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The Writing Curriculum

Early Years

- Write recognisable letters and most are correctly formed
- Spell words by using the sounds in them
- Write short sentences with capital letters and full stops

Year 1

- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others
- Re-read what they have written to check it makes sense
- Spell the words with some of the 40+ known phonemes
- Write numbers 0-9 and form capital and lower case letters
- Use a finger space between words
- Write sentences and check that they make sense

Year 2

- Use a capital letter, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark correctly
- Write a short narrative with a sequence of sentences
- Spell many common exception words
- Form all letters and digits correctly and use appropriate spacing between words
- Use the present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently
- Write for different purposes and make simple revisions and corrections

Year 3

- Use subordination (when, if, that, because) and coordination (or, and, but) to join clauses
- Use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks
- Beginning to use prefixes and suffixes

Year 4

- Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting
- Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech
- Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
- Organise ideas in a paragraph around a theme
- Proofread for some spelling and punctuation errors

Year 5

- Increase the speed, fluidity and quality of handwriting
- Use nouns and pronouns for clarity and cohesion
- Write paragraphs around a theme and create settings, characters and a plot
- Proofread for spelling and punctuation errors
- Spell words correctly that are often misspelt
- Know the origins of words and that root words can be used to make new ones
- Write legibly, with increasing fluidity, speed and joining specific letters
- Paragraphs are cohesive and can convert nouns and adjectives to verbs
- Make writing more interesting by using a range of sentence structures such as clauses and adverbials
- Use parentheses, brackets, dashes and commas to give the reader more information
- Develop a story by describing characters, setting and create pace and atmosphere through dialogue
- Write with suitable language and presentation for a known audience and purpose
- Evaluate and edit work using the correct tense throughout

Year 6

- Use a dictionary to check and a thesaurus to find suitable ambitious vocabulary
- Maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed
- Describe settings, characters, create atmosphere and use dialogue to tell the reader more
- Write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences selecting appropriate language
- Select vocabulary and grammatical structures that the writing requires
- Use a range of devices to build cohesion

Next Phase of Education

We are preparing children for jobs in a future world

- University Study
- A-Level Study / Apprenticeship - College
- GCSE English