



# Handwriting

- Can correctly use all diagonal and horizontal strokes to join letters and understand which letters are best left unjoined. (at least 90% of the writing is joined).
- Ascenders and descenders are parallel and equidistant.
- From memory can write simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, legibly and with some speed including words and punctuation taught so far (increased fluency back of books)

### Grammar

- Can extend my sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of connectives (e.g when, if, because, although, after, before, unless, while, whenever).
- Can use a and an correctly.
- Beginning to identify the main and subordinate clause in a complex sentence.
- Can use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause.
- Can use these words when talking about my writing: adverb, preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, inverted commas.
- Can identify a simple, compound and complex sentence.
- Beginning to vary tense forms appropriately (he has gone out to play/he went to play/he will go out to play).
- Can select the correct relative pronoun.

## Punctuation

- Can use full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks (95%)
- Can punctuate simple, direct speech (e.g. 'Help!' said Jim 5 point rule)

## Composition

- Beginning to use correctly punctuated speech to move a story forward.
- Can choose nouns or pronouns appropriately within a sentence to avoid ambiguity and repetition (including possessive pronouns)
- Can use appropriate similes for effect.
- Can use fronted adverbials.
- Can write for different reasons and use different text types (refer to mapping).
- Beginning to use a variety of sentences (simple, compound and complex sentences).
- Can plan their own writing, with some support, using structure, grammar and vocabulary from a given model.
- Can organise paragraphs about a theme.
- Can sequence their work without omitting ideas/events.
- Can create characters, settings and plots.
- Can use simple organisational devices in non-fiction texts such as headings and subheadings.
- Can proof read for sense, spelling and punctuation errors and make improvements.

## Vocabulary

- Can use rich, specific vocabulary (got, big massive, colossal, big)
- Can use some words for effect.

## Spelling

- Can spell at least 50% Y3/Y4 of words correctly in my writing (see sheet)
- Can select the correct homophones.
- Begin to understand the etymology of some words (see appendix).
- Can us the first 2/3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.

## Mastery

