



Writing progression - strands and skills. For progression in text type, see the HfL document.

Use HfL Writing TAF for assessing writing

Writing strand tracker: vocabulary, grammar and punctuation		Year Group & Content to be introduced						
		Bold = sourced from NC/ELG			<i>Non-bold & italics</i> = HfL advice			
		NB: Children should be able to edit and proof read to correct previously taught skills						
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TEXT	Layout devices including punctuation for layout and organisation	Identify layout features in reading, naming key features (e.g. author, blurb, title)	Spaces between words Write lists, labels and captions Use title to predict content of book when reading	Use headings & sub-headings in reading to orientate round a text	Headings & sub-headings to aid presentation	Headings & sub-headings to aid presentation	Introduction to bullet points to list information	Consistent punctuation of bullet points to list information Headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets or tables.
	Building a series of sentences to create a whole text and develop cohesion	Speaking: Children develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events <i>Match short sentences or captions to a series of several pictures</i>	Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Plan and write own stories with a logical sequence of events, using complete sentences grouped together to tell the different parts of the story. Correct choice and consistent use of tense throughout writing	Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material Beginning to use a range of adverbs and adverbial phrases to begin sentences (fronted adverbials) Beginning to choose appropriate pronoun for clarity, cohesion and to avoid repetition e.g. I played with my dog and he loved it.	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme Use a range of adverbs and adverbial phrases to begin sentences (fronted adverbials) Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition e.g. Elephants are herbivores. They live in herds.	Use a variety of cohesive devices to build cohesion within sentences and paragraphs, including pronouns and adverbials Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time (e.g. Later, At that moment) adverbials of place (e.g. Nearby, High above me.) and number (eg Firstly, Secondly.) Use tenses to link ideas e.g. He had seen her before.	Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: Pronouns (see year 4) Adverbials (see year 5) Repetition of a word or phrase. Ellipsis (e.g. She did it because she wanted to do it.)

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SENTENCE	Developing the content of a sentence: adding information	<p>Reading: Children read and understand simple sentences.</p> <p>Writing: They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others</p>	<p>How words combine to make sentences</p> <p>Read age-appropriate books fluently, e.g. using punctuation to convey meaning (for example re-order a cut-up sentence based on the book)</p> <p>Understand and orally use a variety of grammatical structures</p>	<p>Understand how the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command and use each sentence type</p> <p>Expanded noun phrases for description and specification (e.g. The blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon)</p> <p>Add more information to a sentence through using adverbs ending in -ly, eg She walked quickly.</p>	<p>Expanded noun phrases for description and specification (e.g. The blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon)</p> <p>Use of prepositions in phrases (such as: before, after, during, in, because of, across, between, over. E.g. He ate before lunchtime.)</p>	<p>Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)</p>	<p>Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely. <i>e.g. a shy boy with pale, delicate features; a soft material that can be moulded</i></p> <p>Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun</p> <p>Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs (eg. Possibly, perhaps, surely).</p>	<p>Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely.</p> <p>Select level of formality needed</p> <p>Varies length and focus of sentences to express subtleties in meaning and focus on key ideas</p>
	Developing the structure of a sentence: using conjunctions to link ideas within a sentence	<p>Speaking: Children develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. "Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using 'and', 'because')." [DM, 30-50mths (C&L: speaking)]</p>	<p>Joining words and joining clauses using and <i>Use 'because' orally to develop reasoning and justify, e.g. in reading and science: spell as a Common Exception Word</i> <i>Use orally, read in and spell the words (as part of phonics programme): when, if, that, but, or</i></p>	<p>Subordination (using conjunctions such as when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using and, but, or)</p>	<p>Extending range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions (including when, if because, although) <i>e.g. He ate his lunch before he left home.</i></p>	<p>Extending range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions (including when, if because, although) <i>e.g. Before he left home, he ate his lunch.</i></p>	<p>Uses a range of conjunctions and adverbials to link, compare and contrast and extend ideas, information and events <i>e.g. Before he left home, he ate his lunch.</i> <i>Exposure to the semi-colon in reading.</i></p>	<p>Uses a variety of simple, compound and complex sentences where appropriate according to the demands of the text type, including embedded subordinate clauses for economy of expression</p> <p>Use of the semi-colon or dash instead of a conjunction to mark the boundary between independent clauses</p>

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SENTENCE Continued	Developing the structure of a sentence: using adverbs to link ideas within and across sentences	<p>Speaking Children develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events</p>	<p>Begin to use a few time words to aid sequencing e.g. first, next, one day (to be formally introduced as adverbs to indicate time in year 3)</p> <p>Spell the words (as part of phonics programme): first, next, then, one day</p>	<p>Use a range of time words to aid sequencing e.g. first, next, then, finally (to be formally introduced as adverbs to indicate time in year 3)</p>	<p>Use of a range of adverbs and adverbial phrases to add information within a sentence & begin to front sentences using them (eg then, next, soon, this morning, in the afternoon, long ago)</p>	<p>Use a range of adverbs and adverbial phrases to begin sentences (fronted adverbials) and includes a comma afterwards to separate from the rest of the sentence (eg Later that day, the ship sank.)</p>	<p>Use adverbials to build cohesion across sentences and paragraphs (e.g. Firstly, However, In addition to this)</p>	<p>Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices, for example, the use of adverbials (a range of adverbials of time/ frequency and subordinating conjunctions to link, compare or contrast e.g. On the other hand, In contrast, or As a consequence)</p>
	Verb forms	<p>Speaking: Children use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future</p> <p>Read words with simple suffixes, for example -ed, -ing and -s, both in phonics and text reading. Spell simple words with the suffixes -ing and -s.</p>	<p>Use present tense e.g. She helps the boy.</p> <p>Use past tense e.g. She helped the boy.</p> <p>Adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word (also see 'Verbs' section below)</p> <p>Read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings (Y1 stat req) by being helped to build on the root words that they can read already (Y1 non-stat guidance)</p>	<p>Use present progressive: She is helping the boy.</p> <p>Use past progressive: She was helping the boy.</p>	<p>Use present perfect tense: She has helped the boy.</p>	<p>Use Standard English forms of verb inflections instead of local spoken forms e.g. We were not we was/ I did not I done</p>	<p>Use modal verbs (e.g. She might help the boy/ she should help the boy/ she must help the boy) to indicate degrees of possibility</p> <p>Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause (e.g. He had eaten lunch when you arrived).</p> <p>Where appropriate, maintains tense consistently: where shifts in tense occur, moves between past, present and future with some confidence (limited slips may occur)</p>	<p>Use the passive voice to affect the presentation of information of a sentence e.g. The boy was helped (by the girl).</p> <p>Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause (e.g. He had eaten lunch when you arrived).</p> <p>Use subjunctive forms of verbs to show level of formality e.g. If I were you. If he were rich. The judge demands that he attend court. It is vital that they be prepared to speak.</p> <p>Where appropriate, maintains tense and person consistently: where shifts in tense occur, moves between them with some confidence</p>

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PUNCTUATION	Demarcation to mark sentence boundaries	<p>Show awareness of punctuation in reading and begin to use full stops in writing</p> <p>Identify capital letter, full stop</p>	<p>Begin to use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences</p> <p>Use capital letters for names & the personal pronoun I Compose sentence orally before writing it</p>	<p>Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences.</p> <p>Learn how to use both familiar and new punctuation accurately</p>	<p>Begin to understand how to start a new line for dialogue for a new speaker</p>	<p>Start a new line for dialogue for a new speaker</p>	<p>Uses full range of punctuation accurately to demarcate sentences including ellipsis for omission or to suggest a shift in time, place, mood or subject and proof reads for accuracy</p>	<p>Uses full range of punctuation accurately to demarcate sentences including ellipsis for omission or to suggest a shift in time, place, mood or subject and proof reads for accuracy</p>
	Demarcation within sentences	<p>Understand the concept of a word</p> <p>Read word by word (one to one correspondence)</p>	<p>Separate words with spaces</p> <p>Know to use capital letters for proper nouns e.g. days of the week, places and people's names</p>	<p>Use commas to separate items in a list</p> <p>Accurately use capital letters for proper nouns e.g. days of the week, places and people's names</p>	<p>Begin to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech</p>	<p>Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech (for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!")</p> <p>Use of commas after fronted adverbials Eg Every Friday, they went the park.</p>	<p>Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis (commas marking boundaries between independent clauses) E.g. My brother, who lives, in Australia, will be visiting. Despite the rain, they went outside.</p> <p>Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity Eg I like cooking, my family and my pets. Exposure to semi-colons and hyphens in reading.</p> <p>Introduction to colons to introduce a list and semi colons between words and phrases in a more complex list.</p>	<p>Uses full range of punctuation accurately to demarcate within sentences uses commas to mark grammatical boundaries (with occasional lapses in accuracy) and proof reads for accuracy</p> <p>Use the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses (for example, It's raining; I'm fed up)</p> <p>Use the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists.</p> <p>Use the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists</p> <p>Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity (for example, man eating shark versus man-eating shark, or recover versus re-cover)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">WORD: Understanding how grammar influences word formation</p>	<p>Standard English</p>	<p>Writing: Children write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others <i>Spell some CEW accurately</i></p> <p>Speaking: Children use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.</p>	<p>Read back words they have spelt Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense</p> <p>Misspellings of words that pupils have been taught to spell should be corrected</p> <p>Spell CEW accurately</p> <p>Use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</p> <p>Spell the words: was, were, are, am.</p>	<p>Use some features of written Standard English.</p> <p>Make correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing</p> <p>Re-read to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form</p>	<p>Use the forms 'a' or 'an' according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel (for example, a rock, an open box)</p>	<p>Use Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms (for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done)</p>	<p>Ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register</p>	<p>Know difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing (for example, find out - discover; ask for - request; go in - enter)</p> <p>Levels of formality: The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing (for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?)</p> <p>Use subjunctive forms of verbs to show level of formality e.g. <i>If I were you. If he were rich. The judge demands that he attend court. It is vital that they be prepared to speak</i></p>

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WORD: Understanding how grammar influences word formation	Nouns	Form words that are plural nouns by adding '-s'	Spell regular plural noun suffixes (eg dog>dogs, wish>wishes)	Form nouns using suffixes such as -ment, -tion, -ness, -er (e.g. enjoyment, action, fitness, baker)	Form nouns using a range of prefixes (for example super-, anti-, auto-)	Understand grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s	Apply knowledge of nouns when differentiating between homophones, choosing suffixes (e.g. -ance/-ence) etc	Apply knowledge of nouns when differentiating between homophones, choosing suffixes (e.g. -ance/-ence) etc
			Write proper nouns with capitals (e.g. days of week, names)	Formation of nouns by compounding (for example, whiteboard, superman)				
			Read words containing -s, -es, endings (including change to root)					

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Terminology for pupils (These terms could be used by teachers in the preceding year)	<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> author illustrator top line bottom line first letter last letter trigraph, label <p>[Also see the 'HfL Guided Reading Booklet for YR-KS1' for full list of recommended terms]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> letter capital letter word singular plural sentence punctuation full stop question mark exclamation mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> noun noun phrase statement question exclamation command compound suffix adverb verb tense (past and present) apostrophe comma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> preposition conjunction word family prefix clause subordinate clause direct speech consonant consonant letter vowel vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> determiner Pronoun possessive pronoun adverbial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> modal verb relative pronoun relative clause parenthesis bracket dash cohesion ambiguity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> subject object active passive synonym antonym ellipsis hyphen colon semi-colon bullet points

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Progression in the process of writing - composition NB these statements are taken straight from the National Curriculum							
Planning and modelling	NA	saying out loud what they are going to write about composing a sentence orally before writing it	planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary	discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar discussing and recording ideas	identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary		
Drafting and writing	NA	sequencing ideas	encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence	composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures	selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning		
Evaluating and editing (Remove and improve)	NA	Discussing what they have written with the teacher or other pupils	evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils in order to make simple additions, revisions and corrections	assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency	assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning		
Proofreading	NA	re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense	rereading to check that their writing makes sense proofreading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	proofreading for spelling and punctuation errors	reading their own writing aloud to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear		
Presenting (Reading aloud)	NA	Reading their writing aloud, clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher	reading aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear	proofreading for spelling and punctuation errors	performing their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear		

School Approach

Pupils are provided with frequent and varied opportunities to write.

Sequences of English lessons typically begin by using high quality texts (see our text progression document and planning overviews) so that the children can learn from different authors and styles of writing, thinking about their structure and style. Texts are broken down so that pupils understand the mechanics of the writing, grammar, vocabulary, punctuation and sentence structure. This is often followed by shared and modelled writing with the teacher, which helps to nurture the children's fluency and creativity. The children then apply their skills in independent pieces of writing which are finally edited and improved by the individual child as well as receiving some input from their peers and teaching staff.

Children are taught to edit their writing for grammar, punctuation, spelling and style.

Cursive handwriting is taught from the outset.

Daily teaching of phonics in Foundation and Key Stage 1 then gives way to focused lessons on spelling in Key stage 2 in which pupils learn strategies for spelling exception words. Pupils are also taught how to build using prefixes and suffixes.

For some children phonics is still a priority and intervention work is carried out.

Good quality writing is also expected in other subjects, such as science, history and RE, giving the children opportunities to write for different purposes.

The large majority of children progress through the curriculum content at the same pace. Children are often group (but not always - depending on the learning taking place) by ability for most English lessons. Currently year 5 and 6 set. Differentiation is achieved through additional support, scaffolded tasks etc. but also by encouraging children's individual flair and fluency.

Interventions focus on gaps in learning and may involve additional reading, spelling or writing practice and activities according to a child's needs.