



Curriculum

Subject Overview



English



Writing is taught primarily based on books across our school. During EYFS, Year 1 and the autumn term of Year 2, we use the Talk 4 Writing process. From the spring term of Year 2 onwards, we use The Literacy Tree's Writing Roots, adapted to suit our school.

Nursery											
Gross motor skills		Gross Motor Skills Fine motor skills	Gross motor skills Developing fine motor skills Palmar Grip / Palmar Supinate Grasp		Gross motor skills Developing fine motor skills Transpalmar Grasp		Giving meanings to marks Starting to form some initial sounds Tripod grip		In Early Years, there are key skills that are taught throughout the year to develop the foundations needed for confident, competent writers.		
Reception											
Fine motor skills	Pencil grip + posture	Letter formation	Writing our names	CVC words	Word writing using phonic knowledge	Writing captions	Fluency in letter formaation	Oral sentence formation	Letter formation inc capitals	Rereading and identifying errors	Independent sentences that are phonetically plausible
Year 1											
Book Studied	Model text	Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell	Bonfire Poetry	How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson	Harvey Slumfenburger by John Burningham	Christmas Poem Model Text	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by J Scieszka	Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram	Peace at Last by Jill Murphy	Alliteration/Easter Model Text	
	2 weeks	4 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	2 weeks	
Unit Outcomes	Repeating sentences Labels Lists	Recount Hot seating/Role play Character description Story map labels Retell- narrative Innovate – Narrative	Rhyme Sentence construction Performance Labels Story map	Retell Innovate Instructions Character description Hot seating/role play Story map	Retell/Recount Innovate Describe character Role play Story map	Character description Sentence construction Labels Poetry Performance	Character description Labels Lists Letter Story map	Setting description Story map Sentence construction Story map Hot seating/Role play Letter Non Chronological report	Diary Recount Retell Innovate Story map	Alliteration Adjectives Nouns Phonics Text map	
Main Outcome	Sentence construction	Narrative	Poem	Instructions	Narrative	Poem	Letter	Non Chronological report	Diary	Poem	
Year 1						Year 2					
Book Studied	Space Tortoise by Ross Montgomery	Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett	Burglar Bill by Janet and Alan Ahlberg	How to Hide a Lion at School by Helen Stephens	Summer Poem Model Text	Grammar	Augustus and his Smile by Catherine Rayner	The Twits by Roald Dahl	Disgusting Sandwich By Gareth Edwards	The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt	
	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 Weeks	3 Weeks	1 Week	4 days	1 week	1 week	3 weeks	2 weeks	
Unit Outcomes	Retell Innovate Story map Role play/ Hot seating Diary	Non Chronological report Story map Letter Retell Innovate Postcard	Character description Hot seating/Role play Newspaper report	Retell Innovate Instructions Story map	Alliteration Adjectives Nouns Phonics Text map Performance Sentence construction	Sentence construction Punctuation Mixed sentences	Character description Hot seating/Role play Retell Story map Narrative language	Character description Hot seating/Role play Story map Newspaper report	Character description Hot seating/Role play Instructions Imperative verbs Time adverbials	Recount Hot seating/Role play Character description Story map labels Retell- narrative Innovate – Narrative	
Main Outcome	Diary	Letter Non Chronological report	Newspaper report	Instructions	poem	Sentence construction	Character description	Character description	Instructions	Innovate Recount	
Year 2											
Book Studied	Pets Model Text	Snowball by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra	A Letter to Santa by Gabby Goldsack	Great Fire of London by Emma Adams + James Weston	Toys In Space by Mini Grey	We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom	The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward	If All the World Were... by Joseph Coelho	Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty	Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Lauren Child	The Journey Home by Frann Preston-Gannon
	3 weeks	2 weeks	1 week	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks
Unit Outcomes	Letter Headings Labels Non chronological report Story map	Retell Narrative Innovate Role play Hot seating Story map	Character description Hot seating/Role play Letter Story map	Persuasive posters Warning posters Speech bubbles Letters of advice Certificates	Found posters Diary entries Speech bubbles Notes of advice Space logs Invitations Setting descriptions	List poems Non chronological reports Chronological reports Character descriptions Protest signs	Guide + Encyclopaedia Letters of advice Explanation Shopping list Description Letters in role	Writing in role Diary entry Letter of advice Explanation	Explanations Writing in role Reports Adverts	Wanted posters Letters Retellings from another point of view Lists of rules Character descriptions	Posters Lists Wanted posters Information report Short stories
Main Outcome	Non chronological report	Narrative	Letter	Information booklet	Fantasy world narrative	Environmental campaigns	Own version dragon story	Non-narrative poem	Leaflet for a local landmark	Sequel story	Persuasive letter

Year 3										
Book Studied	Our Tower by Joseph Coelho	Small in the City by Sydney Smith	How to Live Forever by Colin Thompson	The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy	Cinderella of the Nile by Beverley Naidoo	Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet	Nen and the Lonely Fisherman by Ian Eagleton	Tin Forest by Helen Ward	Pied Piper of Hamlin by Michael Morpurgo	Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit
	4 weeks	4 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks
Unit Outcomes	Poems Setting descriptions Diary entry Dialogue Letter of thanks	Setting description Poem Diary entry Dialogue Letter of advice Lost poster	Lost poster Letter of warning Character description Setting description Instructions	Shared poem Persuasive poster Discussion Letter of explanation	News report Diary entry Character description Advert	Descriptive passage Writing in role 'How to' guide Letter Discussion	Lonely hearts advert Character description Thought bubbles Diary entry Message in a bottle Setting description	Persuasive poster Information leaflet Postcard Diary entry Wishes Setting description	Writing in role Information reports Adverts Formal letter	Setting description Diaries Letters Thought bubbles
Main Outcome	Fantasy narrative	Narrative from another point of view	Prequel	News report	Own version traditional tale	Non-chronological report	Twisted traditional tale	Persuasive information poster	Myth/Legend	Newspaper report
Year 4										
Book Studied	Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman and Divya Srinivasan	Until I Met Dudley by Roger McGough & Chris Riddell	Pride by Rob Sanders and Steven Salerno	Frindleswyld by Natalia O'Hara and Lauren O'Hara	Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold	The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde	Baker by the Sea by Paula White	Westlandia by Paul Fleischman	Farther by Grahame Baker Smith	Shackleton's Journey by William Grill
	4 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks
Unit Outcomes	Diary entries Informal letter Dialogue Adverts Limericks and other poetry forms	Letter Explanatory paragraph	Thought bubbles Speech Leaflet	Letters Voting slips Dialogue Poetry Birds-eye view descriptions Persuasive speeches	Poetry Setting description Formal letter Dialogue (as a script)	Letters First person recount Diaries Letters Posters Reports	Job application Advertisement Setting description Letter in role	Retelling Character description Book review	Retellings Recounts(postcards) Setting descriptions Diary entries Instructions	Justifications Letters (formal and informal) Interviews Diaries
Main Outcome	Mythical tale	Informal and formal explanations	Biography	Sequel	Playscripts	Narrative about kindness	Tourist brochure	Non-Chronological Report	Sequel	Newspaper report
Year 5										
Book Studied	The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Modica Gerstein	The Odyssey by Gillian Cross	Anne Frank by Josephine Poole	The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman	The Island by Armin Greder	Curiosity by Markus Motum	Firebird by Saviour Pirotta	Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly	The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy
	4 weeks	3 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks	5 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	3-4 weeks
Unit Outcomes	Diary entries Formal letters Adverts Character description Setting description Non-chronological reports	Information writing (Wikipedia page), Letters of advice (formal) Writing in role Interviews Persuasive speeches	Speeches (proclamation, persuasive, soliloquy) Diary entry Dialogue Missing scene Postcard Advertisement	Letters Short descriptions Extended diary entries Obituary	Warning poster Diary entry Dialogue, Estate agent's description Character description Missing narrative	A welcome guide Description Letter of advice Analysis/comparison Diary entry in role Imagined conversation	Proposal to NASA Information labels Short explanation NASA log of Mars landing News report	Formal letter Retellings Character descriptions	Non-chronological report Formal persuasive letter Informal letter Diary entry Character descriptions Opinion piece	Newspaper report Extended response to a text
Main Outcome	Fantasy narrative	Biography and autobiography	Epic adventure story	Newspaper article	Fairytale reworking (prequel/sequel)	Sequel from alternative character perspective	Expanded explanation	Fairytale narrative	Memoir	Prequel from an alternative perspective
Year 6										
Book Studied	The Three Little Pigs Project- Guardian Advert	The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce	Stonewall by Rob Sanders and Jamey Christoph	The Princess Blankets by Carol Ann Duffy	Nightmail by W H Auden	The Wind in the Wall by Sally Gardener	The Promise by Nicola Davies	Alte Zachen by Ziggy Hanaor	The Arrival by Shaun Tan	The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
	3 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks
Unit Outcomes	News Report Persuasive speech Narrative from a particular point of view Interview scripts Diaries Debate	Diary entries Explanations (sci experiment) Dialogue Non-chronological reports	Adverts Short news reports Protest banners Writing in role	Retelling Diary entries Informal letter Descriptions Persuasive advert Formal speeches	Summaries Analysis Performances	Horror film poster Figurative writing Character/setting description Old English letter Dialogue	Experimentation with figurative language Report	Character description Flashbacks Diary entries in role Short autobiographies	Letters List of rules Character description Diaries Playscript Short report Guide	Diary entry Journalistic writing Flashback narrative Speech Discussion Letter Film critique
Main Outcome	Discussion text	Issues and dilemmas narrative	Visitor's guide	Fairytale	Poems with similar structure	Gothic narrative	Sequel to cyclical story	Analytical essay	Extended narrative	Biography