Grammar and Punctuation Progression Overview



*Revisited knowledge from previous years is highlighted

	Word Structure	Standard English	Sentence and Text Structure	Punctuation
Reception	 Hear, say and write the sounds in words. Segment words using phonic knowledge To write CVC words 		Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by themselves and others	 Introduction to the separation of words with spaces Introduction to capital letters for names and personal pronoun <i>I</i> Introduction to full stops
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Year 1	 Nouns Verbs Adjectives Conjunctions (and) Pronouns Clauses Phrases Regular plural noun suffixes Suffixes that can be added to verbs How the prefix un—changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives 		 Word groups / families Prefixes Suffixes Singular and plural How words can combine to make sentences Joining words and joining sentences using and Sequencing sentences to form short narratives 	 Separation of words with spaces Capital letters for names and personal pronoun Full stops Introduction to question marks Exclamation marks

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Year 2	 Nouns Verbs Adjectives Adverbs Conjunctions Pronouns Phrases Clauses Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing Formation of nouns using suffixes such as -ness, -er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives and the use of -ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs 	 Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress (ie. She was sitting; he is sitting) 	 Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and coordination (using or, and, but) Introduction to writing compound sentences Expanded noun phrases for description and specification How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command 	 Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks Commas in lists Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns

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Year 3	 Nouns Expanded Noun phrase Verbs Adjectives Pronouns Adverbs Prepositions Statements Questions Commands Clauses Phrases Subordinating conjunctions Coordinating Conjunctions Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes, such as super—, anti—, auto— Use of the determiners a or an Word families based on common words 	 Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress Use of the perfect verb form 	 Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and coordination (using or, and, but) Conjunctions to express time and clause Writing compound sentences complex sentences Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation Expressing time and cause using conjunctions 	 Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks Commas in lists Apostrophes for contraction and possession Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

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Year 4	 Nouns Expanded noun phrase Verbs Adjectives Co-ordinating Conjunctions Pronouns Adverbs Prepositions Articles / determiners Statements Questions Commands Clauses Phrases Subordinating conjunctions The grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s 	 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) Correct use of singular and plural nouns 	 Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and coordination (using or, and, but) Conjunctions to express time and clause Writing compound sentences complex sentences Fronted adverbials Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition 	 Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks Commas in lists Apostrophes Inverted commas to punctuated direct speech Use of commas after fronted adverbials

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Year 5	 Nouns Verbs Adjectives Co-ordinating Conjunctions Pronouns Adverbs Prepositions Articles / determiners Statements Questions Commands Clauses Phrases Subordinating conjunctions Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes (e.gate; -ise; -ify) Verb prefixes (e.g. dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-) 	 Tense agreement Subject-verb agreement Double negatives Use of <i>I</i> and <i>me</i> Contractions 	 Paragraphs organised around a theme Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, why, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun Indicating degrees of possibility using modal verbs Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and number Varied conjunctions (causal, contrast, additional) 	 Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks Commas in lists Inverted commas Apostrophes Commas to mark phrases or clauses Use of the colon to introduce a list Punctuation for parenthesis

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Year 6	 Nouns Verbs Adjectives Pronouns Relative pronouns Adverbs Prepositions Statements Questions Commands Clauses Phrases Subordinating Conjunctions Co-ordinating Conjunctions Articles / determiners 	 Tense agreement Subject-verb agreement Double negatives Use of <i>I</i> and <i>me</i> Contractions for an informal tone Subjunctive form 	 Relative clauses beginning with relative pronouns Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices Expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely Use of the passive voice to affect the presentation of information in a sentence Use of the colon to introduce a list Punctuation of bullet points to list information The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing (such as the use of question tags vs subjunctive) 	 Capital letters Full stops Question marks Exclamation marks Commas in lists Commas to mark phrases or clauses Inverted commas Apostrophes Brackets Punctuation for parenthesis Ellipses Use of the colon to introduce a list Dashes to extend sentences Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses Punctuation of bullet points to list information How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity