

Knowledge and Skills Progression – Writing Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure



Nursery	Reception Early Learning Goals	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Use a wider range of vocabulary. Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions. Can start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns. Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus you sit there I'll be the driver."	Learn new vocabulary. Use new vocabulary throughout the day. Describe events in some detail. Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities. Explain how things work and why they might happen. Develop social phrases. Use new vocabulary in different contexts. Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, nonfiction, rhymes	To use a number of simple features of different text types and to make relevant choices about subject matter and appropriate vocabulary choices. To start to engage readers by using adjectives to describe.	To write for different purposes with an awareness of an increased amount of fiction and non-fiction structures. To use new vocabulary from their reading, their discussions about it (one-to-one and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences. To read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	To demonstrate an increasing understanding of purpose and audience by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar. To begin to use the structure of a wider range of text types (including the use of simple layout devices in non-fiction). To make deliberate ambitious word choices to add detail. To begin to create settings, characters and	To write a range of narratives and non-fiction pieces using a consistent and appropriate structure (including genre-specific layout devices). To write a range of narratives that are well-structured and well-paced. To create detailed settings, characters and plot in narratives to engage the reader and to add atmosphere. To begin to read aloud their own writing, to a	To consistently produce sustained and accurate writing from different narrative and non-fiction genres with appropriate structure, organisation and layout devices for a range of audiences and purposes. To describe settings, characters and atmosphere with carefully-chosen vocabulary to enhance mood, clarify meaning and create pace. To regularly use dialogue to convey a character and	To write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (including literary language, characterisation, structure, etc.). To distinguish between the language of speech and writing and to choose the appropriate level of formality. To select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires (e.g. using contracted forms in

	T	 			
and poems when		plot in	whole class,	to advance the	narrative; using
appropriate.		narratives.	using	action.	passive verbs to
			appropriate	To perform	affect how
Express their			intonation and	their own	information is
ideas and			to control the	compositions	presented; using
feelings about			tone and	confidently	modal verbs to
their			volume so	using	suggest degrees of
experiences			that the	appropriate	possibility).
using full			meaning is	intonation,	
sentences,			clear.	volume	
including use of				and movement	
past, present				so that	
and future				meaning is	
tenses and				clear.	
making use of					
conjunctions,					
with modelling					
and support					
from their					
teacher.					
Participate in					
small group,					
class and one-					
to-one					
discussion,					
offering their					
own ideas,					
using recently					
introduced					
vocabulary.					