



By the end of Year 2, a pupil reaching the EXPECTED level for his or her age can be competent in the year 1 writing skills and:

Spelling

- Write from memory, simple dictated sentences which include familiar words and GPCs (letter and sound correspondances).
- Spell common decodable two and three syllable words which include familiar graphemes.
- Accurately spell words with suffixes—ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly, including those requiring a change to the root word.
- Spell most common exception words from Y2 spelling appendix e.g. because, every, children, father, would, old.
- Spell most common homophones in YR 2 spelling appendix e.g. to, too, two; hear, here; see, sea; blue, blew.
- Spell many common contractions accurately e.g. it's, can't, didn't; or to mark singular possession e.g. Mark's football.

Handwriting

- Holds pencil correctly.
- Writing is legible.
- All letters and digits are consistently formed and of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another.
- Spacing is appropriate to the size of letters.
- Start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters are best left unjoined in accordance with Nelson Handwriting Scheme.

Structure & Purpose of Writing

- Compose sentences orally. Use the drafting process to gather and write down ideas and key words.
- Write appropriate narratives about personal experiences or those of others, whether real or imagined, maintaining narrative form.
- Write about real events, maintaining form and purpose.
- Compose orally and write poetry in a variety of forms.
- Re-read and check own writing. Proof read for errors. Evaluate word choice, grammar and punctuation; make revisions.

Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation

- Write a range of sentence types which are grammatically accurate e.g. commands, questions and statements.
- Co-ordinate sentences using and, or, but.
- Sometimes use subordination e.g. when, if, because.
- Use sentence demarcation with increasing accuracy, including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks; commas to separate items in lists.
- Use some varied vocabulary to create detail and interest, including adjectives to make noun phrases; adverbs and verbs.
- Identify word classes: noun, adjective, verb and adverb.
- Choose the past or present tense appropriately. Experiment with the progressive form e.g. she was swimming.
- Use appropriate features of Standard English.