

# Y4 linked NC objectives

## Interim teacher assessment framework at the end of KS2 - writing

**QUALIFIERS:** *most:* the statement is generally met with only occasional errors

*many:* indicates that the statement is met frequently but not yet consistently

*some:* the skill/ knowledge is starting to be acquired, and is demonstrated correctly on occasion, but is not consistent or frequent.

### KS2 Working towards the expected standard The pupil can:

- write for a range of purposes
- use paragraphs to organise ideas
- in narratives, describe settings and characters

- in non-narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub-headings, bullet points)
- use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction **mostly** correctly
- spell correctly **most** words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list, and **some** words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list\*
- write legibly. (1)

Y4 Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme  
 Y4 Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases  
 Y4 Fronted adverbial [for example, *Later that day, I heard the bad news.*]; Use of commas after fronted adverbials  
 Y4 Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, *when, before, after, while, so, because*]  
 Y3 Y4 Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation  
 Also Y4 Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech; Apostrophes to mark plural possession  
 Y3 Y4 Appendix 1 – Spelling  
 Y3 Y4 use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined; increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting

### KS2 Working at the expected standard The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. *the use of the first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing*)
- in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
- select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this **mostly** appropriately (e.g. *using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility*)
- use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. *conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms*) within and across paragraphs
- use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 **mostly** correctly<sup>^</sup> (e.g. *inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech*)
- spell correctly **most** words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list,<sup>\*</sup> and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
- maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed. (2)

Y4 Use of inverted punctuation and other punctuation to indicate direct speech  
 Y4 Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition  
 Y4 Using fronted adverbials  
 Y4 Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions  
 Y4 Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms  
 Y4 Use of inverted punctuation and other punctuation to indicate direct speech  
 Y4 Use of apostrophes to mark plural possession  
 Y4 Use of commas after fronted adverbials

\* These are detailed in the word lists within the spelling appendix to the national curriculum (English Appendix 1). Teachers should refer to these to exemplify the words that pupils should be able to spell.

1 At this standard, there is no specific requirement for a pupil's handwriting to be joined.

<sup>^</sup> This relates to punctuation taught in the national curriculum, which is detailed in the grammar and punctuation appendix to the national curriculum (English Appendix 2). Pupils are expected to be able to use the range of punctuation shown here in their writing, but this does not mean that every single punctuation mark must be evident.

2 The national curriculum states that pupils should be taught to 'use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined'.

3 Pupils should recognise that certain features of spoken language (e.g. contracted verb forms, other grammatical informality, colloquial expressions, long coordinated sentences) are less likely in writing and be able to select alternative vocabulary and grammar.