

Year Group	End of Year Expectations for Writing
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to distinguish between the different marks they make • Enjoy drawing and writing on paper, on screen and on different textures, such as in sand or playdough and through using touch-screen technology
Pre-School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make up stories, play scenarios, and drawings in response to experiences, such as outings • Sometimes give meaning to their drawings and paintings • Ascribe meanings to signs, symbols and words that they see in different places, including those they make themselves • Include mark making and early writing in their play • Imitate adults' writing by making continuous lines of shapes and symbols (early writing) from left to right • Attempt to write their own name, or other names and words, using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes • Show interest in letters on a keyboard, identifying the initial letter of their own name and other familiar words • Begin to make letter-type shapes to represent the initial sound of their name and other familiar words
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed • Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters • Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others
Year One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spell: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught -common exception words -the days of the week • name the letters of the alphabet in order, using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound • add prefixes and suffixes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs

-using the prefix un-

-using -ing, -ed, -er and -est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]

- apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.
- sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form capital letters
- form digits 0-9
- understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these
- write sentences by:
 - saying out loud what they are going to write about
 - composing a sentence orally before writing it
 - sequencing sentences to form short narratives
 - re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense
- discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils
- read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.
- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English Appendix 2](#) by:

-leaving spaces between words

- joining words and joining clauses using and

-beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark

-using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'

-learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2

- use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.

Year Two**Transcription**

spell by:

- segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
- learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones
- learning to spell common exception words
- learning to spell more words with contracted forms
- learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book] distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones
- add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly
- apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far

Handwriting

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters

Composition

develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:

- writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)
- writing about real events
- writing poetry
- writing for different purposes

consider what they are going to write before beginning by:

- planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
- writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary
- encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence

make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by:

- evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils
- re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]
- read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by:

- learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)
- learn how to use:

-sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command

-expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]

-the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form

-subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)

-the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2

-some features of written Standard English

- use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing