



ST. MARK'S CE SCHOOL

ONE SCHOOL - SERVING ALL - THROUGH EXCELLENCE

KS1-2 Writing

Writing

The National Curriculum is used to promote our coverage of English skills and each year group covers narrative, non-fiction and poetry text types. This is then supported by 'Talk For Writing', which underpins the planning and delivery of writing throughout the school. We use this approach at St Mark's as it allows our diverse cohort of children to thrive, due to the cohesive and language rich learning journey. 'Talk For Writing' makes clear links between the *processes* and the *thinking* involved by authors when creating their own pieces of writing. This thinking is then internalised by children so that it can be independently applied to their own writing. All teachers (from Year 1 upwards) will use 'Talk For Writing' to support their planning and delivery of English lessons **during Autumn and Spring terms**, with opportunities for application through independent writing time tabled half termly. During the **Summer term**, application and consolidation of previously taught skills should run alongside 'Talk For Writing'. Year R will continue to use complete 'Talk For Writing' cycles for the whole year, with child-initiated time providing daily opportunities for independent writing.

The main principles of 'Talk For Writing' are:

- **Book talk:** using talk to explore children's personal and mutual responses to a text as a reader whilst opening their eyes to a range of different styles, cultures and life experiences.
- **Writer talk** - putting into words the thinking and creative processes involved in all stages of writing - talk that supports children to think and behave like a writer.
- **Storytelling and story making** - the learning and repeating of oral stories, creating new stories orally as a rehearsal for writing.
- **Word and language games** - activities used to develop vocabulary, punctuation, spelling and grammar.
- **Role-play and drama** - to bring the writing alive for the children through activities such as hot-seating, conscience alleys or freeze frames.
- **Editing, proof-reading and publishing writing.**

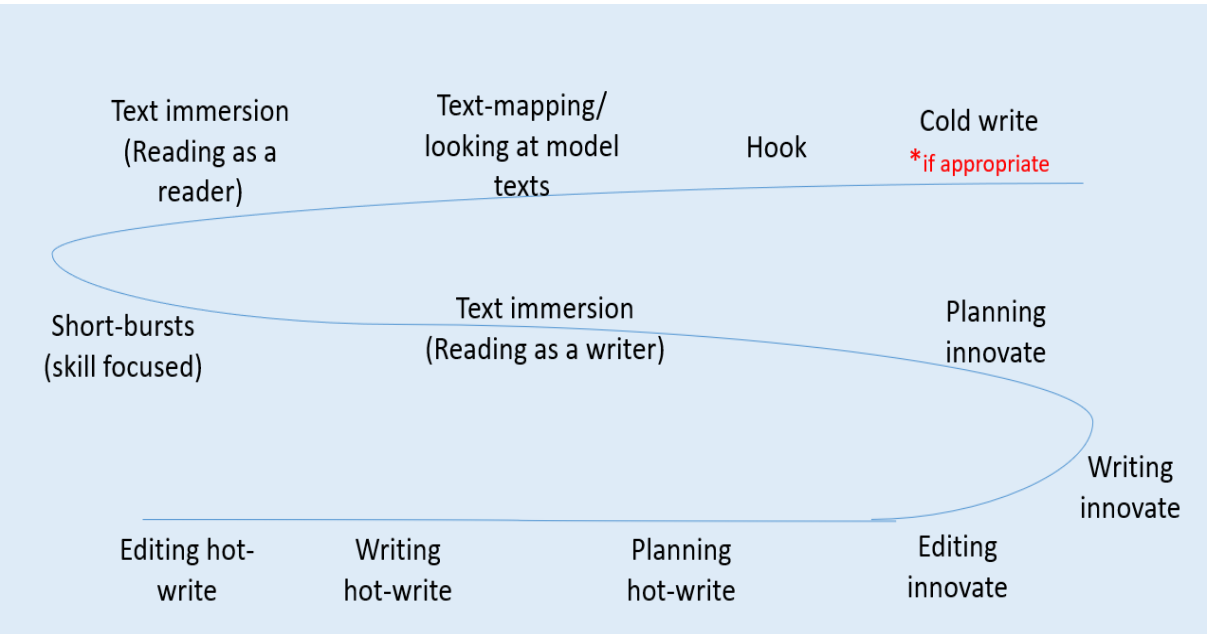
The National Curriculum states that children should:

- Develop the stamina and skills to write at length
- Use accurate spelling and punctuation
- Be grammatically correct

Our aim is for children to be creative writers who are able to effectively use the skills and techniques taught to captivate an audience’s attention. Throughout the school, attention is made to the formal structures of English, grammatical detail, punctuation and spelling.

Teachers model writing strategies such as the use of phonics and spelling strategies in shared writing sessions. Guided writing sessions are used to target the specific needs of groups of children or individuals. We ensure that our children have opportunities to write at length, independently, and for a range of purposes/audiences across the curriculum. Teachers use assessment for learning rigorously in writing to enable them to offer valuable feedback to children and plan next steps for the whole class, groups and individuals. This is achieved through implementation of the school's feedback policy as well as daily Snappy SPAG sessions to address common misconceptions and retrieve prior knowledge in writing.

How is the learning sequenced across a unit?



Years 1-6 Writing Skill Progression:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>Phonic and Whole Word Spelling</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • words containing each of the 40+ phonemes taught • common exception words • the days of the week • Numbers to 20 in words • name the letters of the alphabet in order • using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly • learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones • learning to spell common exception words • distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spell further homophones • spell words that are often misspelt (Year 3-4 word list) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spell further homophones and near homophones • spell words that are often misspelt (Year 3-4 word list) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spell some words with 'silent' letters • 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 years 5-6 spelling list. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in Appendix 1 (Challenge Words)

<u>Other word building spelling</u>	<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 • apply simple spelling rules and guidance from Appendix 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of year 1 suffixes -ing, -ed, -er and -est and year 1 common exception words. • learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) • learning to spell more words with contracted forms • add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly • apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of spelling work from years 1 and 2, paying special attention to the rules for adding suffixes: -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly • apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1, using further prefixes and suffixes. • use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of spelling work from year 3 • apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1, understanding how to add further prefixes and suffixes • place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals • use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of spelling work from year 4 • apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1, using further prefixes and suffixes and understanding the guidance for adding them • use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words, using the first 3-4 letters of a word. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of spelling work from year 5 • apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1, using further prefixes and suffixes and understanding the guidance for adding them • converting nouns or verbs into adjectives and vice versa • adding verb prefixes • use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words
<u>Transcription</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. 		

<p>Handwriting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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' and to practise these 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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<p><u>Contexts for Writing</u></p>	<p>•retell stories that are familiar to them.</p> <p>Fiction Types: Defeating the Monster, Wishing, Journey.</p> <p>Non-Fiction Genre: Instructions, recount, discussion, persuasion, explanation, non-chronological report</p>	<p>• writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)</p> <p>Fiction Types: Journey, Action, Warning, Wishing</p> <p>Non-Fiction Genre: Instructions, Recount, Reporting for various purposes, letter writing.</p>	<p>• discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.</p> <p>Fiction Types: Journey, Action, Friendship, Defeating the Monster, Warning</p> <p>Non-Fiction Genre: Recount, Instructions, Non-chronological, Explanation, Persuasion/Discussion</p>	<p>• discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar</p> <p>Fiction Types: Wishing, Portal, Tale of Fear, Defeating the Monster, Journey.</p> <p>Non-Fiction Genre: Instructions, Formal Letters/Persuasion, Non-chronological reports, Explanation</p>	<p>• identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own</p> <p>Fiction Types: Adventure, Warning, Friendship, Tale of Fear. Defeating the Monster.</p> <p>Non-Fiction Genre: Biographies/auto-biographies, Explanation, Newspaper Reports, Diary, Formal/Informal letter writing.</p>	<p>• identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own</p> <p>Fiction Types: Flashbacks, varied story structure writing from different perspectives</p> <p>Non-Fiction Genre: non-chronological reports, formal/informal letters, persuasion, recounts, newspapers</p>
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<u>Planning Writing</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• saying out loud what they are going to write about• composing a sentence orally before writing it	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about• writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• discussing and recording ideas• composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• discussing and recording ideas• composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
<u>Composing Writing</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sequencing sentences to form short narratives		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• organising paragraphs around a theme• in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot• in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• organising paragraphs around a theme• in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot• in non-narrative material, choose their own simple organisational devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

					<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader
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<p>Editing Writing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils • re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense and making corrections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils • rereading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form • proofreading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register • proofread for spelling and punctuation errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register • proofread for spelling and punctuation errors
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<p><u>Vocabulary</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leaving spaces between words • joining words and joining clauses using "and" • using adjectives to describe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expanded noun phrases to describe and specify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although • choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition • using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause (and place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although • choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition • using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause (and place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a thesaurus • using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely • using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility • Using show not tell and Figurative Language to create atmosphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a thesaurus • using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely • using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility • Use of figurative Language to create atmosphere
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<p>Grammar</p> <p>r</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regular plural noun suffixes (-s, -es) • verb suffixes where root word is unchanged (-ing, -ed, -er) • un- prefix to change meaning of adjectives/adverbs • to combine words to make sentences, including using and • Sequencing sentences to form short narratives • separation of words with spaces • sentence demarcation (. ! ?) • capital letters for proper nouns and pronoun 'I') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command • the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form • subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and coordination (using or, and, or but) • some features of written Standard English • suffixes to form new words (-ful, -er, -ness) • sentence demarcation • commas in lists • apostrophes for omission & singular possession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extended noun phrases, including with prepositions • use the correct form of 'a' or 'an' • Standard English verb inflections (I did vs I done) • appropriate choice of pronoun or noun to create cohesion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using fronted adverbials • difference between plural and possessive -s • Standard English verb inflections (I did vs I done) • appropriate choice of pronoun or noun to create cohesion • using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense • form nouns using prefixes (super-, anti-) • word families based on common words (solve, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause • using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence • using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun • devices to build cohesion, including adverbials of time, place and number • differences in informal and formal language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • differences in informal and formal language • synonyms & Antonyms • use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connections and adverbials • use of ellipsis
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<p><u>Punctua tion</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using and punctuating direct speech (i.e. Inverted commas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using commas after fronted adverbials • indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns • using and punctuating direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas) • use of ellipsis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and punctuate bullet points consistently • use of ellipsis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using commas and hyphens to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing using hyphens to avoid ambiguity • using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses • using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis • using a colon to introduce a list and punctuate bullet points consistently
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How is the learning sequenced across each year group?

Year R - See Year R Curriculum

Year 1						
T4W Fiction *Start innovating from Spring 2	Defeating the monster tale Three Billy Goats Gruff	Wishing Tale Mr Big	Wishing Tale How to catch a star	Journey Tale The Queen's Hat/ The Queen's Lift Off	Defeating the monster tale Jack and the Beanstalk/ Fee Fi Fo Fum	Journey Tale Meerkat Mail
Focus in fiction	Characterisation/ Dialogue	Plot- problem/ dilemma	Characterisation	Openings and Endings	Plot	Setting
Grammar focus	-How to write a sentence. -Using CL / . / finger spaces	-Capital letters for names including personal pronoun 'I' -Past tense -CEWs	-Verb Suffixes where root word is unchanged (-ing, -ed, -er, -est) -Past Tense -CEWs	-Capital letters for proper nouns (people, places and days of the week including 'I' -Prefixes (using un to change the meaning of words) -Past tense	-Past tense -Adjectives	-Adjectives -Review and apply all prefixes and suffixes taught in year 1 -Conjunctions to join words and clauses including 'and'
T4W Non-Fiction	Instructions How to trap a troll	Recount Diary of Mr Big.	Discussion Do aliens exist?	Persuasion Visit the Moon	Explanation Why should you not talk to wolves/giants?	Non-chronological report Animal fact file
Grammar focus	-CEWs - Punctuating sentences using question marks and exclamation marks	- Punctuating sentences using question marks and exclamation marks -Present Tense	-Adjectives -Conjunctions to join words and clauses, including 'and' -Regular plural noun suffixes -s and -es and the third person singular marker for verbs	-Suffixes where root word is unchanged (-ing, -ed, -er, -est) -Regular plural noun suffixes -s and -es and the third person singular marker for verbs -Conjunctions to join words and clauses -CEWs	-Past tense -Conjunctions - ! ? - CEWs	-CEWs -Proper Nouns -Conjunctions to join words and clauses including 'and' -?! and application of all year 1 grammar and punctuation.

Fictional non-fiction	Wanted poster Have you seen this troll?		Writing from aliens' perspective	Creating own planet	Letter to giant	Create own African animal
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Year 2						
T4W Fiction	Journey Story – innovation of The Disgusting Sandwich	Action story – based on Mog’s Christmas Calamity	1. Wishing Tale - written from an alternative point of view for GD 2. Descriptive Settings	Warning story (recount of little red) - written from an alternative point of view for GD	No T4W – Application through a variety of pieces	- Trip Recount - Report writing (science) - Letter from Enormous Crocodile to Mr or Mrs Twit. - Letter writing (Florence Nightingale)
Focus in fiction	Plot	Suspense	Character	Setting/Character		
Fiction Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revise year 1: CL, finger spaces, ! ? - Common exception words and Year 1 suffixes –ing, –ed, –er and –est - Adjectives - Handwriting: form lower-case and capital letters of the correct size relative to one another 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanded Noun Phrases - Sentence types using . ? ! - Application of suffixes taught during A2 non-fiction unit (–ed, –ly, –ment, –less) - Handwriting: 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commas in a list and for expanded noun phrases. - Varying sentence openers - Apostrophes for contractions - Coherence between sentences and across sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apostrophes for contractions - Apostrophes for possession. - Coherence between sentences and across sections - Show not Tell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application and consolidation of all taught skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application and consolidation of all taught skills

T4W Non-Fiction	Instructions	Recount: Diary of the Great Fire of London	Application: Instructions (linked to Hansel and Gretel)	Wanted Poster	-Advert for a friend 1 (Matilda) -Letter to the council complaining about pirates. -Advert for a friend 2 (Mr and Mrs Twit reading focus)	-Report writing (science) -Letter from Enormous Crocodile
Non-Fiction Grammar focus	- Revise year 1: CL . finger spaces, ! ? -Time conjunctions -Imperative Verbs -Adverbs and precise adjectives -Subordination (GD only) - Handwriting	-Regular/irregular Past tense Past Tense -Emotive language (use of suffixes – ed, -ly, -ment, -less) -Time conjunctions	-Subordinating conjunctions. -Application of skills learnt so far.	-Precise use of adjectives -Show not Tell -Layout fit for purpose e.g. organising information with subheadings.	-Application and consolidation of all taught skills	-Application and consolidation of all taught skills
Fictional non-fiction	How to make Soup.	Fictional diary of Great Fire of London experiences.	How to capture a child...	Police Poster to capture the wolf from Little Red or the Lion from Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion.	Fictional friend adverts/letters	Made up sea creature

Year 3

T4W Fiction	Journey Tale	Action	Friendship Story	Defeating the monster Tale	Warning Tale	NO T4W - APPLICATION
Focus in fiction	Plot	Characterisation and Dialogue	Characterisation and Dialogue	Suspense	Setting to build suspense	
Grammar focus	<p>Review from Year 2: -Consolidate punctuation taught in key stage 1 (.? !, in lists apostrophes for contractions) -Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify</p> <p>-Handwriting: 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</p>	<p>-Regular and irregular past tense verbs including Standard English verb inflections (I did vs I done)</p> <p>-using and punctuating direct speech (i.e. Inverted commas)</p> <p>-range of sentence openers (adverbs) to support with integrating Description, Action and Dialogue within speech.</p>	<p>- use the correct form of 'a' or 'an'</p> <p>- using and punctuating direct speech (i.e. Inverted commas)</p> <p>-range of sentence openers, conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause (and place)</p>	<p>-Varied use of sentence openers (conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause)</p> <p>-Use apostrophes for singular possession</p>	<p>- extended noun phrases, including with prepositions</p> <p>-Varied use of sentence openers (conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause)</p> <p>-choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition</p>	APPLICATION OF ALL YEAR 3 SKILLS
T4W Non-Fiction	Recount	Instructions	Explanation	Non-chronological	Persuasion/Discussion	APPLICATION
Grammar focus	<p>-Use conjunctions to express time and cause.</p> <p>-Using prepositions to express place</p> <p>-Simple and continuous past tense</p>	<p>- extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although</p>	<p>-extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although</p>	<p>-Use a wider range of conjunctions – subordinate clauses and subordinate conjunctions to create multi-clause sentences</p> <p>-Use apostrophes for singular possession</p>	<p>-Use a wider range of conjunctions – subordinate clauses and subordinate conjunctions to create multi-clause sentences</p> <p>-range of sentence openers, conjunctions, adverbs and</p>	APPLICATION OF ALL YEAR 3 SKILLS

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use conjunctions and adverbs to express time and manner -Imperative verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use a range of fronted adverbials with commas (multi clause sentences) -Organising paragraphs around a theme. -In non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organising paragraphs around a theme. -In non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> prepositions to express time and cause (and place) 	
Fictional non-fiction:	Recount of Mr Fox's Journey	How to make a disgusting sandwich/how to survive an evening with granny	<p>Should Wilbur be killed for food?</p> <p>Should poaching be stopped?</p>	Creation of own 'Fing' character.	Appealing for help with natural disasters	

Year 4						
T4W Fiction	Wishing Tale	Portal Story	Tale of Fear	Defeating the Monster	Journey Story	NO T4W - APPLICATION
Focus in fiction	Suspense	Setting	Characterisation and Dialogue	Action	Plot - Openings and endings	APPLICATION

Grammar focus	<p>-Consolidation of punctuation from Year 3 including: using and punctuating direct speech (i.e. Inverted commas)</p> <p>-Use a range of fronted adverbials to integrate Description, Action and Dialogue within speech.</p>	<p>-The grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s?</p> <p>-Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause</p> <p>-use and punctuate direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas)</p>	<p>-Apply – use and punctuate direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas)</p> <p>-Using fronted adverbials and punctuating them accurately with a comma</p>	<p>-Use of appropriate pronouns and nouns for cohesion.</p> <p>-Use apostrophes for singular and plural possession</p> <p>Apply - rules for direct speech and use of fronted Adverbials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense <p>-Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause</p> <p>Apply - rules for direct speech</p> <p>Apply fronted adverbials</p>	APPLICATION OF ALL SKILLS
T4W Non-Fiction	Instructions - How to summon a goddess/how to wash an elephant.	Formal Letter Writing/Persuasion –	Non-chronological Reports (wolves)	Explanation - How to be a superhero	Persuasion – tourist brochures	
Grammar focus	<p>-Consolidation of punctuation from Year 3 including apostrophes for contractions and possession.</p> <p>-Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause</p>	<p>-Organising paragraphs around a theme</p> <p>-Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause</p> <p>-Standard English verb inflections (I did vs I done)</p>	<p>- organising paragraphs around a theme</p> <p>-in non-narrative material, choose their own simple organisational devices</p> <p>-Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although (including terminology of subordinate clauses).</p>	<p>-Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although (including terminology of subordinate clauses).</p> <p>-in non-narrative material, choose their own simple organisational devices</p> <p>-Uses a or an correctly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense <p>-Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although (including terminology of subordinate clauses).</p>	<p>APPLICATION OF ALL SKILLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in non-narrative material, choose their own simple organisational devices

			-Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause			
Fictional non-fiction:	Instructions - How to summon a goddess/how to wash an elephant.	Letter Writing/Persuasion – Climate Change Letters to MP	Non-chronological report of own hybrid wolf	Explanation	Creating own European holiday destination	

Year 5						
T4W Fiction	Adventure Tale	Warning story	Tale of Friendship	Defeating the Monster	Fictional Recount – diary/letter writing	Tale of Fear
Focus in fiction	Character	Action	Characterisation	Suspense/action	Characterisation	Suspense
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review: verbs, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions - Review Fronted adverbials (with commas) to build cohesion including conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, cause, place and manner. - Review punctuation . ! ? "" , - Review organising paragraphs around a theme -Introduce complex sentences, relating to simple and compound - Expanded noun phrases to convey information concisely - using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Simple, compound and complex sentences - Apply effective use of verbs, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions (time and cause) - Fronted adverbials (with commas) to build cohesion including conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, cause, place and manner. - Apply punctuation . ! ? , "" , , () -Learn how to use dashes to indicate parenthesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building different sentence types and structures recapping all types of parenthesis. -Apply effective use of verbs, adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions (time and cause) - Apply a range of different sentence openers, with commas, to build cohesion DADWAVERS - Expanded noun phrases to convey information concisely - Apply punctuation . ! ? , "" , , - () : -Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building different sentence types and structures recapping all types of parenthesis. -Adverbials of time, place, number or tense choice -Using show not tell and Figurative Language to create atmosphere - Apply a range of different sentence openers, with commas, to build cohesion DADWAVERS - Apply punctuation . ! ? , "" , , - () ; ; -Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building different sentence types and structures recapping all types of parenthesis. -Differences in informal and formal language -Use semi-colons, colons (also for lists) and dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses -Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause - using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence 	No T4W - Consolidation of all year 5 grammar targets

	with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun - commas for parenthesis. - () use of brackets for parenthesis					
T4W Non-Fiction	A Galaxy of her own - short stories of women in space Biographies	Explanation – How to take care of your Dragon.	Persuasion - speeches relating to the apartheid/civil rights movement	Discussion Non-Chronological Report - Classic Poetry - Cautionary Tales by Hilaire Beloc	SLAM POETRY Fictional Recount – diary/letter writing	Recount - Newspaper
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph -Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun - commas for parenthesis. -Punctuation for parenthesis , , () 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph: using a wide range of conjunctions with more than one clause (causal and time conjunctions) -Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun. -Punctuation for parenthesis , , - - () -using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility - use a colon to introduce a list and punctuate bullet points consistently. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building different sentence types and structures and recapping all types of parenthesis. -Devices to build cohesion, including adverbials of time, place and number -using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility -Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses and colons to introduce a list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building different sentence types and structures and recapping all types of parenthesis. -Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun. -Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause - using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Building different sentence types and structures recapping all types of parenthesis. -Differences in informal and formal language -Use semi-colons, colons (also for lists) and dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses -Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause - using passive verbs to affect the presentation of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation of all year 5 grammar targets -use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader

Fictional non-fiction	Biography of a fictional astronaut	How to train a....	A separation scenario	Creating own mythological creature	Letters/diary entries from fictional character	Diary entry of a crazy day!
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Year 6						
T4W Fiction	-Writing a survival story from a Wonder character's perspective	-Setting description -Fictional love letters	-First hand recount (Rose Blanche)	Flashback - The Piano	-Setting Descriptions (The Heath)	Fantasy Narrative – re-write from different perspectives.
Focus in fiction	All elements from previous years	All elements from previous years	All elements from previous years	All elements from previous years	All elements from previous years	All elements from previous years
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from cold task and review year 5 elements: - using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses - using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis - using relative clauses beginning with who, which, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from autumn 1. - Review sentence types: question, exclamation, statement and command. - use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connections and adverbials (prepositional phrases) - Identification and use of subordination - Use of figurative language to create atmosphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on AfL from the autumn term. - selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning (apply a range of clause structures) - use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connections and adverbials - using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause - Use of figurative language to create atmosphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from the autumn term and spring 1. - selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning (apply a range of clause structures) - use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connections and adverbials - using commas and hyphens to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from autumn and spring terms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation of all Year 6 Grammar targets in preparation for Year 7

	<p>where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted)</p> <p>-using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely</p> <p>-Use a range of devices to build cohesion, including adverbials, prepositions and conjunctions (time and cause) within multi-clause sentences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -using and punctuating direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas) 					
T4W Non-Fiction	<p>Non-Chronological reports</p> <p>-formal/informal letters</p> <p>-Diary Entries</p>	<p>Twisted Tales Newspaper</p> <p>Persuasion – do you want to be a Highwayman?</p>	<p>-Newspapers (outbreak of war) Recap of autumn term skills.</p> <p>-Letters/diary entries from different wartime perspectives.</p> <p>-Balanced arguments/discussions based on wartime decisions</p>	<p>Wartime Speeches</p> <p>Anne Frank diary entries</p>	<p>Diaries,</p> <p>Love letters</p> <p>Poem,</p> <p>Newspaper</p>	<p>Non-Chronological reports</p> <p>Newspapers</p> <p>Speeches</p> <p>Diaries</p> <p>Explanation report (discovery)</p>
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply all Year 5 grammatical features from Autumn 1. <p>-recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from Autumn 1. -recognising vocabulary and structures (complex sentences) that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from the autumn term. -Active and passive voice: using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from autumn and spring 1. -Hyphenated words -using further organisational and presentational devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on AfL from autumn and spring terms. - - 	<p>Consolidation of all year 6 Grammar targets in preparation for Year 7.</p>

	<p>and writing, including subjunctive forms</p> <p>-recognise the differences in informal and formal language</p> <p>-using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis</p> <p>-Use a range of devices to build cohesion, including adverbials, prepositions and conjunctions (time and cause) within multi-clause sentences.</p> <p>- using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses</p> <p>-using a colon to introduce a list and punctuate bullet points consistently</p> <p>- using commas and hyphens to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity</p>	<p>are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms</p> <p>-</p> <p>-Active and passive voice: using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence including the use of direct/reported speech</p> <p>-Review sentence types: question, exclamation, statement and command.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-Conditional and Hypothetical sentences</p> <p>-</p> <p>-Extending use of Technical vocabulary</p> <p>-</p>	<p>sentence including the use of direct/reported speech</p> <p>-using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility</p> <p>-Application of varied sentence structures including using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses</p> <p>-Use a range of devices to build cohesion, including adverbials, prepositions and conjunctions (time and cause) within multi-clause sentences.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>to structure text and to guide the reader</p> <p>-</p> <p>-using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis</p> <p>-Use a range of sentence structures including subordination and relative clauses.</p> <p>-using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility</p> <p>-</p> <p>-Active and passive voice: using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence</p> <p>-</p> <p>-Apply a range of persuasive devices: emotive language, generalisers, technical vocabulary, superlatives and comparatives, figurative language, conditional and hypothetical sentences</p>		
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Fictional non-fiction	Non-chronological report around a made-up creature	Persuasion: do you want to be a highwayman?	War-time Love letters	War-time speeches (key political figures) Diary Entries	Newspaper - death of King Duncan	Scientific Discovery Report
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Spelling

At St Mark's our vision is for our children to become effective and purposeful writers. The ability to spell accurately is a key component of being a fluent writer. If a child is a competent speller, then they can put more energy into the skills of composition, sentence structure and vocabulary - spending less time thinking about how to spell a word.

A balanced spelling programme involves:

- Understanding the principles behind word construction (phonemic, morphemic and etymological).
- Learning how to recognise how these principles apply to each word - to aid spelling of new words.
- Practising and assessment of spelling.
- Applying spelling strategies to proofreading.
- Building children's self-confidence as spellers through engaging activities.
- Following the progression of the spelling curriculum.

An effective spelling programme is one that builds up gradually, introducing spelling patterns/conventions whilst still continually practising those already introduced. Links should be made to the teaching of handwriting.

Handwriting

"Writing also depends on fluent, legible and eventually, speedy handwriting." (National curriculum 2014).

At St Mark's, we recognise that being able to write legibly and fluently is an important skill in being able to communicate language to readers. As a school, our aim is to have a consistent cursive approach to handwriting across the whole school. This is to help children achieve a neat, legible style with correctly formed letters in cursive handwriting. Before beginning pre-cursive, it is important that children master fine and gross motor control.

Children in Year R should receive daily fine and gross motor lessons as part of 'Fab Fingers' up until Spring. Approaches to fine and gross motor activities include methods such as 'dough disco' where children are crossing the body's midline to develop their coordination. For children who have never held a pencil before, 'Fab Fingers' helps build their core strength - enabling them to have greater writing stamina as they progress through St Mark's. From Spring onwards, the focus in Year R is moved to consolidating letter formation. For children who still have difficulties with fine and gross motor, the programmes *Clever Hands* and *Clever Bodies* are available.

Handwriting should be taught according to the following letter families:

Letter families

For teaching letter formation

Letter family 1
Down and off in another direction
l i t j u y

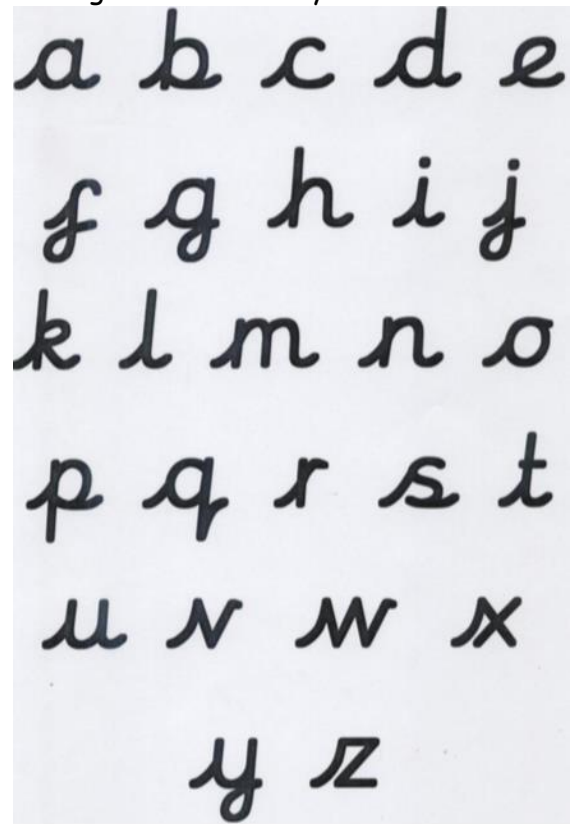
Letter family 2
Down and retrace upwards
m n r b p h k

Letter family 3
Anticlockwise round
c a d o q g e f s

Letter family 4
Zig-zag letters
v w x z

During handwriting lessons, children should be taught how to sit correctly at the table, holding a writing utensil correctly and comfortably. During Year 1 children will begin to use pre-cursive, starting and finishing lowercase letters in the correct place ready for joining in Year 2. Handwriting practice is to take place in writing books to build up the expectation that children need to write that way continually. By the end of Year 2 (**when ready**) children should be writing using cursive handwriting, starting and finishing their letters correctly, with letters of correct size and proportion.

Our agreed cursive style is as follows:



Learning environments for English

Classrooms and displays are learning tools. Using the learning environment, skills are transferable and applied across a range of contexts. Year R and KS1 classrooms need to contain visible resources to support phonic knowledge and spelling of tricky words. In Year R this would be for Phase 2 and 3, and for Year 1 - at least Phase 3 digraphs onwards. Tricky words should be accessible for children, in a way that works best for the class and teacher. Tricky word mats and sound mats also need to be on hand for all children in the school who need them to encourage independence - again, in a way that works best for the class and teacher. Phonics Friezes should be displayed in all key stage 2 classrooms to ensure that phonics remains a focus where needed.

Key vocabulary should be on display in classrooms, as well as magpied words/phrases and modelled writing. Washing lines are one way of displaying the writing journey - especially in classrooms with limited display space. Each classroom should have age appropriate dictionaries and thesauruses on hand for children's reference.

National Curriculum Reference:

National Curriculum - English

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335186/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_English_220714.pdf