



Writing Progression Map



Beginning Writer	Beginning Writer	Early Writer	Developing Writer	Developing Writer	Moderately Fluent Writer	Fluent Writer	Experienced Writer	Independent Writer		
22-36 Months	30-50 Months	40-60 Months	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguishes between the marks that they make 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint Describes meanings to marks which they see in different places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can segment the sounds in simple words & blend them together Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes taught Spell common exception words Write the days of the week Name the letters of the alphabet in order Use letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others Learn new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones Spell many common exception words Distinguish between homophones and near-homophones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spell further homophones Spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spell further homophones Spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spell some words with 'silent' letters Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling, and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in Appendix 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spell some words with 'silent' letters Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused Use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling, and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in Appendix 1 	<i>Phonic & Whole word spelling</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links sounds to letters, naming, sounding the letters of the alphabet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the spelling rule for adding -s or -es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs Use the prefix un- Use -ing, -ed, -er and -est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words Apply simple spelling rules and guidance from Appendix 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the possessive apostrophe (singular) Spell more words with contracted forms Add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly Apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals Use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals Use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words Use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words Use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling or meaning in a dictionary 	<i>Other word building spelling</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write & paint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. 			<i>Transcription</i>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 & form digits 0-9 Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' and to practise these 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Form 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and decide whether or not to join specific letters Choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose which shape of a letter to use when given choices and decide whether or not to join specific letters Choose the writing implement that is best suited for a task 	<i>Handwriting</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions. Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts. Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken correctly & others are phonetically plausible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences Begin to write about real events. Begin to write simple poetical lines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional) Write about real events, recording these simply and clearly Write poetry Write for different purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the audience and purpose for the writing, by selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own In writing narratives, consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the audience and purpose for the writing, by selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own In writing narratives, consider how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed 	<i>Contexts for Writing</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hears and says the initial sound in words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say out loud what they are going to write about Compose a sentence orally before writing it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan or say out loud what they are going to write about 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and record ideas Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and record ideas Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary 	<i>Planning Writing</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to break the flow of speech into words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequence sentences to form short narratives Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary Encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise paragraphs around a theme In narratives, create settings, characters and plot In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices (headings & subheadings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise paragraphs around a theme In narratives, create settings, characters and plot In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select 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 Write 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select 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 Write 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 	<i>Drafting Writing</i>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate their 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 Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing Ensure correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation 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, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing Propose changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation 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, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors 	<i>Editing Writing</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continues a rhyming string. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read their own writing aloud, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read their own writing aloud, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear. 	<i>Performing Writing</i>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave spaces between words Join words and clauses using "and" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded noun phrases to describe and specify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause (and place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a thesaurus Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a thesaurus Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility 	<i>Vocabulary</i>	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular plural noun suffixes (-s, -es) Verb suffixes where root word is unchanged (-ing, -ed, -er) Un- prefix to change meaning of adjectives/adverbs To combine words to make sentences, including using and Sequence sentences to form short narratives Separate words with spaces Sentence demarcation (. ! ?) Capital letters for names and pronoun 'I' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command Use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form Use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that / because) to join clauses Some features of written Standard English Suffixes to form new words (-ful, -er, -ness) Sentence demarcation Commas in lists Apostrophes for omission & singular possession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense Form nouns using prefixes (super-, anti-) Use the correct form of 'a' or 'an' Identify word families based on common words (solve, solution, dissolve, insoluble) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use fronted adverbials Identify the difference between plural and possessive -s Identify Standard English verb inflections (I did vs I done) Use extended noun phrases, including with prepositions Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun to create cohesion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs Use verb prefixes Use devices to build cohesion, including adverbials of time, place and number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms Use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause Use differences in informal and formal language Use synonyms & antonyms Use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connectors and adverbials Use ellipsis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms Use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause Use differences in informal and formal language Use synonyms & antonyms Use further cohesive devices such as grammatical connectors and adverbials Use ellipsis 	<i>Grammar (edited to reflect content in Appendix 2)</i>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use question marks correctly when required Use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use and punctuate direct speech (i.e. Inverted commas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use commas after fronted adverbials Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns Use and punctuate direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity Use semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses Use a colon to introduce a list punctuating bullet points consistently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity Use semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses Use a colon to introduce a list punctuating bullet points consistently 	<i>Punctuation (edited to reflect content in Appendix 2)</i>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, adjective, verb, suffix, adverb tense (past, present), apostrophe, comma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adverb, preposition conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter, inverted commas (or 'speech marks') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modal verb, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points 	<i>Grammatical Terminology</i>	