Springdale First School

Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Writing Progression



Year 1	
Word Focus	plural noun suffixes (s and es)
	 suffixes added to verbs with no change (helper, helped, helping)
	Prefix 'un' to verbs and adjectives (unkind, untie)
Sentence	Words form together to make sentences
	 Joining words and joining clauses using and
Text	 Sequencing sentences to form short narratives (Once upon a time, One day, Unfortunately, Luckily, In the end)
Punctuation	Separation of words with spaces
	Use of basic punctuation
	○ Capital letter
	o Full stop
	Question mark
	o Exclamation mark
	Capital letters for names and personal pronoun I
Terminology	letter, capital letter
	word, singular, plural
	• sentence
	punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark
Year 2	
Word Focus	 Formation of nouns using suffixes such as –ness, –er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman]
	• Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as –ful, –less (A fuller list of suffixes can be found in the year 2 spelling section in
	English Appendix 1)
_	Use of the suffixes –er, –est in adjectives and the use of –ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs
Sentence	• Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but)
	• Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]
	How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command
Text	 Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing
	 Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting]

Punctuation	 Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences Commas to separate items in a list Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing (contractions) in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]
Terminology	 noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense (past, present) apostrophe, comma
Year 3	
Word Focus	 Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes [for example super—, anti—, auto—] Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, a rock, an open box] Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, solve, solution,
	solver, dissolve, insoluble]
Sentence	 Expressing time, place and cause using: conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of]
Text	 Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]
Punctuation	Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech
Terminology	 preposition, conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks')
Year 4	
Word Focus	 The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s (including irregular plurals)

	Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done]
Sentence	 Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
	 Fronted adverbials [for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.]
Text	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
	 Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
Punctuation	 Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"]
	 Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]
	Use of commas after fronted adverbials
Terminology	determiner
	• pronoun, possessive pronoun
	adverbial