



"No Excuses"

Statements that indicate the expected prior learning in English for pupils in each year group.

Year 1

- say a sentence in your head, remember it and write it
- re-read your sentence to check it makes sense
- hold your pencil correctly
- form your letters correctly
- use capital letters and full stops to show the start and end of a sentence
- spell words correctly using phonics
- spell Reception words correctly

Year 2

- say a sentence before writing, remember it, write it, check it
- hold a pencil correctly
- form capital letters and lower case letters correctly
- use capital letters and full stops to show the start and end of sentences
- use exclamation marks and question marks
- use capital letters for 'I' and names of people, places and things
- join words and phrases together using 'and'
- spell Year 1 words correctly

Year 3

- all Key Stage 1 spellings correct, including common exception words and homophones
- capital letters and full stops used correctly to show the start and end of sentences
- use question marks and exclamation marks appropriately
- capital letters used correctly to show the names of people, places and things
- commas for lists
- apostrophes for contraction
- apostrophes for possession
- noun phrases
- use 'and', 'or', 'but' to join words and phrases

- use 'when', 'if', 'that', 'because' in sentences
- correct use of tense throughout writing

Year 4

- accurate use of capital letters for starting sentences and proper nouns
- accurate use of full stops at the end of sentences (or exclamation marks or question marks)
- use of apostrophe for contraction and possession
- begin to use inverted commas for direct speech
- use a wide range of sentence structures with more than one clause to describe place, cause and time
- spell Year 1, 2, 3 words correctly

- letters are formed accurately and in a consistent style in preparation for joined handwriting

Year 5

- capital letters and full stops to demarcate sentences
- capital letters for proper nouns
- commas use for lists
- commas used between clauses
- inverted commas and other punctuation used accurately for direct speech
- accurate use of apostrophes
- wide range of sentences with more than one clause
- use of expanded/modified noun phrases
- accurate and consistent letter formation in preparation for joined handwriting
- all KS1 and Lower KS2 spellings accurate

Year 6

- neat, joined handwriting
- accurate use of capital letters for starting sentences, proper nouns and 'I'
- accurate use of full stops, exclamation marks and question marks
- accurate use of commas for lists and to separate clauses
- accurate use of apostrophes for contraction and possession
- accurate use of inverted commas and other punctuation for direct speech
- a wide range of sentences with more than one clause - including relative clauses
- ideas organised clearly with consistent use of tense

- accurate use of all previous years' spellings