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## **End of Year Expectations in Writing YR-6**

**Objectives in black**: National Curriculum Statements

**Objectives in red:** Additional Guidance

EYFS	Transcription	Handwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
	Can write recognisable letters associated with taught phonemes in SSP lessons.  Use clearly identifiable letters to write a word that can be read by others.  Hear the start, end and medial sound in words and record these as a word.  Write some CEW words, spelt correctly: to, no, go, I, the.	Correctly hold their pencil using a pincer grip  Sit correctly at a chair when writing  Accurate letter formation of taught letters.  Increasing spatial awareness so size/orientation of letters is improving.  Growing relationship between the line and letters.	Talk about their mark making  Can write in response to something.  Writes independently in provision.  Prints first name. Copies print.  Emergent spelling.  Uses a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to express and record an event or idea.		Write own name and labels.	Begin to put spaces in between words.
	Can write recognisable letters associated with taught phonemes in SSP lessons.  Use clearly identifiable letters to write words / phrases that can be read by others.  Represent start, end and taught medial sounds in writing (although they may not choose the correct grapheme). Write known and newly taught CEW words in writing.  Uses emergent spelling (for new combinations of letters, not taught specifically in SSP) to write words that are connected to a given topic or opinion. Draws pictures to support writing.	Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table  Accurate letter formation of taught letters.  Increasing spatial awareness so size/orientation of known letters has improved and newly taught letters improving.  Stronger relationship between the line and letters in a range of media.	Compose an oral sentence Compose an oral sentence and write it	Use the features of a narrative in their writing  Can write a caption (not dictated) that can be read by others.  Writes in response to something.  Writes independently in provision.	Write captions in a meaningful context  Use their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences that can be read by themselves and others  Prints first and last name. Prints upper and lower case letters appropriately.	Use finger spaces between words

Summer	Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters Can write recognisable letters associated with taught phonemes in SSP lessons.  Use clearly identifiable letters to write words / phrases / simple sentences that can be read by others.  Correct phoneme-grapheme choices for start, end and taught medial sounds in writing.  Write known and newly taught CEW words in writing.  Uses emergent spelling (for new combinations of letters, not taught specifically in SSP) to write words that are connected to a given topic or opinion. Draws pictures to support writing.	Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing — using the tripod grip in almost all cases  Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed  Accurate letter formation of taught letters.  Secure spatial awareness so size/orientation of known letters.  Strong relationship between the line and letters in a range of media.	Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others  Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense  Can write in response to a stimulus.  Writes independently in provision.		Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop	Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and full stop  Spaces in between words is common.  Writes words connected to a topic.
Year 1	Transcription	Handwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
	Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught  Spell common exception words that have been taught  Name the letters of the alphabet in order  Use -ing and -ed, where no change is needed in the spelling of root words	Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly  Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways)  Use the correct letter formation for all 26 lower case letters  Use the correct letter formation for all 26 capital letters  Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters	Say out loud what they are going to write about  Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils  Use simple word choice that helps to convey information and ideas, e.g. story or topic related vocabulary	Have an awareness that ideas can be organised into a sequence	Compose a sentence orally before writing it  Write a simple sentence starting with a personal pronoun  Write a simple sentence starting with a noun/proper noun	Leave spaces between words  Use capital letter for names  Use capital letter for the personal pronoun 'I'  Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop  Join words using 'and'

Spring		Spell the days of the week  Use the spelling rule for adding—s or—es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs  Use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound  Begin to spell words using contracted forms	Use cursive letter formation to correctly form letters from the ladder family: I, I, t, u, j, y  Use cursive letter formation to correctly form letters from the curly caterpillar family: a, d, c, o, f, e, s, g, q  Use cursive letter formation to correctly form letters from the one-armed robot family: m, n, p, r, b, h, k  Use cursive letter formation to correctly form letters from the zig-zag family: v, w, x, z	Select basic ideas and content linked to the purpose of a task  Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense	Sequence sentences to form short narratives	Write a simple sentence with straight forward subject/ verb agreement	Begin to punctuate sentences using a question mark  Join clauses using 'and'  Use a capital letter for days of the week
	Summer	Use the prefix un—  Add prefixes and suffixes using— er and—est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words  Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far	Begin to form capital letters and lower-case letters the correct size, relative to one another  Begin to use simple diagonal joins  Begin to use simple horizontal joins	Use simple prepositions	Begins to organise ideas/events using simple time related words, numbers, ordering of pictures/captions	Write reliably formed simple and compound sentences	Begin to punctuate sentences using an exclamation mark  Use simple noun phrases (adjective + noun)  Can use the following terminology from Appendix 2 to discuss their writing: letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark
Year 2	2	Transcription	Handwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
		Spell by segmenting spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many correctly  Spell by learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known  Spell common homophones  Spell common exception words taught so far  Add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ly, -ment, -ness	Form capital letters and lower-case letters the correct size, relative to one another  Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters  Use simple diagonal joins  Use simple horizontal joins	Consider what they are going to write before beginning by planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about  When planning, write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary  Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils  Re-read to check that writing makes sense e.g. verb tense	Consider what they are going to write before beginning by encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence  Use brief opening and ending  Appropriately sequences ideas	Write questions (beginning with who/what/when/where/how etc) Write statements	Use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation to demarcate sentences  Use coordinating conjunctions (or/and/but)  Write expanded noun phrases to describe and specify  Use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently  Use —ly to turn adjectives into adverbs e.g. slow/slowly

	Use th	he possessive apostrophe ular)	Use complex diagonal joins Use complex horizontal joins	Proof-read to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	Link related sentences through the use of pronouns and adverbials where appropriate	Write exclamatory sentences starting with 'what' or 'how'	Use subordinating conjunctions (when/ if /that /because)
	words	suffixes to spell longer s, including —ful, —less (to e adjectives)		Select relevant content that shows an awareness of purpose and an emerging awareness of their audience		Write commands using the imperative form of a verb	Use commas to separate items in a list  Use apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling
Spring	Spell i forms	more words with contracted		Use adventurous vocabulary appropriate to task			Use the suffixes –er, -est, in adjectives
		nguish between homophones lear-homophones					
	s enter that ir GPCs,	e from memory simple nces dictated by the teacher nclude words using the , common exception words					
	and p	unctuation taught so far	Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting	Use a range of prepositions (behind, before, above, along)		Use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command	Use the progressive form correctly and consistently e.g he was shouting
							Use apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns
	ner						Form nouns using suffixes –ness, -er and by compounding e.g. whiteboard, superman
	Summer						Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing: noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb, tense, apostrophe, comma

	Year 3	3 Transcription	Handwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Autumn		Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1)  Spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1)  Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary  Form nouns using prefixes e.g. super, anti, auto  Spell further homophones and understand their meanings  Explore and accurately use word	Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined  Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting  Revise joins taught in Year 2 with a focus on size, proportion and spacing	Writing is clear in purpose  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  When planning, discuss and record ideas  Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary  Evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements	Organise writing into logical chunks and write a coherent series of linked sentences for each  Select nouns and pronouns to provide clarity for the reader  Use simple organisational devices, e.g. headings and subheadings	Draft and write an increasing range of sentence structures (simple and compound)  Use some variation in sentence types (statement/ command/ question/ exclamation)	Use conjunctions to express time, place and cause  Use adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause  Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech  Know when to use 'a' and 'an'  Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors  Use irregular simple past-tense verbs e.g. awake / awoke
	Spring	families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning e.g. solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble  Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far		In narratives, creates settings, characters and plot  Vocabulary choices move from generic to specific e.g. from 'dog' to 'terrier'	Organise paragraphs around a theme  Vary nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition	Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although (complex)	Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the simple past tense e.g. he has gone out to play, he went out to play  Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns  Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
		Summer		Expansion of detail / events may be supported through vocabulary (technical, vivid language) and explanation	Vary nouns and pronouns for cohesion		Use fronted adverbials  Use commas after fronted adverbials  Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing: preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter, inverted comma

	Year 4	Transcription	На	andwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Autumn		Use further prefixes and so and understand how to add (English Appendix 1)  Spell further homophones  Spell words that are often (English Appendix 1)  Place the possessive apost accurately in words with replurals e.g. boys', girls' and words with irregular plural children's  Use the first two or three la word to check its spellind dictionary  Plural nouns of words endi	them strokes that a and understar adjacent to or un-joined  Is able to main and has suffice written tasks  ophe gular in spellings with proportion and Increase the loquality of their in a gin'o'.	n words linked to na focus on size,	Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar  Plan their writing by discussing and recording ideas  Evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements  In narratives, creates settings, characters and plot  Writing is clear in purpose  Use a varied and rich vocabulary	Non-narrative material uses simple organisational devices  Organise paragraphs around a theme  Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition  Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause for cohesion	Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue)  Use an increasing range of sentence length and structure  Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although	Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech e.g. a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"  Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases e.g. the strict maths teacher with curly hair  Understand the difference between plural and possessive -s  Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors  Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
	Spring	sentences, dictated by the that include words and punctuation taught so far	eacher,		Description or detail in both narrative and non-narrative is expanded through an appropriate and precise range of vocabulary  Viewpoint is consistently maintained (for example, word choice indicates child's viewpoint on a character or an issue)  Use figurative language such as similes, alliteration to build a picture in the readers head	Openings and closings are clearly signalled and well developed  Produce internally coherent paragraphs in logical sequence e.g. using topic sentences with main ideas supported by subsequent sentences		Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms  Use fronted adverbials followed by a comma  Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense  Indicate possession by using the possessive a postrophe with plural nouns  Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading: determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial

	Year 5	5 Transcription	Handwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Autumn		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 the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary  Use a thesaurus  Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them e.g dis-', 'de-', 'mis-', 'over-' and 're-'  Spell some words with 'silent' letters  Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused	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  Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task  Revise joins in words linked to spellings with a focus on size, proportion and spacing	Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary  Identify audience for, and purpose of, the writing  Select the appropriate formand use other similar writing as models for their own  Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning  Evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing  Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning  Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely	Use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining  Produce internally coherent paragraphs in logical sequence e.g. posing rhetorical questions which are answered in the main paragraph with main ideas elaborated by subsequent sentences	Make deliberate choices of sentence length and structure for impact on the reader  Use fronted prepositional phrases for greater effect e.g. Throughout the stormy winter / Far beneath the frozen soil	Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors  Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that  Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing  Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using '-ate', '-ise' or '-ify'  Ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural  Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
	Spring			In narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere  Choose the appropriate register for the audience and purpose (formal or informal)  Viewpoint is established and generally maintained  Use figurative language such as similes, alliteration, metaphors and personification in poetry	Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time (later), place (nearby) number (secondly)  Linking ideas across paragraphs through tense choice (he had seen her before)	Choose the appropriate register for the language of speech within writing e.g. colloquial language within dialogue, quotes in reports  Use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position within the sentence	Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause  Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility  Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing  Use a colon to introduce a list
		Summer		Editing sentences by either expanding or reducing for meaning and effect  Content is balanced e.g. between action/description/dialogue, fact and comment	Use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within paragraphs		Use semi colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses  Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading: modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity

	Year 6	5 Transcription	Handwriting	Composition: Composition and effort	Composition: text structure and organisation	Composition: Sentence structure	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation
Autumn		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 a thesaurus  Recognise how words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms  Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them  Spell some words with 'silent' letters  Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused	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  Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task  Revise joins in words linked to spellings with a focus on size, proportion and spacing	Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary  Identify the audience for and purpose of the writing  Select the appropriate form and use other similar writing as models for their own  Evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing  Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning  Use adverbs, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases effectively for qualification and precision  Understand and apply the difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing e.g. find out/discover; find out/request; go in/enter	Use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining, columns, tables  Draft and write by using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within paragraphs  Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices e.g. repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections (tense choice/adverbials) and ellipsis	Use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position within the sentence  Use the passive to affect the presentation of information in a sentence e.g. I broke the window in the greenhouse / the window in the greenhouse was broken  Use the structures typical of informal speech e.g. the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?  Use the structures appropriate for formal speech and writing e.g. subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come	Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors  Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing  Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun  Use correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural  Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis  Use a colon to introduce a list  Use a semi colon within lists  Use semi colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses  Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity  Use the perfect form of verbs to mark
	Spring	Summer		Integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action  Use figurative language such as similes, alliteration, metaphors and personification in a range of writing  Select verb forms for meaning and effect e.g. deliberate change of tense  Manage shifts in levels of formality within a text  Select synonyms accurately for effect rather than as an alternative for an original word			Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility  Punctuate bullet points consistently  Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading: subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, comma, semi colon, bullet points