentence level	WALT:	WALT:		WALT:		LLING	WALT:
work e.g. Alan					WALT	:	
Peat sentences							
 Plan writing 							
Phase 3				WRITING PHASE			
 Writing each 	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	Ĺ	Wednesday ·		<u>hursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
part, step by	WALT:	WALT:		WALT:	WALT	?	14/4/ -
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Spelling and Phonics Progression

Rec	eption	
	Phonics/Spelling	Key Words
Autumn 1	Phase 1/2 Listening activities, rhymes, songs and stories Distinguish between speech sounds and orally segment and blend words Introduce individual phonemes: • set 1 s a t p • set 2 i n m d • set 3 g o c k • set 4 ck e u r Blending and segmenting VC and CVC words using GPC	Practise reading and writing: I it on at a is to go
Autumn 2	Phase 2/3 Listening activities, rhymes, songs and stories Revise phonemes from last term. Introduce next sets of phonemes. • set 5 h b f ff I II ss • set 6 j v w x • set 7 y z zz qu Blending and segmenting VC and CVC words using GPC Read two syllable words (e.g. sunset, laptop)	of it at in no up of he we me am plus words using learnt GPC
Spring 1	Phase 3 Listening activities, rhymes, songs and stories Revise phonemes from last term. Introduce consonant digraphs	Revision of previous Practise reading and writing: you the day was are dog big
Spring 2	Phase 3 Listening activities, rhymes, songs and stories Revise phonemes from last term. Introduce digraphs/trigraphs • set 10 oo ar or ur • set 11 ow oi ear air ure er Blend and segment using all phonemes taught so far.	she and see mum yes for dad can all get plus words using learnt GPC
Summer 1	Phase 3/4 Listening activities, rhymes, songs and stories Revise phonemes from last term. Introduce digraphs/trigraphs • Set 12 er oo(book) Blend and segment using all phonemes taught so far. Practise letter names and capital letters	Revision of all words Practise reading and writing: come went look this like going
Summer 2	Phase 3/4 Listening activities, rhymes, songs and stories Reinforce all the phonemes introduced. ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear air ure er Blend and segment using all phonemes taught so far. Practise letter names and capital letters	they away play said plus words using learnt GPC



Yea	Year 1			
	Phonics	Key Words		
1	Phase 4 Practice all the phase 3 phonemes	Revision of previous Practise reading and writing:		
Autumn	Introduce consonant blends: br gr cr pr fr tw dw fl cl bl pl gl sk sc dr sn sw sp st spr scr str shr squ spl	come, some were, here people, Mr		
	Blend and segment using all phonemes taught so far, including consonant blends Phase 5	Mrs, eight two, one		
	Practice using phase 4 blends in words	once, have gone, love		
Autumn 2	Introduce next set of phonemes: • Set 19: ph ow (row) oe ay • Set 20 ie i_e o_e a_e • Set 21: ir ue ea e_e	give, lived looked, called plus words using learnt GPC		
	• Set 22: au aw ew u_e			
	Blending and segmenting words with all learnt phonemes Phase 5 Proctice using phase 4 blends in words and provious phase 5 phonemes	Revision of previous		
	Practice using phase 4 blends in words and previous phase 5 phonemes	Practise reading and writing		
ng 1	Introduce next set of phonemes: • Set 21: ir ue ea e_e	asked because, there		
Spring	 Set 22: au aw ew u_e Set 23: wh ure oy ou 	where, what what, when		
	oct 26. Will die by bu	which, why out, oh		
	Blending and segmenting words with all learnt phonemes	their, friends		
3 2	Phase 5	plus words using learnt GPC		
Spring	Revise and practise all phonemes and key words learnt so far. Blend and segment.			
	Revise and practise all phonemes, in particular phase 5. Blend and segment.	Revision of previous Practise reading and writing		
mer 1	 Introduce alternative pronunciations: Set 24: a (acorn), e (he), i (find), o (go), u (unit) Set 25: c (cell), g (giant), ie (field), ea (head), y (by) Set 26: y (very), ch (school), ch (chef), ou (you), ey (they) 	today, coming please, little can't, he's		
Sumi	Practice reading and writing compound words e.g. football, playground, bedroom	many, don't won't, shoe		
	Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)	school, other know, science		
	Phase 5	zero, Wednesday		
	Revise and practise all phonemes. Blend and segment.	plus compound words, words using alternative pronunciations and spelling		
Summer 2	Alternative spellings: • Set 27: ch/ture, ch/tch, j/dge, m/mb, z/se • Set 28: r/wr, n/kn, i/y, air/are, air/ere • Set 29: ear/eer, s/se, or/augh	rules		
	Adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word (hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer)			



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Year	2		

	Phonics/Spelling	Key Words
11	Revision of all learnt phonemes and graphemes, including word with alternative spellings and pronunciations	Practise reading and writing
	Using k for the /k/ sound (Kent, sketch, kit,)	door, floor, poor, because, find, kind,
Autumn 1	Using ve for the /v/ sound at the end of words (have, live, give)	mind, kind, mind, behind, child, children,
₹	Using the prefix – un without changing the root word	wild, climb, most, only,
	Division of words into syllables (pock/et, sun/set, thun/der)	both, old, cold, gold,
-	Words ending -tion (station, fiction, motion, national, section)	hold, told,
Autumn 2	The /l/ or / ə l/ sound spelt le at the end of words (table, apple, bottle, little, middle)	every, everybody, even, great, break, steak,
Aut	The /l/ or / ə l/ sound spelt el at the end of words (camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel)	pretty, beautiful, after, fast,
	Revision of Y1 - Adding the endings –ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word (hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer)	last, past, father, class, grass, pass,
Spring 1	Adding est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter (hardest, lucky, finest, curly)	plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove,
	Adding the endings – ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before it The –e at the end of the root word is dropped before –ing, –ed, –er, –est, –y or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter is added. (hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny)	improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who,
	Revision of Y1 - Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)	whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water,
2	Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in y where the y is changed to i before —es is added (flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries)	again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents,
Spring	Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it where the y is changed to i before -ed, -er and -est are added, but not before - ing as this would result in ii. (copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, repliedbut copying, crying, replying)	Christmas
	Adding suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words with exceptions. (enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness badly merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily)	
ner 1	Understanding, reading and writing apostrophes for contractions (can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, l'll)	
Summer 1	Understanding, reading and writing the possessive apostrophe for singular nouns (Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's)	
Summer 2	Homophones and near-homophones (there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight)	



	Phonics/Spelling	Key Words
Autumn 1	 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable (forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred) Year 3/4 statutory key words 	accident(ally) actual(ly) addres: answer appear
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	 Understanding, reading and writing the prefix un, mis, dis – negative meanings (Disappointment, disagree, disobey, misbehave, misspell) Understanding, reading and writing the prefix in-, meaning not (inactive, incorrect, incapable) 	bicycle breath breathe build busy/business calendar caught
	With the following exceptions: 1. in becomes il when the root begins with I- (illegal, illegible) 2. in becomes im when the root begins with m or p- (immature, immortal, impossible, imperfect) 3. in becomes ir when the root begins with r- (irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible)	centre century certain circle complete conside continue decide describe differen
Autumn 2	 Understanding, reading and writing the prefix re-, meaning again or back (redo, refresh, return) 	difficult disappea early earth
Auft	 Understanding, reading and writing the prefix sub-, meaning under (submarine, submerge, subheading) 	eight/eighth enouge exercise experience experiment extrem
	 Understanding, reading and writing the prefix inter-, meaning between or among (international, interaction, intercity) 	famous favourite February forward(
	 Understanding, reading and writing the prefix super-, meaning above (supermarket, superstar, supervisor) 	fruit grammar grou guard guide hear
	 Understanding, reading and writing the prefix anti-, meaning against (anticlockwise, antisocial) 	heart height historimagine increase important
	Understanding, reading and writing the prefix auto- , meaning <i>again or back</i> (autograph, automatic, autobiography)	important
Spring 1	Homophones and near homophones (Accept/except, ball/bawl, berry/bury, break/brake, fair/fayre, great/grate grown/groan, hear/here, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's)	
Spring 2	Explore the spelling of the past tense irregular verbs Base, simple past, past participle (buy/bought/bought, choose/chose/chosen)	
Summer 1	Revisit rules and spellings for year	
Summer 2	Revisit rules and spellings for year	



*	VA Primary School Year 4			
		Phonics/Spelling	Key Words	
Autumn 1	•	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch - Greek in origin (scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character) Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch - French in origin (chef, chalet, machine, brochure Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt gue and the /k/ sound spelt que - French in origin (league, tongue, antique, unique) Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc - Latin in origin (science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent)	interest island knowledge learn length library material medicine mention minute natural naughty notice occasion(ally) often opposite ordinary particular peculiar perhaps popular position possess(ion) possible potatoes pressure probably promise purpose quarter question recent regular reign remember sentence separate special straight strange strength suppose surprise therefore though/although thought through various weight woman/women	
Autumn 2	•	Adding the suffix -ation to verbs to make nouns (information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration) Adding the suffix -ly to adjectives to make adverbs (sadly, completely, usually, finally, comically) 1. If the root word ends in -y with a consonant letter before it, the y is changed to i, but only if the root word has more than one syllable. (happily, angrily) 2. If the root word ends with -le, the -le is changed to ly(gently, simply, humbly, nobly) 3. If the root word ends with -ic, -ally is added rather than just -ly, except in the word publicly basically, frantically, dramatically 4. Exceptions - the words truly, duly, wholly.		
Spring 1	•	Adding the suffix -ous - sometimes there is no obvious root word (poisonous, mountainous, famous, various, tremendous, enormous) 1. If there is an /i:/ sound before the –ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e. (obvious, serious, curious, hideous, spontaneous, courteous) 2. our is changed to –or before –ous is added. (humorous, glamorous, vigorous) 3. A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept. (courageous, outrageous) Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ (measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure)		
Spring 2	•	Endings which sound like /ʒən/ spelt as -sion (division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television) Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -sion, -cian 1. tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te. (invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion) 2. ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or -mit. (expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission) 3. sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions: attend – attention, intend – intention expansion, extension, comprehension, tension 4. cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs. (musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician)		
Summer 1	•	Possessive apostrophe with plural words (girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's)		
Summer 2	Re	visit rules and spellings for year		



Yea	Year 5			
		Phonics/Spelling	Key Words	
Autumn 1	•	Endings which sound like / ʃes/ spelt cious or tious Not many common words end like this. If the root word ends in -ce, the /ʃ/ sound is usually spelt as c - e.g. vice - vicious Exception: anxious. (vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious)	accommodate accompany according aggressive amateur ancient apparent appreciate attached available average awkward bargain bruise category cemetery	
1 Autumn 2	•	Endings which sound like / l/ ʃə - Words ending in ant, ance/ancy, ent, ence/ency 1. observant, observance, (observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance (toleration), substance (substantial) 2. Use -ent and -ence/-ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g (/dʒ/ sound) and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear /ɛ/ sound in the right position. (innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence) 3. There are many words, however, where the above guidance does not help. These words just have to be learnt. (assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence) • To understand, read and spell homophones and other words that are often confused In the pairs of words below, nouns end -ce and verbs end -se. Advice	committee communicate community competition conscience conscious controversy convenience correspond criticise curiosity definite desperate develop dictionary disastrous embarrass environment equipment equipped especially exaggerate excellent existence explanation familiar foreign forty frequently government guarantee harass hindrance	
y 2 Spring 1		and advise provide a useful clue as the word advise (verb) is pronounced with a /z/ sound – which could not be spelt c. (advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy) See NC for more examples Continue homophones		
Spring 2				
Summer 1		Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ -cial is common after a vowel letter and –tial after a consonant letter, but there are some exceptions. (official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential)		
Summer 2		 Revise rules taught. Year 5/6 spelling words 		

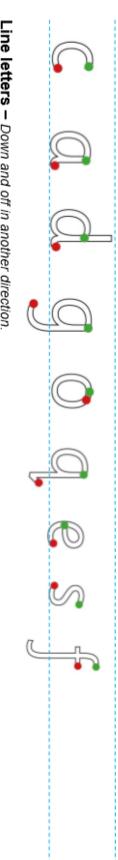


Ye	Year 6				
		Phonics/Spelling	Key Words		
Autumn 1	•	 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer The r is doubled if the –fer is still stressed when the ending is added. (referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred) The r is not doubled if the –fer is no longer stressed. (reference, referee, preference, transference) 	identity immediate individual interfere interrupt language leisure lightning marvellous		
Autumn 2	•	 Words ending in able and ible If the —able ending is added to a word ending in —ce or —ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds (as in cap and gap) before the a of the —able ending. (changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible) -able (dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable) -ible (possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly) Words ending in ably and ibly adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/. deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound). Words containing the letter-string ough (ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought/ rough, tough, enough cough/ though, although, dough /through /thorough, borough /plough, bough) 	marvellous mischievous muscle necessary neighbour nuisance occupy occur opportunity parliament persuade physical privilege profession programme pronunciation queue recognize recommend relevant relevant restaurant rhyme rhythm sacrifice secretary shoulder signature sincere sincerely soldier stomach suggest symbol system temperature thorough twelfth variety		
Spring 2 Spring 1	•	Use of the hyphen - Using suffixes, prefixes and root words to build and transform words. Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel letter and the root word also begins with one co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own Use word families, knowledge of word origins and spelling patterns to spell unfamiliar words SAT revision of spelling words	vegetable vehicle yacht		
Summer	•	Application of vocabulary to writing			
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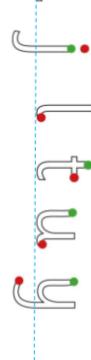


Letter Families

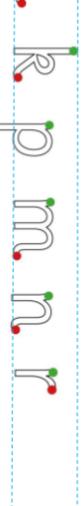
Anti-clockwise letters - Anti-clockwise round.



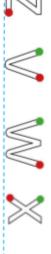
Line letters – Down and off in another direction.



Down and retrace – Down and retrace upwards.



Zig-zag letters — Straight zig-zag lines.



a tail which reaches below. Most letters (not f) sit on the line and stay below the middle. Ascenders have a long neck that reaches the top of the line and descenders have