







Progression in Writing KS2

Year 3

The programmes of study for writing at key stages 1 and 2 are constructed similarly to those for reading:

- transcription (spelling and handwriting)
- composition (articulating ideas and structuring them in speech and writing)

It is essential that teaching develops pupils' competence in these 2 dimensions. In addition, pupils should be taught how to plan, revise and evaluate their writing. These aspects of writing have been incorporated into the programmes of study for composition.

Writing down ideas fluently depends on effective transcription: that is, on spelling quickly and accurately through knowing the relationship between sounds and letters (phonics) and understanding the morphology (word structure) and orthography (spelling structure) of words. Effective composition involves articulating and communicating ideas, and then organising them coherently for a reader. This requires clarity, awareness of the audience, purpose and context, and an increasingly wide knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. Writing also depends on fluent, legible and, eventually, speedy handwriting.

NCSF INTENT

Nurture – All children are exposed to a wide variety of language and the written word through a text based approach as they develop their skills as articulate and imaginative communicators. Staff provide a rich learning environment reinforced by author and poet visits, to stimulate and support the children's writing journey.

Cherish – All children are encouraged to communicate their knowledge and ideas through their writing across all areas of the curriculum, using a wide vocabulary and a solid understanding of grammar.

Shine— Through writing for a variety of purposes, children are given the opportunity to shine as they see themselves as real writers, taking ownership of their writing and developing their skills to organise and plan their writing.

Flourish – Children are given the opportunity to flourish through competitions. Teachers encourage children to take pride in the presentation of their writing by developing a clear, cursive handwriting style.

Aspect	Autumn	Spring	Summer	National Curriculum Y3/4









Charcino England School			Primary	Church of England Primary
Handwriting	I increase the legibility,			•use the diagonal and horizontal strokes
	consistency and quality of			that are needed to join letters and
	my handwriting.			understand which letters, when adjacent
				to one another, are best left unjoined
	I understand which letters,			•increase the legibility, consistency and
	when adjacent to one			quality of their handwriting, [for example,
	another, are best left			by ensuring that the downstrokes of
	unjoined.			letters are parallel and equidistant, and
				that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently
	I use the diagonal and			so that the ascenders and descenders of
	horizontal strokes that are			letters do not touch]
	needed to join letters.			
Transcription	I use the first two or three	I spell word with additional	I recognise and spell	Spelling - see English appendix 1
	letters of a word to check its	prefixes and suffixes and	additional homophones	
	spelling in a dictionary.	understand how to add them	(he'll/ heel/ heal).	Pupils should be taught to:
		to root words (from nouns		 use further prefixes and suffixes and
		using super, anti, auto).	I make comparisons from a	understand how to add them - see English
			word already known to apply	appendix 1
		I spell correct word families	to an unfamiliar word.	•spell further homophones
		based on common words		•spell words that are often misspelt - see
		(solve, solution, solver).	I spell some identifies	English appendix 1
			commonly misspelt words	•place the possessive apostrophe
		I identify the root word in	from the Year 3 and 4 word	accurately in words with regular plurals
		longer words.	list.	[for example, girls', boys'] and in words
				with irregular plurals [for example,
				children's]
				•use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to
				check its spelling in a dictionary
				•write from memory simple sentences,
				dictated by the teacher, that include
				words and punctuation taught so far









Composition	W	rite
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I write a non-narrative using simple organisational devices such as headings and sub-headings.

In narrative writing, I develop resolutions and endings.

I make improvements by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency. (The accurate use of pronouns in sentences/tenses).

I look at and discuss different models of writing, taking account of purpose and audience.

I plan my writing by discussing and recording ideas (timeline, flowchart, spider diagram, jottings).

I write a narrative with a clear structure, setting, characters and plot.

I suggest improvement to y writing through assessing the writing with peers and through self-assessment.

I identify structure, grammatical features and use of vocabulary for effect I texts.

I compose sentences using a wider range of structures linked to the grammar objectives (e.g. tensesincluding present prefect/subordinate clauses/ coordinating conjunctions).

I begin to organise paragraphs around a theme. (Supported by planning then moving to independence.)

- •plan their writing by: •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
- •draft and write by: •composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures English appendix 2
- •organising paragraphs around a theme
- •in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
- •in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]
- evaluate and edit by: •assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements
 proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
- proofread for spelling and punctuation errors









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				•read 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
Vocabulary	I use a rage of sentences	I use the perfect form of	Word choices are	 develop their understanding of the
and	with more than one clause	verbs instead of the simple	adventurous and carefully	concepts set out in English appendix 2 by:
Grammar	by using a wider range of	past.	selected to add detail and to	 extending the range of sentences with
	conjunctions in my writing	(I have written it down so we	engage the reader.	more than one clause by using a wider
	(when, if, because,	can check what he said) (he		range of conjunctions, including: when, if,
	although).	has worked hard).	Detail is added by the	because, although
			expansion of nous phrases	 using the present perfect form of verbs
	I recognise and use	I understand the purpose of	before and after the noun	in contrast to the past tense
	determiners 'a', 'an' and	adverbs.	and with the use of	•choosing nouns or pronouns
	'the' appropriately (an apple;		adverbials.	appropriately for clarity and cohesion and
	a house; the yellow car/ the	I use adverbs effectively in		to avoid repetition
	an a).	my writing.		using conjunctions, adverbs and
				prepositions to express time and cause
		I use conjunctions, adverbs		 using fronted adverbials
		and prepositions to express		•learning the grammar for years 3 and 4
		time and cause (the next		in [English appendix
		thing, next, soon, so, before,		
		after, during, in, because,		 use and understand the grammatical
		of).		terminology in English appendix 2
				accurately and appropriately when
				discussing their writing and reading
Punctuation	I begin to use inverted	I use apostrophes for	Commas are sometimes	•indicate grammatical and other features
	comma for some direct	possession with increasing	used to mark clauses and	by:
	speech punctuation.	accuracy including plural	phrases.	 using commas after fronted adverbials
		possession.		 indicating possession by using the
				possessive apostrophe with plural nouns
				 using and punctuating direct speech









Progression in Writing

Year 4

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Aspect	Autumn	Spring	Summer	National Curriculum y3/4
Handwriting	 I use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters. I understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined. b/p/s/x 	I increase the legibility, consistency and quality of my handwriting: down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.		•use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined •increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant, and that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch]
Transcription	I use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	 I spell words with additional prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them to root words. (-ation, ous, ion, ian) I use plural 's' and possessive 's' correctly. (the girls were playing football. The girls' football boots. The girl's football boots.) 	 I can recognise and spell additional homophones. (accept/except; whose/who's; whether/weather; peace/piece; medal/meddle) I spell identified commonly misspelt words from the Year 3 and 4 word list. 	Spelling - see English appendix 1 Pupils should be taught to: •use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them - see English appendix 1 •spell further homophones •spell words that are often misspelt - see English appendix 1 •place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's]









Church of England School				Primary	Church of England Primary
Composition	I write from memory simple dictation	I write a narrative with a clear structure, setting,		egin to open ragraphs with topic	 use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far plan their writing by: •discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to
	sentences that include words and punctuation taught. My narrative writing is organised into clear sequences with more than a basic beginning, middle and end.	characters and plot. I include key vocabulary and grammar choices that link to the style of writing. (e.g.: scientific words/historical words/words that fit with the context, e.g. science fiction)	ser the (bo ind part the the part der the application)	ntences and organise em around a theme. exing up method dependently; five-rt story volcano; unking their writing o paragraphs – they en use this to ensure ey have accurate ragraphs and how to marcate them). Yendings are veloped and close en narrative propriately relating the beginning or a lange in character.	write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar •discussing and recording ideas •draft and write by: •composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures English appendix 2 •organising paragraphs around a theme •in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot •in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings] •evaluate and edit by: •assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements •proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences









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Vocabulary	• Luce a range of	Luca appropriate nouncer	Luce expanded noun	Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors read 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
Vocabulary and Grammar	 I use a range of sentences with more than one clause – through use of conjunctions. ('We put our umbrellas up when it rained' becomes 'when it rained, we put up our umbrellas.') I use a wider range of conjunctions, such as, although, however, despite, as well as I use the correct article 'a' or 'an' My sentences are often opened in different ways to create effects. 	 I use appropriate nouns or pronouns within and across sentences to support cohesion and avoid repetition. (when I was writing about bees, the hive and the queen, I remembered to write 'they', 'it' and 'she' every other time, so that my writing was less repetitive). I make improvements to my writing by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency. (e.g. accurate use of pronouns in sentences; 'I forgot to put the comma after a fronted adverbial'; realise the spelling of proberbly is wrong). 	 I use expanded noun phrases with modifying adjectives. ('The strict teacher with curly hair.') I use adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause. I build cohesion within paragraphs through controlled use of tenses; subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions. I use standard English for verb inflections – instead of spoken forms. (we were – instead of we was, or I did instead of I done. He is/his instead of he's). 	 •develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English appendix 2 by: •extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including: when, if, because, although •using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense •choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition •using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause •using fronted adverbials •learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in [English appendix •use and understand the grammatical terminology in English appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading
		• I use fronted adverbials of place, time and manner,		









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					including the use of a comma. ('later that day, I went shopping'.)			
Punctu	ıation	•	All my sentences are correctly demarcated.	•	I use the apostrophe for omission and possession. I secure the use of punctuation in direct speech, including a comma after the reporting clause. (the conductor shouted, "sit down!")	•	I almost always use commas for fronted adverbials.	indicate grammatical and other features by: using commas after fronted adverbials indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns using and punctuating direct speech

Progressi	ion in	Writing
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Year 5

Aspect	Autumn	Spring	Summer	National Curriculum Y5/6
Handwriting	I choose which shape of a	•		 write legibly, fluently and with increasing
and	letter to use when given			speed by: •choosing which shape of a
presentation	choices and deciding, as			letter to use when given choices and
	part of my personal style,			deciding whether or not to join specific
	whether, or not, to join			letters
	specific letters.			•choosing the writing implement that is
	I choose the writing			best suited for a task
	implement that is best			









Church of England School			Primary	Church of England Primary
Transcription	suited to the task. (e.g. quick notes, letters). • I form verbs with prefixes,	I spell some words	I can spell identified	Spelling - see English appendix 1
	for example, dis, de, mis, over and re. I use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both in the dictionary. I begin to proof read my work for spelling and punctuation errors.	with 'silent' letter e.g. knight, psalm, solemn. I convert nouns and adjectives into verbs by adding a suffix e.g. ate, ise, ify I distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused. (guessed/guest; serial/cereal; bridal/bridle; altar/alter; desert/dessert; draft/draught; stationary/stationery; principal/principle)	commonly misspelt words from Year 5 and 6-word list. (draw on knowledge of root words e.g.: ordinary to spell extra ordinary/ordinarily)	Pupils should be taught to: •use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them •spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn] •continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused •use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English appendix 1 •use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words •use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary •use a thesaurus
Composition	 My writing shows that I aim for a range of audiences and the purpose of my writing is to inform, entertain and persuade. I organise writing into paragraphs to show different information or 	 I link ideas within paragraphs. (connecting adverbs and adverbials for time (when); place (where); how (as/with) I develop characters through action, 	 My settings are used to not only create atmosphere, but also to indicate a change. Models from my reading are often used or integrated into my writing. 	 plan their writing by: •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









events. (TIP TOP – time,
Place, Topic, Person,
Speaking) (Paragraphs can
be extended or developed
- main point, topic, event,
idea with an explanation
or additional detail)

- description and dialogue. (correct and effective use of speech. "well done, you can use speech marks correctly!" exclaimed the teacher proudly. Description of action through well-chosen adjectives, verbs and adverbs).
- I add well-chosen detail to interest the reader. (expanded noun phrases 'the small playground with the horizontal climbing wall...; the north coast beaches with the best surf...; a tiny kitten with its eyes barely open...').

- I manage shifts in time and place effectively and guide the reader through my text.
- •in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed
- draft and write by: •selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
 in narratives, describing settings,
- characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
- précising longer passages
- •using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
- •using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]
- •evaluate and edit by: •assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing
- proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
- ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
 ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural,









Church of England School		Primary	Church of England Primary
			distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register •proofread for spelling and punctuation errors •perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear
Vocabulary and Grammar	 I ensure the correct and consistent use of tense throughout a piece of writing. I start sentences in different ways. (-ed/-ing/simile openers, adverbials, conjunctions, not with the pronouns I, He, She, They, It, Him, Her etc. or The). (adverbials of time – Later, When the, As the dawn broke,) (adverbials of place – nearby, Inside, On top of, Over the rainbow, In a nearby village,) (manner – as quick as a flash, with legs swinging in the air,) Use a thesaurus for alternative word choices. I use stylistic do to create effect writing. (simile metaphor, personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the could be we be sometime possibly I use relative contents which, where, whose, that or implied. (i.e. or relative pronounce (drop-in senter wocabulary, gray wocabulary, gray wocabulary, gray wocabulary, gray with the pronounce of the personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the pronounce of the personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the pronounce of the personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the pronounce of the personification I use modal ve adverbs to individence with the pronounce of the personification I use relative of beginning with which, where, whose, that or implied. (i.e. or relative pronounce of the personification 	verbs to mark relationships of time and cause. (e.g. she has gone on holiday, and is not back yet. The coach has left without you, because you have just arrived late.) I chose words for deliberate effect and I use them thoughtfully and with precision. clauses on who, when, with an emitted) un nce) ges to	 develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English appendix 2 by: recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English appendix 2









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Punctuation	I use commas to clarify	and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning.I use colons to	I use brackets, dashes or	•indicate grammatical and other features
	meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing.	 introduce a list. I use inverted commas and other punctuation to accurately indicate direct speech. 	commas to indicate parenthesis. Outside I was smiling (inside I was angrier than a bull about to charge).	by: •using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing •using hyphens to avoid ambiguity •using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis •using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses •using a colon to introduce a list •punctuating bullet points consistently •use and understand the grammatical terminology in English appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading









Progression in Writing

Year 6

Aspect	Autumn	Spring	Summer	National Curriculum Y5/6
Handwriting and presentation	I produce legible joined handwriting and develop my own personal fluent joined handwriting style. (join/not join specific letters-loops)	•		 write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by: •choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters •choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task
Transcription	 I use a range of spelling strategies not just phonics. I use a dictionary to check spelling/meaning. I proof read and edit my work to check for spelling and punctuation errors. (Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 word lists) I ensure I use the correct homophone. (see Year5/6 homophone list) I spell mist words with silent letters. 	I change verbs into nouns by adding suffixes. (tion/sion/ment)	I make sure that I can spell the vast majority of words that appear in the Year 5/6 list.	Pupils should be taught to: •use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them •spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn] •continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused •use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English appendix 1 •use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words









				 use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary use a thesaurus
deve unde a bar	a thesaurus to elop word erstanding and build nk of antonyms and nyms.	and vocabulary used in my writing to suit the audience and purpose. (choose the appropriate form and register/structure/lay out) I create atmosphere and describe settings — I use antonyms and synonyms to enhance the description.	 My second drafts show evaluative and reflective thinking which is evidenced by thoughtful and effective changes made to create effects and to impact on the reader. My writing is evaluated as a matter of course and proof reading a high level of accuracy. 	 plan their writing by: •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 in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed draft and write by: •selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action précising longer passages using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and









Charles of England School			Primary	Church of England Primary
		 I add detail to my writing by using expanded noun phrases to add 		to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining] • evaluate and edit by: • assessing the
		prinases to add precision, detail and qualification.		effectiveness of their own and others' writing
				 proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
				 ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural,
				distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register
				•proofread for spelling and punctuation errors
				perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear
Vocabulary and Grammar	 I use the correct tense throughout a piece of writing. 	 I use a range of cohesive devices*, including adverbials, 	 I use modal verbs and adverbs to position an argument as well as 	 develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English appendix 2 by: recognising vocabulary and structures that
	 I use modal verbs mostly appropriately to suggest degrees of possibility. 	within and across sentences and paragraphs.	indicate degrees of possibility, probability and certainty.	are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms •using passive verbs to affect the
	(could, would, might)I add precision, detail and qualification using	(pronouns/adverbials , conjunctions, similes, -ing, -ed,	 I use a range of verb forms to create more subtle meanings. 	presentation of information in a sentenceusing the perfect form of verbs to markrelationships of time and cause









- prepositional phrases and adverbs.
- I effectively draft my work so that I enhance meaning and adapt my grammar choices for effect.
- adverb openers/repetition of key words for effect/prepositional phrases/tenses are secure/ellipses in narratives)
- I ensure correct
 subject verb
 agreement in singular
 and plural. E.g. was –
 I (one person) were –
 we (more than one –
 the children were)
- I use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position within the sentence. (relative clauses/subordinate and coordinating clauses/adverbials/pr epositional clauses).
- I use structures typical of very formal speech. (subjective forms – if I were/were they to come, or question

- I use the passive voice to present information with a different emphasis. (I broke the window in the greenhouse – the window of the greenhouse was broken (by me).
- My vocabulary choices are imaginative and words are used precisely and appropriately to create impact and enhance meaning.

- •using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
- •using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
- •using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun
- •learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English appendix 2









		tags – he is your friend, isn't he?)	
Punctuation	I can mostly use commas correctly to mark phrases and clauses — clarity.	I make some correct use of a further range of punctuation across a range of writing. (colons to start lists; semi colons to separate items in lists and hyphens to emphasis ideas/use of semi colon/colon to mark clauses – it's raining; I'm fed up) I can use punctuation for parenthesis, mostly correctly. (brackets/commas/hy phens)	 indicate grammatical and other features by: *using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing using hyphens to avoid ambiguity using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses using a colon to introduce a list punctuating bullet points consistently use and understand the grammatical terminology in English appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading