Writing: Year 5 National Curriculum Programme of Study Statements

Composition

- I can plan my writing by identifying the audience and purpose
- I can plan my writing by making notes, developing initial ideas and drawing on reading and research
- I can choose vocabulary and grammar understanding how it can change and enhance meaning
- In narrative, I can describe settings, characters and atmosphere integrating dialogue to advance the action
- I can précis longer passages when drafting
- I can use a range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
- I can use a variety of presentational devices to structure texts and guide the reader e.g. bullet points, subheading, underlining
- I can assess the effectiveness of my own and others' writing
- I can suggest changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
- I can use the correct tense consistently
- I ensure the subject and verb agree when using singular and plural (is/are, was/were)
- I can use the appropriate register in my writing to distinguish between speech and formal tone
- I can proof read for spelling and punctuation errors
- I can perform my compositions using intonation, volume and movement

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- I can use correct vocabulary and structures for formal writing including subjunctive forms e.g. If I were king...
- I can use passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence
- I can use and identify the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause e.g. he has gone to lunch / he went to lunch
- I can use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
- I can use and identify modal verbs (will, must, should) or adverbs (perhaps or surely) to indicate degrees of possibility
- I can use and identify relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or without a relative pronoun
- I can use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity
- I can use hyphens to avoid ambiguity e.g. man-eating shark / man eating shark
- I can use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
- I can use semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between clauses
- I can use colons to introduce a list
- I can punctuate bullet points consistently
- I can use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph e.g. after that, firstly
- I can link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place, number e.g. later, nearby, secondly

Transcription/Spelling

- I can use prefixes and suffixes and know why to add them
- I can spell words with silent letters e.g. knight
- I can spell homophones and words which are often confused
- I can use a dictionary to check the meaning and spelling of words
- I can use the first three letters of a word to check its meaning in a dictionary
- I can use a thesaurus

Handwriting

- I can write legibly and fluently with increasing speed
- I can decide which letters to join and when not to join specific letters
- I can choose the writing implement best suited for a task