

Year 1 – Writing Expectations

Spelling

- Can spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught
- Can spell the days of the week
- Can add prefixes and suffixes
- Can use the spelling rule for adding –s and –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs
- Can use the prefix un-
- Can use –ing, -ed, -er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words

Handwriting

- Holds a pencil comfortably and correctly
- Can form all lower case letters in the correct direction, finishing and starting in the right place
- Can form capital letters

Composition

- Can say aloud what they are going to write about
- Can compose their sentences orally before writing
- Can write sequenced sentences to form short narrative
- Can reread writing to check that it makes sense
- Can discuss what they have written with other people
- Can read writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by other people

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

- Can leave spaces between words
- Can use the connective ‘and’ correctly within their writing
- Can begin to use capital letters and full stops within their sentences
- Can begin to use question marks
- Can begin to use exclamation marks
- Can use a capital letter for the names of people, places and the days of the week
- Can use a capital letter for the personal pronoun ‘I’

Year 1 Pupils should understand the following terminology:

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| • letter | • sentence |
| • capital letter | • punctuation |
| • word | • full stop |
| • singular | • question mark |
| • plural | • exclamation mark |