

Writing Progression Map (KS2)



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Handwriting Can usually use diagonal and horizontal strokes to join handwriting and understands which letters are best left unjoined. Can generally write legibly and neatly, mainly with joined handwriting.	Handwriting Can write neatly, legibly and accurately, maintaining a joined style.	Handwriting Can produce legible, joined handwriting.	Handwriting Can maintain legibility, fluency and speed in handwriting through choosing whether or not to join specific letters.
Spelling Can spell phonetically regular or familiar common polysyllabic words accurately and some of the common exception words for Years 3 and 4 correctly and most of the spelling rules for Year 3.	Spelling Can spell phonetically regular or familiar common polysyllabic words accurately and most of the common exception words for years 3 and 4 correctly and most of the spelling rules for year 4.	Spelling Can spell most words correctly, including common exception words (years 3 and 4). Can spell some words correctly, including common exception words (years 5 and 6).	Spelling Can spell most words correctly, including common exception words (years 5 and 6).
Vocabulary Can use a more varied and rich vocabulary. (should be words not usually used by a child of that age and not technical words taught as part of a topic).	Vocabulary Can use a more varied and rich vocabulary. (Should be words not usually used by a child of that age and not technical words taught as part of topic).	Vocabulary Can convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes (-ate, -ise, -ify) and uses verb pre-fixes (dis-, de-, mis-, over-, re-).	Vocabulary Can select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect the level of formality required, mostly correctly.

Conjunctions/cohesion Can extend sentences using some conjunctions or prepositions of time e.g. before, after a while, during, next, soon. Can extend sentences using a range of conjunctions of cause e.g. explanation conjunctions - because, so.	Conjunctions/cohesion Can extend sentences confidently using a wide range of conjunctions or prepositions of time e.g. before, after a while, during, next, soon after and meanwhile. Can extend sentences confidently using a range of conjunctions of cause e.g. explanation conjunctions – because, so, since, consequently, therefore, as a result etc.	Conjunctions/cohesion Can use some cohesive devices across AND within paragraphs e.g. time - yesterday, next, a few weeks later; cause and effect - because, when, if, so, therefore, consequently, this means that etc; addition - moreover, in addition etc; opposition - however, on the other hand etc; variety of nouns, pronouns and noun phrases; consistent style and viewpoint - e.g. personal (1st)/impersonal (3rd), formal / informal etc. Can use coordinating conjunctions - fanboys - for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so AND subordinating conjunctions e.g. although, because, since, so etc.	Conjunctions/cohesion Can use coordinating conjunctions - fanboys – for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so. AND subordinating conjunctions e.g. although, because, since, so etc. Can use some cohesive devices across AND within paragraphs e.g. time— yesterday, next, a few weeks later; cause and effect — because, when, if, so, therefore, consequently, this means that etc; addition — moreover, in addition etc; opposition — however, on the other hand etc; variety of nouns, pronouns and noun phrases; consistent style and viewpoint — e.g. personal (1st), impersonal (3rd), formal / informal etc.
Verb forms	Verb forms	Verb forms	Verb forms
Can use present perfect form of verbs e.g.	Can use present perfect form of verbs e.g.	Can use different verb forms mostly	Can use different verb forms mostly
'He has gone out to play.' instead of 'He went out to play.'	He has gone out to play. Instead of He went out to play.	accurately e.g. simple, progressive, perfect, imperative and infinitive.	accurately e.g. simple, progressive, perfect, imperative and infinitive.
Can usually use correct grammatical	Can usually use correct grammatical		Can use passive and modal verbs, mostly
constructions in sentences e.g. noun and	constructions in sentences e.g. noun and		appropriately e.g. passive – the window
verb generally agree.	verb generally agree etc.		was broken; modal – might, should, could.
Determiners			
Can use article a and an correctly.			
Adjectives/adverbs for description	Adjectives/adverbs for description	Adjectives/adverbs for description	Adjectives/adverbs for description
Can use adjectives and adverbs for description.	Can use adjectives and adverbs for description.	Can use adverbs, preposition phrases and expanded noun phrases e.g. preposition phrases - through the air, towards the wall;	Can use adverbs, preposition phrases and expanded noun phrases effectively to add detail, qualification and precision e.g.
Can use figurative language e.g. onomatopoeia, simile.	Can use figurative language e.g. onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor etc.	expanded noun phrases - the girl on the wall <i>or</i> the tall, skinny girl.	preposition phrases – through the air, towards the wall; expanded noun phrases – the angry girl on the wall <i>or</i> the tall, skinny girl. Can create atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action.

Pronouns	Clause structures Can use expanded noun phrases by adding modifying adjectives and prepositions e.g. the strict teacher with curly hair, the tall, skinny girl on the wall. Can use fronted adverbials followed by a comma e.g. in the blink of an eye; as the clock struck midnight etc. Pronouns	Clause structures Can use a range of clause structures and sometimes vary their position in a sentence e.g. fronted adverbials; subordinate clause; relative clause and short, sharp statement.	Clause structures Can use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position within the sentence e.g. fronted adverbials; subordinate clause; relative clause; short, sharp statement.
Can sometimes use pronouns appropriately to avoid the awkward repetition of nouns.	Can use pronouns appropriately to avoid the awkward repetition of nouns.		
Punctuation (basic) Can use most punctuation accurately, including full stops and capital letters and at least 2 of the following in 1 piece of writing: question mark, exclamation mark, comma, apostrophe (for possession).	Punctuation (basic) Can use most punctuation accurately, including full stops and capital letters and at least 3 of the following in 1 piece of writing: question mark, exclamation mark, comma and apostrophe.	Punctuation (basic) Can use capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly.	Punctuation (basic) Can use capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly.
Punctuation (advanced) Can use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.	Punctuation (advanced) Can use inverted commas and mostly use other punctuation correctly to punctuate direct speech e.g. all rules to punctuate direct speech.	Punctuation (advanced) Can use some of the following – mostly correctly: inverted commas, commas for clarity, punctuation for parenthesis (), semi-colons, dashes, colons and hyphens.	Punctuation (advanced) Can use inverted commas, commas for clarity and punctuation for parenthesis () mostly correctly and make some correct use of semi-colons, dashes, colons and hyphens.
Genre specific Can write for a range of real purposes and audiences e.g. narrative, explanation and description.	Genre specific Can write for a range of real purposes and audiences e.g. narrative, explanation and description.	Genre specific Can write for a range of purposes and audiences, including describing settings and characters. Planning	Genre specific Can write for a range of purposes and audiences, including describing settings and characters. Planning
Planning Can create a plan and use it to support writing.	Planning Can create a plan and use it to support writing.	Can create a plan and use it to support writing.	Can create a plan and use it to support writing.
Paragraphs and structure Can generally use paragraphs accurately based on a theme and, where appropriate, use headings and sub-headings. Can structure and organise work clearly e.g. beginning, middle, end; letter structure.	Paragraphs and structure Can use paragraphs based on a theme and, where appropriate, use headings and subheadings. Can structure and organise work clearly e.g. beginning, middle, end; letter structure.	Paragraphs and structure Can use paragraphs to organise ideas.	Paragraphs and structure Can use paragraphs to organise ideas.

Can produce work which is organised, imaginative and clear e.g. simple opening and ending.			
Can develop and extend ideas logically in sequenced sentences (may still be overly detailed or brief).			
Can compose and rehearse sentences orally.			
Editing Can proof-read for errors and make improvements to writing e.g. add missing words or punctuation, add adjectives or adverbs.	Editing Can proof-read for errors and make improvements to writing e.g. add missing words or punctuation, add adjectives or adverbs.	Editing Can proof read to improve vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.	Editing Can proof-read to improve grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.