

Writing - Y4

Intent: We believe that **every child** at Old Fletton should be given the knowledge, skills and opportunities to become confident, secure and enthusiastic writers in a range of genres. Literacy units of learning allow for the children to read and understand related text types to enable them to be more informed writers, where progress in the learning and application of skills is clearly planned for across each unit and across year groups. All writing units have a clear and relevant purpose for the writing outcome. Grammar sessions are taught discreetly as the first part of a Literacy session under the acronym SUPER. (*Show, Understand, Practise, Embrace a challenge and Remember*) Where skills and knowledge are closely matched to the unit being delivered the links will be made explicit during the session. Spelling teaching is delivered through the Read Write Inc programme in ability groups and is tested regularly.

All children deserve a writing curriculum where clear skills are identified and planned for throughout **their** school journey, delivered in whole class sessions and is enhanced in other curriculum areas.



Handwriting	To increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, e.g by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.
Composition - Planning, Writing and Editing	To compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures. To consistently organise their writing into paragraphs around a theme to add cohesion and to aid the reader. To proofread consistently and amend their own and others' writing, correcting errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling and adding nouns/ pronouns for cohesion.
Awareness of Audience, Purpose and Structure	To write a range of narratives and non-fiction pieces using a consistent and appropriate structure (including genre-specific layout devices). To write a range of narratives that are well-structured and well-paced. To create detailed settings, characters and plot in narratives to engage the reader and to add atmosphere. To begin to read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and to control the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.
Sentence Construction and Tense	To always maintain an accurate tense throughout a piece of writing. To always use Standard English verb inflections accurately, e.g. 'we were' rather than 'we was' and 'I did' rather than 'I done'.
Use of Phrases and Clauses	To use subordinate clauses, extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, which are sometimes in varied positions within sentences. To expand noun phrases with the addition of ambitious modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, e.g. the heroic soldier with an unbreakable spirit. To consistently choose nouns or pronouns appropriately to aid cohesion and avoid repetition, e.g. he, she, they, it.
Punctuation	To use all of the necessary punctuation in direct speech, including a comma after the reporting clause and all end punctuation within the inverted commas. To consistently use apostrophes for singular and plural possession.
Terminology	To recognise and use the terms determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun and adverbial.