

Pensilva Primary School – Writing Progression of Knowledge and Skills



EYFS	Key Stage One Years 1 and 2	Lower Key Stage Two Years 3 and 4	Upper Key Stage Two Years 5 and 6
 COMPOSITION: Write with purpose and use imaginative description This concept involves understanding the purpose or purposes of a piece of writing and developing an appreciation of how best to convey these ideas. ELG Speaking: Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary; Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate; Describe events in some detail. Literacy ELG: Comprehension Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary; 	 COMPOSITION: Write with purpose and use imaginative description This concept involves understanding the purpose or purposes of a piece of writing and developing an appreciation of how best to convey these ideas. Say a sentence out loud before writing it. Plan and discuss the content of writing. (Jotting down ideas, planning the structure, oral rehearsal of what they want to say, sentence by sentence). Know how words can be combined to make sentences. Write for a variety of purposes, developing stamina and a positive attitude to writing. Use some of the characteristic features of the type of writing used. Write, review and improve writing. 	 COMPOSITION: Write with purpose and use imaginative description This concept involves understanding the purpose or purposes of a piece of writing and developing an appreciation of how best to convey these ideas. Compose and rehearse sentences orally when drafting and composing. Plan writing by discussing and recording ideas in a range of ways. (timeline, flowchart, spider diagram, jottings). Plan writing by discussing examples and using the main features of a type of writing (identified in reading). Organise narrative writing into clear sentences with more than a basic beginning, middle and end. Write narrative with a clear structure, characters, settings and plot. In narrative writing, develop 	 COMPOSITION: Write with purpose and use imaginative description This concept involves understanding the purpose or purposes of a piece of writing and developing an appreciation of how best to convey these ideas. When planning, identify the audience and purpose for writing. Write for a range of audiences. Understand that the purpose of writing is to inform, entertain or persuade. Choose the appropriate form of writing using the main features identified in reading. Adapt grammar and vocabulary used to suit the audience and purpose (choosing the appropriate form and register/ structure/ layout). Note, develop and research to develop initial ideas. Choose/devise planning approach to use suitable for the writing
		endings to close the narrative appropriately.	purpose.

 Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher; Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, To use a number of simple features of different text types. To make relevant choices about subject matter and appropriate vocabulary choices. To start to engage readers by using adjectives to describe. To develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. 		 Include key vocabulary that links to the style of writing. Make adventurous word choices and carefully select language to add detail and to engage the reader, building a varied and rich vocabulary. 	 Use the techniques that authors use to create characters, settings and plots, when writing narrative. Create vivid images and use words for deliberate effect and with precision when using adventurous vocabulary and techniques found when reading such as alliteration, similes, metaphors and personification. Interweave descriptions of characters, settings and atmosphere with dialogue to convey character and advance the action. Use antonyms and synonyms to enhance description, understanding how these words are related. (Y6) Use a thesaurus to develop word understanding and build a vocabulary bank.
 Composition: Organise writing appropriately This concept involves developing an appreciation of how best to convey ideas through description. ELG Speaking: Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, Retell stories when they have developed a deep familiarity with them. Use new vocabulary in different 	 Composition: Organise writing appropriately This concept involves developing an appreciation of how best to convey ideas through description. Read own writing aloud so it can be heard by others and check for sense (Y1). Discuss what has been written with the teacher and other pupils. (Y1). Develop control and awareness of the correct tenses. Organise writing in line with its 	 Composition: Organise writing appropriately This concept involves developing an appreciation of how best to convey ideas through description. Use organisational devices such as headings and sub headings to write a non-narrative. Use connectives that signal time, shift attention, inject suspense and shift the setting.	 Composition: Organise writing appropriately This concept involves developing an appreciation of how best to convey ideas through description. Guide the reader by using a range of organisational devices, including a range of connectives. Use layout devices such as headings and sub headings, columns, bullets, underlining or tables to structure text. (Y6) Ensure correct use of tenses

 Literacy ELG: Comprehension Anticipate – where appropriate – key events in stories; - Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, nonfiction, rhymes and poems and during role-play. ELG: Writing Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense. To start to engage readers by using adjectives to describe. 			 Draft and write by précising longer passages.
Composition: Use paragraphs This concept involves understanding how to group ideas so as to guide the reader.	Composition: Use paragraphs This concept involves understanding how to group ideas so as to guide the reader.	Composition: Use paragraphs This concept involves understanding how to group ideas so as to guide the reader.	Composition: Use paragraphs This concept involves understanding how to group ideas so as to guide the reader.
 ELG Speaking: Describe events in some detail. 	 Group related information, sequencing sentences to form short narratives (Y1). 	 Know paragraphs are a way to group related material. (Y3) Open paragraphs with topic sentences and organise paragraphs around a theme. Sequence paragraphs. Begin to build cohesion within paragraphs through controlled use of tenses; subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. 	 Write paragraphs that give the reader a sense of clarity, managing shifts in time and place effectively and guiding reader through text. Use paragraphs correctly so that each one has a clear topic, and has a signal of change in time, place or event. (TIP TOP) Write paragraphs that make sense if read alone. Write cohesively at length using a range of cohesive devices (then, after, that, this, firstly) including adverbials [later, nearby, secondly], within and across sentences and

			paragraphs. (Pronouns/adverbials, conjunctions, similes, -ing, -ed, adverb openers/repetition of key words for effect/ prepositional phrases/ tenses are secure/ ellipses in narratives)
 Composition: Use sentences appropriately This concept involves using different types of sentences appropriately for both clarity and for effect. ELG Speaking: Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present, and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher. To develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events. 	 Composition: Use sentences appropriately This concept involves using different types of sentences appropriately for both clarity and for effect. Write so that other people can understand the meaning of sentences. Sequence sentences to form short, clear narratives. (Beginning/middle/end- sentences link and build on from one another (Y1) Convey ideas sentence by sentence. Join sentences with conjunctions and connectives. Use sequence sentences in chronological order to recount on event/experience. (Basic adverbials for when – First, Then, Next, After that). Begin to vary the way sentences begin. 	Composition: Use sentences appropriately This concept involves using different types of sentences appropriately for both clarity and for effect. • Use a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences. • Write sentences that include: *conjunctions *adverbs *direct speech, punctuated correctly *clauses *adverbial phrases.	Composition: Use sentences appropriately This concept involves using different types of sentences appropriately for both clarity and for effect. • Write sentences that include: *relative clauses *modal verbs *relative pronouns *brackets *parenthesis *a mixture of active and passive voice *a clear subject and object * hyphens, colons and semi colons *bullet points.

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 ELG Speaking: Use past, present, and future tenses and make use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher. Literacy ELG: Writing Use a capital letter and a full stop to demarcate sentences. To answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events. To use past, present and future To start to engage readers by using adjectives to describe. Begin to leave appropriate spaces between words. 	 Increasingly use well-chosen adjectives to add detail. Begin to use nouns and pronouns for variety. 	 Develop understanding of writing concepts by: Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although. Using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense. (Y3) Recognise and use determiners 'a', 'an' and 'the' appropriately. Use standard English for verb inflections – instead of spoken forms (we were instead or we was, I did instead of I done) (Y4) Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition. Detail is added by the expansion of noun phrases before and after the noun and with the use of adverbials and modifying adjective, prepositional phrases (The strict maths teacher with curly hair). (Y4) Begin sentences in different ways to create effects. Using conjunctions (when, before, after, while, so), adverbs [then, next, soon, therefore] and prepositions [before, after, during, 	 Develop understanding of writing concepts by: Use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position within the sentence. (Relative clauses/ embedded clauses/subordinate and coordinating clauses/ adverbials/ prepositional clauses). Ensure the correct and consistent use of tense. Understand the difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come in some very formal writing and speech]. (Y6) Using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence and change the emphasis. (Y6) Add precision, detail and qualification using prepositional phrases and adverbs. Using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause.

 for contracted forms and to mark singular possession in nouns. Use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation and command. Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (e.g. the blue butterfly). Use subordination (when, if, that or because). Use coordination (or, and, but). Use some features of standard written English. Use the present and past tenses correctly, including the progressive form. 	 in, because of] to express time, place and cause. (Y3) Understand the purpose of adverbs and use them effectively. Using fronted adverbials of place, time and manner. (Y4) Use appropriate nouns or pronouns within and across sentences to support cohesion and avoid repetition. (Y4) Indicate grammatical and other features by: Correctly demarcating statements, questions, exclamations and commands. Using commas after fronted adverbials. (Y4) Commas are beginning to be used to mark clauses and phrases. Use the apostrophe for omission and possession - indicating possession by using the [possessive apostrophe with plural nouns. (Y4)] Using and punctuating direct speech, sometimes including a comma after the reporting clause. 	 Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely. Using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility. Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun. (Y5) Start sentences in different ways, (ed/ing/simile openers, adverbials, conjunctions) Correct subject verb agreement in singular and plural. Indicate grammatical and other features by: Using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing. (Y5) Using hyphens to avoid ambiguity. (Y6) Using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses. (Y6) Using a colon to introduce a list and use of semi colons within lists. (Y6) Punctuating bullet points consistently to list information. (Y6)
		Punctuating bullet points

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ELG: Gross Motor Skills:	presentation.		
 Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others; Use core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table. ELG: Fine Motor Skills Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases; Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient. ELG: Writing Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; 	Year 1	 To increase the legibility, consistency and quality of my handwriting. I use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters. Make handwriting legible by ensuring downstrokes of letters are parallel and letters are spaced appropriately. Space lines of writing sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters of letters do not touch. 	 Write fluently, joined and legibly with increasing speed. To develop own personal style (join/not join specific letters – loops). To choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task (e.g. quick notes, letters).

 Transcription: Spell correctly This concept involves understanding the need for accuracy. ELG: Writing Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; - Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. Write short sentences with words and known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and a full stop. 	need for accuracy. Year 1 (Refer also to Appendices 1 and 2)	 Transcription: Spell correctly This concept involves understanding the need for accuracy. Refer also to Appendices 1 and 2) Use prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them. Recognise and spell additional homophones correctly. Spell correctly often misspelt words from the Year 3 and 4-word list. Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals (for example, girls', boys') and in words with irregular	 Transcription: Spell correctly This concept involves understanding the need for accuracy. Refer also to Appendices 1 and 2) Use further prefixes and suffixes appropriately and understand the guidance for adding them. Explore word endings (cious, tious, cial, tial, ant, ent, able, ible, ably, ibly, . Use hyphens (co-ordinate, re-enter, co-own) . Spell words spelt ei after c and containing ough.
 Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; - Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. Write short sentences with words and known sound-letter correspondences using a capital 	 2) Spell words containing 40+ already taught phonemes. Spell common exception words (see appendix 1). Name letters of the alphabet in order. Use letter names to show alternative spellings of the same 	 Use prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them. Recognise and spell additional homophones correctly. Spell correctly often misspelt words from the Year 3 and 4-word list. Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals (for example, girls', boys') and in words with irregular plurals (for example, children's). Understand the grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s (Y4). Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a 	 Use further prefixes and suffixes appropriately and understand the guidance for adding them. Explore word endings (cious, tious, cial, tial, ant, ent, able, ible, ably, ibly, . Use hyphens (co-ordinate, re-enter, co-own) . Spell words spelt ei after c and

 spell longer words (-ment, -ness, - ful, y and -less). Spell by compounding (whiteboard, superman). Use the possessive apostrophe. (singular) (for example, the girl's book) Spell words ending in tion. Distinguish between homophones and near-homophones. Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives and the use of -ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. 		 ful , ly and -less). Spell by compounding (whiteboard, superman). Use the possessive apostrophe. (singular) (for example, the girl's book) Spell words ending in tion. Distinguish between homophones and near-homophones. Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives and the use of -ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation 		 Spell the vast majority of words correctly. Spell correctly often misspelt words from the Year 5 and 6-word list.
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Analyse writing	Analyse writing	Analyse writing	Analyse writing
This concept involves understanding	This concept involves understanding	This concept involves understanding	This concept involves understanding
how grammatical choices give effect	how grammatical choices give effect	how grammatical choices give effect	how grammatical choices give effect
and meaning to writing.	and meaning to writing.	and meaning to writing.	and meaning to writing.
 ELG Speaking: Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions- Discuss writing with the teacher and 	 Discuss writing with the teacher and other pupils. Year 1 	• Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.	• Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write, and use texts read in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.
other pupils.	• Use and understand grammatical	Year 3	
 Use and understand grammatical 	terminology when discussing		Year 5
terminology in discussing writing:	writing:	• Use and understand grammatical	
		terminology when discussing	• Use and understand grammatical
Reception	word, sentence, letter, capital letter, full	writing and reading:	terminology when discussing
	stop, punctuation, singular, plural,		writing and reading:
• Use and understand grammatical	question mark, exclamation mark.	preposition, conjunction word family,	
terminology when discussing		prefix clause, subordinate clause direct	relative clause, modal verb, relative
writing:	Year 2	speech consonant, consonant letter	pronoun, parenthesis, bracket, dash,
		vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or	determiner, cohesion, ambiguity.
word, sentence, letter, capital letter, full	• Use and understand grammatical	'speech marks')	
stop,	terminology when discussing		Year 6
	writing:	Year 4	
	noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense	 Use and understand grammatical terminology when discussing writing and reading: 	 Use and understand grammatical terminology when discussing writing and reading:
	(past, present) apostrophe, comma		subject, object active, passive synonym,
		determiner pronoun, possessive	antonym ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-
		pronoun adverbial	colon, bullet points

Present writing	Present writing	Present writing	Present writing
This concept involves learning to reflect	This concept involves learning to reflect	This concept involves learning to reflect	This concept involves learning to reflect
upon writing and reading it aloud to	upon writing and reading it aloud to	upon writing and reading it aloud to	upon writing and reading it aloud to
others.	others.	others.	others.
Re-read what they have written to check that it reflects what they intended it to.	 Read aloud writing clearly enough to be heard by peers and the teacher (Y1). Proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar (Y2). Read aloud writing with some intonation (Y2). Evaluate writing independently, with peers and with teacher by making simple additions and corrections to improve the effect and impact of the writing and to check that their writing makes sense (Y2) 	 Read aloud writing to a group or whole class, using appropriate intonation. Suggest improvements through assessing the writing with peers and through self-assessment. Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences. Proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar 	 Perform compositions, using appropriate intonation and volume and movement so that meaning is clear. Proof read and edit work to check for spelling and punctuation errors. Evaluate writing as a matter of course and proof read to ensure high levels of accuracy, including consistent and correct use of tenses; correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural and distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register. Re-draft writing showing evaluative and reflective thinking which is evidenced with thoughtful and effective changes made to create effects and impact on the reader.

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• Other source