

Year 4 Expectations:

Writing Composition

Plan

- Think aloud to explore and collect ideas
- Discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand, and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar
- Discuss and record ideas logically

Draft and Write

- Compose and rehearse sentences orally (*including dialogue*)
- Use a varied and rich vocabulary
- Compose sentences using a wider range of structures linked to the grammar objectives (*including dialogue*)
- Organise paragraphs around a theme
- Write narratives with a clear structure, settings, characters and plot
- Write a non-narrative using simple organisational devices such as, *headings and sub-headings, bullet points*
- As writing develops, re-read to check that it makes sense

Evaluate and Edit

- Re-read work to check the effectiveness of their own and others' writing, suggesting improvements
- Make improvements by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, such as, *the accurate use of pronouns in sentences, more precise vocabulary or changing the order of words in a sentence*
- Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- Read aloud own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation, controlling the tone and volume so that meaning is clear



Year 4 Expectations for Spoken Language

Pupils should be taught to

- listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates
- gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
- select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.



Year 4 Expectations for Reading

Word reading

- Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Read words that don't follow the spelling rules, noting the unusual connections between spelling and sound, and where these are found in the word
- Try to work out how to pronounce difficult words using knowledge of similar looking words



Year 4 Expectations for



Comprehension

- Listen to and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference or text books
- Read books that are structured in different ways and are read for a range of purposes
- Use dictionaries to check the meaning of unfamiliar words they have read
- Increase familiarity with a wider range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends and retell some of these orally
- Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books (*for example, the triumph of good over evil or the use of magical devices in fairy stories or folk tales*)
- Identify conventions in a wide range of books (*for example, the greeting in letters, a diary written in the first person or the use of presentational devices such as numbering and headings in instructions*)
- Prepare poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- Recognise different forms of poetry (*for example, free verse, narrative poetry*)
- Understand what has been read by checking that the text makes sense to them
- Discuss their understanding and explain the meaning of words in context
- Ask questions to improve understanding of a text
- Make inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying inferences with evidence (*quotations from the text*)
- Predict what might happen from details given
- Identify the main idea and begin to summarise
- Identify how structure, and presentation contribute to the meaning of texts, such as, *use of paragraphing, sub-headings, bold, pictures, captions*
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- Discuss books, poems and other works that are read aloud, independently, taking turns and listening to others' opinions

Year 4 Expectations:



Spelling

- Spell words with additional prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them to root words, for example, *ation, ous, ion, ian*
- Recognise and spell additional homophones, for example, *accept and except, whose and who's, rain, reign, rein, weather and whether*
- Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- Spell identified commonly misspelt words from Year 3 & 4 word list, *believe, peculiar, separate, surprise, although, February*
- Make comparisons between words already known to help spell unfamiliar words
- Identify the root in longer words
- Write simple sentences from memory, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation, taught so far
- The grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s
- 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*]

Handwriting

- Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed
- Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters
- Understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting, *down strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders do not touch*
- Presentation of work should be of a high standard

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

- Use a range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions (*when, if, because, although*)
- Use appropriate nouns, **pronouns or possessive pronouns** within and across sentences to support cohesion and avoid repetition (known as chain of reference)
- Use fronted **adverbials**, such as, *later that day, I went shopping* followed by a comma when necessary
- Use inverted commas and other punctuation in direct speech, including a comma after the reporting clause
- To identify, understand and use **subordinate clauses**.
- To use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense
- Use conjunctions (subordinating and coordinating), adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
- Use apostrophes to mark plural possession (including irregular forms)
- To understand what a **determiner** is, that there are different types and to use some in own writing
- Use expanded noun phrases with modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, *The strict teacher with curly hair*

