

Year 3 English Curriculum

READING	Word Reading	Apply his/her growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words he/she meets, to include: dis-, mis-, in-, il-, im-, ir-, -ly; (English Appendix 1). Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word (linked to spelling English Appendix 1).
	Comprehension	to spelling English Appendix 1). Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction. Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by reading books that are structured in different ways. Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by increasing his/her familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retell some of these orally. Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by identifying themes in books. Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by reading aloud poems and perform play scripts. Maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what he/she reads by discussing words that capture the reader's interest and imagination Understand what he/she reads independently by checking that the text makes sense to him/her, discussing his/her understanding of words. Understand what he/she reads independently by asking questions to improve his/her understanding of a text. Understand what he/she reads independently by drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. Understand what he/she reads independently by predicting what might happen from details stated
WRITING	Transcription	Use the prefixes un-, dis-, mis-, re-, pre Add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable e.g. forgetting, preferred, gardening, limited Use the suffix -ly. Spell words with endings sounding like 'zh' and 'ch' e.g. treasure, measure, picture, nature. Spell words with endings which sound like 'zhun' e.g. division, decision. Spell homophones brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, peace/piece, plain/plane. Spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1). Spell words containing the 'i' sound spelt 'y' elsewhere than at the end of words e.g. myth, gym. Spell words containing the 'u' sound spelt 'ou' e.g. young, touch, double Spell words with the 'k' sound spelt 'ch' e.g. scheme, school, echo. Handwriting Increasingly use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and begin to understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined. Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of his/her handwriting e.g. by beginning to ensure that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.

WRITING	Composition	Plan his/her writing by discussing writing similar to that which he/she is planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure and vocabulary. Plan his/her writing by discussing and recording ideas within a given structure. Draft and write by composing and rehearse sentences orally, building a varied and rich vocabulary and using sentences structures from (English Appendix 2). Draft and write by organising writing into paragraphs as a way of grouping related material. Draft and write in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot. Draft and write non-narrative material, using headings and sub-headings to organise texts. Evaluate and edit by assessing the effectiveness of his/her own writing. Evaluate and edit by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary linked to the use of a/an, conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. Proof-read for spelling errors and for punctuation - including capital letters and full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas for lists and apostrophes mostly correctly. Read his/her 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.
>	Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation	Form nouns using a range of prefixes e.g. super-, anti-, auto Use the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel e.g. a rock, an open box. Identify Word families based on common root words e.g. solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble. Express time, place and cause using co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because, adverbs e.g. then, next, soon, therefore, or prepositions e.g. before, after, during, in, because of. Begin to use paragraphs as a way to group related material. Use headings and sub-headings to aid presentation. Use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past e.g. He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play. Begin to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Understand the following terminology: preposition, conjunction; word family, prefix; clause, subordinate clause; direct speech; consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter; and inverted commas (or 'speech marks').