



## Year 2

# National Curriculum Writing Objectives

### **Spelling**

- ★ segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
- ★ learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones
- ★ learning to spell common exception words
- ★ learning to spell more words with contracted forms
- ★ learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book]
- ★ distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones
- ★ add suffixes to spell longer words, including 'ment, 'ness, 'ful, 'less, 'ly
- ★ apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1
- ★ write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far

### **Handwriting**

- ★ 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

### **Composition**

- ★ writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional), writing about real events, writing poetry, writing for different purposes
- ★ planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
- ★ writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary
- ★ encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence
- ★ evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils
- ★ re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- ★ proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]

- ★ read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear
- ★ Can communicate ideas and meaning confidently in a series of sentences (may not be accurate, but mainly 'flows')
- ★ Can vary the structure of sentences to interest the reader e.g. questions, direct speech or opening with a subordinate clause
- ★ Can use interesting and ambitious words sometimes (should be words not usually used by a child of that age, and not a technical word used in a taught context e.g. 'evaporate')
- ★ Can link ideas and events, using strategies to create 'flow' (e.g. last time, also, after, then, soon, at last and another thing)
- ★ Can use adjectives and descriptive phrases for detail and emphasis (consciously selects the adjective for purpose)
- ★ Can use adverbs to describe and specify

### **Vocabulary, Punctuation and Grammar**

- ★ learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)
- ★ sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command
- ★ expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]
- ★ the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form
- ★ subordination (using when, if, that, or because)
- ★ and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)
- ★ the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2
- ★ some features of written Standard English
- ★ use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing