Our writing curriculum and progression of skills

At Woodford Valley, we follow the National Curriculum objectives for our writing curriculum but put our own creative touch and pedagogy to our delivery. It is our intention that children see themselves as valued writers and we believe in providing them with the opportunity to write purposefully and imaginatively, in a variety of forms, linking it to their class book, topic, personal experiences as well as current affairs such as National elections. Through making links with other areas of the curriculum, children enjoy writing tasks which are purposeful and fun. It is our intention that children master the spoken word and written language which is crucial in allowing them to express themselves, communicate with others and develop imaginative and creative skills to cope with the challenges of our multicultural society. We use 'Quality First Teaching' in our Literacy lessons and a clear sequence of teaching activities which enable children to develop the skills to master all types of genres. Exposure to modelling of different forms of writing regularly also helps with this. We ask children to present work in a variety of ways such as presentations, speeches, debates, written narrative, argument and script writing. We believe strongly in enriching our literacy curriculum so we arrange visits to theatres, invite productions into school, use visitors such as authors and drama specialists to deliver workshops, and 'Aim High' writing workshops; all of which enhance the work children have been undertaking in school. We aim to develop and extend children's vocabulary by exposing them to interesting and challenging words, 'wow words,' which the children collect and use in their own writing and provide children with varied opportunities to develop their oracy skills. Due to careful sequencing of work, children are able to build on their previous knowledge and skills and also really develop the tools that are needed to be able to write effectively in a particular genre.

Reception: Lake Class

Term:	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Topic: Once upon a time	Topic: Let's go on an adventur	e Topic: What's at the bottom of the garden?
Main Focus Texts	The Three Little Pigs three Bears Goldilocks and the Bears	The Rainbow Fish Marcus Pfister Whatever Ne	
Writing genres? Add stuff from drawing club or is this ok?	NamesDiagramsLetter stringsCVC words	 Names Labels Lists Diagrams CVC words 	 Labels Captions Lists Diagrams simple sentences

Writing skills and outcomes

(From EYFS statutory framework and Development Matters document)

Terminology	Transcription skills	Grammar, punctuation, vocabulary.	Composition
Finger spaces	•Form lower-case and capital letters correctly	Read and understand recently introduced vocabulary (during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes,	•Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
Letter	•Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.	poems and during play.)	•Describe events in some detail verbally and then correctly sequence.
Word	•Spell words by identifying sounds in them and	Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.	•Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop familiarity with
Sentence	representing the sounds with a letter or letters.	•Use new vocabulary in different contexts	new knowledge and vocabulary.
Full stops	Please see separate Handwriting progression of skills document and Phonics progression of skills document for more detail.		Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.
Capital letter	skins document for more detain		•To understand and practise composition of sentences by articulating them aloud before writing them

Year 1: Lower Woodford Class

spellings of the same sound

Term:	Autumn Topic: Wheels, wings and moving things and Materials	Spring Topic: Woodford Valley and Farming	Summer Topic: Africa and Plants
Main Focus Texts	The Naughty Bus by Jan Oke The Three Billy Goats Gruff (Ladybird first favourite tales)	OWL BABIES Stimus Hugher OUT AND ADDUT A PREST BOOK OF POWER Owl Babies by Martin Waddell Out and about, a first book of poems by ShirleyHughes	This is the tree: a story of the Baobab by M Moss Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne Meerkat Mail Emily Gravet
Writing genres covered each term A lot here?	 Drawing club pictures and codes Character description Story photo in style of book and story writing Poster Innovated story based on fairy tale Recounts (non-fiction) based on real experiences Performance poetry 	 Character description Letter writing Recounts based on real experiences Leaflet Performance poetry Poem writing 	 Persuasive letter Postcard Story sequencing Story retelling Fact file Recounts based on real experiences Performance poetry
	, and the same of	Writing skills and outcomes	
Terminology	Transcription Skills	Grammar, punctuation, vocabulary.	Composition
letter capital letter word singular plural sentence punctuation full stop	Spell: •Words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught •Common exception words •The days of the week	 Leave spaces between words Join words and joining clauses using 'and' Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark 	write sentences by: Saying out loud what they are going to write about Composing a sentence orally before writing it Sequencing sentences to form short narratives begin to use some of the distinctive features of Standard English in their writing
question mark exclamation mark	Name the letters of the alphabet: naming the letters of the alphabet in order Use letter names to distinguish between alternative	 Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' 	Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils

 Add prefixes and suffixes:	•Read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and
•Use the spelling rule for adding —s or —es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs	the teacher.
•U the prefix un—	
•Use –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]	
•Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.	
•Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly	
Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place form capital letters and form digits 0-9	
•Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.	
Please see separate Handwriting progression of skills document and Phonics progression of skills document for more detail	

Year 2: Netton Class

Term:	Autumn	Sp	ring	Sumn	ner
	Topic: Reach for the Stars!	Topic: Behind	the castle walls	Topic: Beside	the seaside
Main Focus Texts	LOOK LOOK STATE OF THE WAY Back Home Oliver Jeffers Dapo Adeola	Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants David McKee	Jack and the Beanstalk Richard Walker	THE STORM WHALE Benji Davies	The Snail and the Whale Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler
Writing genres covered each term	 Writing application letter Fact writing about Mars – destination guide Newspaper articles Character descriptions Narrative- story re-telling Alien poetry using alliteration Performance poetry 	 Re-telling familiar st substitutions Letter writing Diary of a paige Performance poetry 	and character descriptions tories making changes through	 Persuasive writing Setting descriptions Writing postcards and thank Script writing Diary entries Re-telling and sequencing fathrough alterations Lists and instructions Poetry linked to ocean shap Explanations 	nmiliar stories, making changes
		Writing skills a	nd outcomes		
Terminology	Transcription skills	Grammar, Punctua	tion and vocabulary	Compos	sition
noun, noun phrase statement question exclamation command compound suffix adjective adverb verb tense (past, present)	Segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly Learn 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	 punctuation correct letters, exclamation Use commas for list Use apostrophes for possessive (singular 	r contracted forms and the) different forms: statement,	 those of others (real and fict To be able to write about re To be able to write poetry 	es about personal experiences and tional)

apostrophe comma
comma

- Learn to spell common exception words
- Learn to spell more words with contracted forms
- Learn the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book]
- Distinguish between homophones and near-homophones
- Add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly
- Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far.
- 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.

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- Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify
- Use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form
- Use subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but) in sentences
- Use some features of written Standard English

- To be able to consider what they are going to write before beginning by: planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
- Plan writing by writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary
- Encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence
- Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing
- Edit their own writing with the teacher and other pupils
- Re-read 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-read to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.
- Draw on and use new vocabulary from their reading, their discussions about it (one-to-one and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences.

Year 3: Wilsford Class

Term:	Autumn Topic: Victorians	Spring Topic: Weather	Summer Topic: Stone Age
Main focus text	The Firework Maker's Daughter Charles Dickens Phillip Pullman	Pugs of the Frozen North Phillip Reeve William Grill (non-fiction)	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi-Kitamura The British
Writing genres covered each term	 Letter writing: Write a persuasive letter to the king Instructions: How to look after a white elephant Wanted poster: Lila Non- chronological report: All about elephants Narrative: Character back story – Scrooge Poetry Performance poetry 	 Diary recount: the diary of one of the racers at the start of The Great North Race Setting description: Antarctica Character description: write a character description of one of the racers from Pugs of the Frozen North Adventure Narrative: Diary writing – one of Shackleton's crew Newspaper report – The Great North Race Letter writing – responding to a job advert to be part of the crew of the Endurance Performance poetry 	 Instruction writing: How to catch a woolly mammoth Setting description: the beach as the Iron Man falls from the top of a cliff Narrative: time portal adventure Letter writing: Iron Man Write a persuasive report – an estate agent's recommendation for a Stone Age home Poetry writing Performance poetry
	renormance poetry	Writing skills and outcomes	
Terminology	Transcription skills	Grammar, Punctuation and vocabulary	Composition
preposition, conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, vowel	 Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them to root words. Be able to spell further homophones To be able to spell words that are often misspelt 	 To be able to extend the range of sentences they use with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense 	 To be able to write for a range of real purposes and audiences across the curriculum To be able to plan their writing, discussing writing similar to that in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar To be able to discuss and record their own ideas in different planning formats appropriate to the genre

commas	and in words with irregular plurals	and conesion and to avoid repetition	before writing
	Use the first two or three letters of a	 Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause 	To be able to use varied and rich vocabulary
	word to check its spelling in a dictionary	express time and cause	To be able to use fronted adverbials in their own
	be able to write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that	 To be able to us fronted adverbials 	writing
	include words and punctuation taught so far.	Use and punctuate direct speech with inverted	To be able to use some subordinating conjunctions when constructing sentences
	Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes	commas	To be able to organise writing using paragraphs
	that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when		around a theme in narratives and non-fiction
	adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined		To be able to create settings and character descriptions
	 Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting for 		To be able to create and develop a plot
	example, by ensuring that the down		In non-narrative material, use simple
	strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the		organisational devices such as headings and sub- headings
	ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch		 To be able to evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements
			To be able to make changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve their writing
			 Including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
			Be able to proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
			 To be able to read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.

Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity

and cohesion and to avoid repetition

To rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue)

before writing

letter

inverted

• To place the possessive apostrophe

accurately in words with regular plurals

Year 4: Durnford class

Term:	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Topic: Rainforests	Topic: Florida	Topic: WW1
Main focus text/s	The Explorer Katharine Rundell Kristjana S Williams	The BFG by Roald Dahl Flotsam by David Wiesner	WarHorse War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Writing genres covered each term	 Poetry-Kennings- describing themselves Instructions: How to build and light a camp fire Diary recount as one of the children stranded in the Amazon jungle. Setting description of a Rainforest Performance poetry Non-chronological report-all about sloths Adventure Narrative 	 Character description Persuasive advert- design and create advert for a new dream catcher for BFG Instructions: How to keep safe during a hurricane in form of a leaflet Explanation: How does the life cycle of a sea turtle work? Performance poetry Informal letter- describing losing and then finding their camera (linked to Flotsam text) 	 Diary recount as Joey at Army training school Newspaper report- The events of the assassination of Franz Ferdinand Setting description of a WW1 trench Non- chronological report- animals used in war effort. Narrative: Historical-animal in war time. War poetry
		Writing skills and outcomes	
Terminology	Transcription skills	Grammar, Punctuation and vocabulary	Composition
preposition, conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, vowel letter inverted commas determiner pronoun,	•Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them to root words. •Be able to spell further homophones •To be able to spell words that are often misspelt •To place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals	 To be able to us fronted adverbials Use of commas after fronted adverbials Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct Speech to include comma and capital letter 	 To be able to write for a range of real purposes and audiences as part of their work across the curriculum To be able to plan their writing, discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar To be able to discuss and record their own ideas in different planning ormats appropriate to the genre To rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue) before writing
, ,		To be able to use expanded noun phrases	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

possessive	•Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its	To be able to prepositional phrases	•To be able to use varied and rich vocabulary
pronoun adverbial	spelling in a dictionary	To be able to construct similes to compare	•To be able to use fronted adverbials in their own writing
	 Be able to write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher,that include words and punctuation taught so far. 	Apostrophes to mark plural possession	•To be able to use some subordinating conjunctions when constructing sentences
	•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	To be able to identify a determiner and its function	•To be able to organise writing using paragraphs around a theme in narratives and non-fiction
		To be able to extend the range of sentences they use	•To be able to create settings and character descriptions
	 Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting for example, by ensuring that the down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines 	with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although	•To be able to create and develop a plot
	of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch	Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense	•In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices such as headings and sub-headings
		Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition	•To be able to evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements
		Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause	•To be able to make changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve their writing
			•Including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
			Be able to proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
			•To be able to read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.

Year 5- Upper Woodford

Term:	Autumn Topic: Chocolate	Spring Topic: The Tudors	Summer Topic: The Caribbean
Main focus text/s:	Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver	Romeo and Juliet By Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross Tom's Midnight Garden By Phillipa Pearce	Skellig by David Almond
Writing genres covered each term	 Poetry Performance poetry Diary Recount Non-fiction / instructional: survival guide leaflet Narrative; setting description Narrative: new chapter Non-fiction: non-chron report on the Aztecs 	 Diary recount Playscripts Letter: Persuasive Poetry Performance poetry Non-fiction: Character descriptions and comparisons Narrative: writing a story opening 	 Persuasion: estate agent house description Persuasion / Discussion: write an argument on home schooling and have a debate Poetry: 10 things found in a wizard's pocket Instructions: based on Dragon's Pie Corbett Book Review
	ALCCS	Writing skills and outcomes	
Terminology	Transcription skills	Grammar, Punctuation and vocabulary	Composition
modal verb relative pronoun relative clause	 Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn] 	 Recognise vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely 	 Be able to plan their writing by identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing To select the appropriate form and use other similar writing as models for their own
parenthesis bracket	 Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused 	Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility	 Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary; planning writing carefully in a variety of forms
dash cohesion	Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that	 Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun 	 When writing narratives, consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what they have read, listened to or seen performed and use this to aid them when writing their own.

ambiguity	the spelling of some words needs to be learnt	Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in	Draft and write by selecting appropriate grammar and
0 ,	specifically	writing	vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
	Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words	 Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis 	-
		parentnesis	 In narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance
	 Use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a 		the action
	dictionary		Précising longer passages
	Use a thesaurus.		 Use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
	Write legibly, fluently and with increasing		
	speed by:		 Use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example,
	 Choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding 		headings, bullet points, underlining]
			Evaluate and edit writing, assessing the effectiveness of
	Whether or not to join specific letters		their own and others' writing
	 Choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task. 		Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation in their own writing and others to enhance effects and
			clarify meaning
			Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
			 Ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural
			Distinguish between the language of speech and writing and choose the appropriate register
			Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
			 Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.

Year 6: Salterton Class

Term:	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	Topic: WW2	Topic: Planet Earth; Mountains; Rivers	Topic: Ancient Eqypt
Main focus text/s	Letters From The Lighthouse by Emma Carroll Blitz by Robert Westall	KING or THE CLOUP FORESTS King of the Cloud Forests Michael Morpurgo Everest by David long	Secrets of a Sun King Emma Carroll RICK RIORDAN Secrets of a Sun King Emma Carroll Rick Riordan
Writing	Term 1	Term 1- The Last Bear	Term 1
Genres	 Non-chronological report on WW2 	 Non- chronological Report about Bear Island 	Narrative; myths - rewrite the story of Isis and
covered each	Letter from an evacuee	 Persuasive letter- Save the polar bears! 	Osiris
term	Diary of an air raid	Plea from an endangered animal	Explanation of mummification processNews Report: Howard Carter discovers
	Term 2	Performance poetry as whole class	Tutankhamen!
	Remembrance poems	Term 2- King of the Cloud Forests/ Everest	
	 Narrative story writing linked to class 	News report Everest's successful summit by Edmund	Term 2
	novel	Hillary & Sir Tenzing Norgay	Explanation; science link, e.g. digestion Pagent of life in Application The second of life in Application The sec
	Recount of BraesidePerformance poetry as whole class	Short diary entry based on Everest & Sir Edmund	Report of life in Ancient Egypt
	• Performance poetry as whole class	Hillary's journey Persuasion text- write an advert to visit the	
		Himalayas.	
		Writing skills and outcomes	
Terminology	Transcription skills	Grammar, Punctuation and vocabulary	Composition
Subject	Use further prefixes and suffixes and	Recognise vocabulary and structures that are	Be able to plan their writing by identifying the audience
object	understand the guidance for adding them	appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms	for and purpose of the writing
	Spell some words with 'silent' letters [for	Subjunctive forms	To select the appropriate form and use other similar
active	example, knight, psalm, solemn]	 Use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence 	writing as models for their own
passive	Continue to distinguish between		Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and
synonym	homophones and other words which are often confused	 Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause 	research where necessary; planning writing carefully in a variety of forms

antonym	 Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand
ellipsis	that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically
hyphen	se learne speemaan,
colon	 Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words
semi-colon	Use the first three or four letters of a
bullet points	word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary
	Use a thesaurus.
	 Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:
	Choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding
	Whether or not to join specific letters
	 Choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task.

- Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
- Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
- Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun
- Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing
- Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity
- Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
- Use semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
- Use a colon to introduce a list
- Punctuate bullet points consistently
- Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.

- When writing narratives, consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what they have read, listened to or seen performed and use this to aid them when writing their own.
- Draft and write by selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- In narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action
- Précising longer passages
- Use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
- Use further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]
- Evaluate and edit writing, assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing
- Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation in their own writing and others to enhance effects and clarify meaning
- Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
- Ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural
- Distinguish between the language of speech and writing and choose the appropriate register
- Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear.