

Year 1 – Writing Checklist

Autumn	Handwriting	Hold a pencil correctly and form 0-9 digits	
	Spelling	Spelling words using known phonemes.	
	Composition	Saying sentences out loud before writing them down.	
	Grammar	Use the personal pronoun 'I'	
	Punctuation	Leave finger spaces between words.	
Use a capital letter for the start of a sentence.			

Spring	Handwriting	Form lower case letters in the right direction, starting and finishing in the right place.	
		Form ascenders and descenders correctly.	
	Spelling	Write simple sentences dictated from an adult.	
	Composition	Say what you are going to write about.	
		Read own writing back to check it.	
	Grammar	Use 'and' to join ideas in a sentence.	
	Punctuation	Begin to use ! and ?	
		Use a full stop accurately.	

Summer	Handwriting	Name the alphabet in order, using letter names	
		Correctly form capital letters.	
	Spelling	Become more familiar with alternative phonemes.	
		Spell words using suffixes for plurals (e.g. boxes)	
	Composition	Sequence sentences into short narratives.	
		Sequence sentences in chronological order to recount an event/experience.	
	Grammar	Use other conjunctions (because, if, when, but)	
		Choose exciting and relevant words (maybe from a word bank)	
		Use adjectives to add details to sentences.	
	Punctuation	Use capital letters for the names of people, places and days of the week.	