

# Grammar, spelling and punctuation progression

Year 1: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
<b>Word</b>	Regular <b>plural noun suffixes</b> –s or –es [for example, <i>dog, dogs; wish, wishes</i> ], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun <b>Suffixes</b> that can be added to <b>verbs</b> where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. <i>helping, helped, helper</i> ) How the <b>prefix un–</b> changes the meaning of <b>verbs</b> and <b>adjectives</b> [negation, for example, <i>unkind, or undoing: untie the boat</i> ]
<b>Sentence</b>	How <b>words</b> can combine to make <b>sentences</b> Joining <b>words</b> and joining <b>clauses</b> using <i>and</i>
<b>Text</b>	Sequencing <b>sentences</b> to form short narratives
<b>Punctuation</b>	Separation of <b>words</b> with spaces Introduction to capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate <b>sentences</b> Capital letters for names and for the personal <b>pronoun I</b>
<b>Terminology for pupils</b>	letter, capital letter word, singular, plural sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark

Year 2: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
<b>Word</b>	Formation of <b>nouns</b> using <b>suffixes</b> such as <i>–ness, –er</i> and by compounding [for example, <i>whiteboard, superman</i> ] Formation of <b>adjectives</b> using <b>suffixes</b> such as <i>–ful, –less</i> Use of the <b>suffixes –er, –est</b> in <b>adjectives</b> and the use of <i>–ly</i> in Standard English to turn adjectives into <b>adverbs</b>
<b>Sentence</b>	Expanded <b>noun phrases</b> for description and specification [for example, <i>the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon</i> ] <b>How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command</b>
<b>Text</b>	Correct choice and consistent use of <b>present tense</b> and <b>past tense</b> throughout writing Use of <b>verbs</b> in the <b>present</b> and <b>past tense</b> to mark actions in progress [for example, <i>she is drumming, he was shouting</i> ]
<b>Punctuation</b>	Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate <b>sentences</b> Commas to separate items in a list <b>Apostrophes</b> to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, <i>the girl's name</i> ]
<b>Terminology for pupils</b>	noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense (past, present) apostrophe, comma

Year 3: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
<b>Word</b>	Formation of <b>nouns</b> using a range of <b>prefixes</b> [for example <i>super-</i> , <i>anti-</i> , <i>auto-</i> ] Use of the <b>forms</b> <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> according to whether the next <b>word</b> begins with a <b>consonant</b> or a <b>vowel</b> [for example, <i>a rock</i> , <i>an open box</i> ] <b>Word families</b> based on common <b>words</b> , showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, <i>solve</i> , <i>solution</i> , <i>solver</i> , <i>dissolve</i> , <i>insoluble</i> ]
<b>Sentence</b>	Expressing time, place and cause using <b>conjunctions</b> [for example, <i>when</i> , <i>before</i> , <i>after</i> , <i>while</i> , <i>so</i> , <i>because</i> ], <b>adverbs</b> [for example, <i>then</i> , <i>next</i> , <i>soon</i> , <i>therefore</i> ], or <b>prepositions</b> [for example, <i>before</i> , <i>after</i> , <i>during</i> , <i>in</i> , <i>because of</i> ]
<b>Text</b>	Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation Use of the <b>present perfect</b> form of <b>verbs</b> instead of the simple past [for example, <i>He has gone out to play</i> contrasted with <i>He went out to play</i> ]
<b>Punctuation</b>	Introduction to inverted commas to <b>punctuate</b> direct speech
<b>Terminology for pupils</b>	preposition conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks')

Year 4: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
<b>Word</b>	The grammatical difference between <b>plural</b> and <b>possessive -s</b> Standard English forms for <b>verb inflections</b> instead of local spoken forms [for example, <i>we were</i> instead of <i>we was</i> , or <i>I did</i> instead of <i>I done</i> ]
<b>Sentence</b>	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. <i>the teacher</i> expanded to: <i>the strict maths teacher with curly hair</i> ) <b>Fronted adverbials</b> [for example, <i>Later that day, I heard the bad news.</i> ]
<b>Text</b>	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme Appropriate choice of <b>pronoun</b> or <b>noun</b> within and across <b>sentences</b> to aid <b>cohesion</b> and avoid repetition
<b>Punctuation</b>	Use of inverted commas and other <b>punctuation</b> to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: <i>The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"</i> ] <b>Apostrophes</b> to mark <b>plural</b> possession [for example, <i>the girl's name</i> , <i>the girls' names</i> ] Use of commas after <b>fronted adverbials</b>
<b>Terminology for pupils</b>	determiner pronoun, possessive pronoun adverbial

Year 5: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
<b>Word</b>	Converting <b>nouns</b> or <b>adjectives</b> into <b>verbs</b> using <b>suffixes</b> [for example, <i>-ate; -ise; -ify</i> ] <b>Verb prefixes</b> [for example, <i>dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-</i> ]
<b>Sentence</b>	<b>Relative clauses</b> beginning with <i>who, which, where, when, whose, that</i> , or an omitted relative pronoun Indicating degrees of possibility using <b>adverbs</b> [for example, <i>perhaps, surely</i> ] or <b>modal verbs</b> [for example, <i>might, should, will, must</i> ]
<b>Text</b>	Devices to build <b>cohesion</b> within a paragraph [for example, <i>then, after that, this, firstly</i> ] Linking ideas across paragraphs using <b>adverbials</b> of time [for example, <i>later</i> ], place [for example, <i>nearby</i> ] and number [for example, <i>secondly</i> ] or tense choices [for example, he <i>had</i> seen her before]
<b>Punctuation</b>	Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity
<b>Terminology for pupils</b>	modal verb, relative pronoun relative clause parenthesis, bracket, dash cohesion, ambiguity

Year 6: Detail of content to be introduced (statutory requirement)	
<b>Word</b>	The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, <i>find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter</i> ] How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, <i>big, large, little</i> ].
<b>Sentence</b>	Use of the <b>passive</b> to affect the presentation of information in a <b>sentence</b> [for example, <i>I broke the window in the greenhouse</i> versus <i>The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)</i> ]. The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: <i>He's your friend, isn't he?</i> , or the use of <b>subjunctive</b> forms such as <i>If I were</i> or <i>Were they to come</i> in some very formal writing and speech]
<b>Text</b>	Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of <b>cohesive devices</b> : repetition of a <b>word</b> or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of <b>adverbials</b> such as <i>on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence</i> ], and <b>ellipsis</b> Layout devices [for example, headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, or tables, to structure text]
<b>Punctuation</b>	Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent <b>clauses</b> [for example, <i>It's raining; I'm fed up</i> ] Use of the colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists <b>Punctuation</b> of bullet points to list information How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, <i>man eating shark</i> versus <i>man-eating shark</i> , or <i>recover</i> versus <i>re-cover</i> ]
<b>Terminology for pupils</b>	subject, object active, passive synonym, antonym ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points