

English in Year 3

Reading – word reading (decoding)	Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet• read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.
Reading – Comprehension	Pupils should be taught to: develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks• reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes• using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read• increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally• identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books• preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action• discussing words and phrases that capture the reader’s interest and imagination• recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry] understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context• asking questions to improve their understanding of a text• drawing inferences such as inferring characters’ feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence• predicting what might happen from details stated and implied• identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these• identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• retrieve and record information from non-fiction• participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say.

<p>Writing – transcription Spelling</p>	<p>Spelling</p> <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them • spell further homophones • spell words that are often misspelt • place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls’, boys’] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children’s] • use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary • write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.
<p>Writing- composition</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <p>plan their writing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar • discussing and recording ideas <p>draft and write by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures • organising paragraphs around a theme • in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot • in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings] <p>evaluate and edit by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessing the effectiveness of their own and others’ writing and suggesting improvements • proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences <p>Pupils should be taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors • read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.

Writing - (handwriting)	Pupils should be taught to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 [for example, by ensuring 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].
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation Year 3 Pupils should be taught:	
Word	Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes [for example <i>super-</i> , <i>anti-</i> , <i>auto-</i>] Use of the forms <i>a</i> or <i>an</i> according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, <i>a rock</i> , <i>an open box</i>] Word families based on common words , showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, <i>solve</i> , <i>solution</i> , <i>solver</i> , <i>dissolve</i> , <i>insoluble</i>]
Sentence	Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause: expressing time, place and cause using a wider range of conjunctions [for example, <i>when</i> , <i>before</i> , <i>after</i> , <i>if</i> , <i>while</i> , <i>so</i> , <i>because</i> , <i>although</i>], adverbs [for example, <i>then</i> , <i>next</i> , <i>soon</i> , <i>therefore</i>], or prepositions [for example, <i>before</i> , <i>after</i> , <i>during</i> , <i>in</i> , <i>because of</i>]
Text	Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past tense [for example, <i>He has gone out to play</i> contrasted with <i>He went out to play</i>]
Punctuation	Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech
Terminology for pupils	preposition conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter, inverted commas (or 'speech marks')

