

Year 3 Knowledge and Skills Progression Document- Writing		
Working Towards Expected Standard	At Expected Standard	Greater Depth
Write from memory simple sentences,	Spell words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'ch' e.g. chef, machine	Spell words that are often misspelt
dictated by the teacher, that include	Spell words with the 'k' sound spelt 'ch' e.g. scheme, school,	(English Appendix 1)
words and punctuation taught so far	echo	Evaluate and edit by assessing the
Use the first two or three letters of a	Spell words containing the 'u' sound spelt 'ou' e.g. young,	effectiveness of his/her own writing
word to check its spelling in a	touch, double	Understand the following terminology:
dictionary	Spell words containing the 'i' sound spelt 'y' elsewhere than	preposition, conjunction; word family,
Spell words with the 'ay' sound spelt	at the end of words e.g. myth, gym	prefix; clause, subordinate clause;
'ei', 'eigh' or 'ey' e.g. eight, they	Spell homophones brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great,	direct speech; consonant, consonant
Use the suffix –ly	groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, mail/male,	letter, vowel, vowel letter; and inverted
Use the prefixes un-, dis-, mis-, re-, pre-	main/mane, meat/meet, peace/piece, plain/plane	commas (or 'speech marks')
Add suffixes beginning with vowel	Spell words with endings which sound like 'zhun' e.g.	
letters to words of more than one	division, decision	
syllable e.g. forgetting, preferred,	Spell words with endings sounding like 'zh' and 'ch' e.g.	
gardening, limited	treasure, measure, picture, nature	
Increasingly use the diagonal and	Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of his/her	
horizontal strokes that are needed to	handwriting e.g. by beginning to ensure that the	
join letters and begin to understand	downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that	
which letters, when adjacent to one	lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders	
another, are best left unjoined	and descenders of letters do not touch	
Plan his/her writing by discussing	Draft and write by organising writing into paragraphs as a	
writing similar to that which he/she is	way of grouping related material	
planning to write in order to	Evaluate and edit by proposing changes to grammar and	
understand and learn from its structure	vocabulary linked to the use of a/an, conjunctions, adverbs	
and vocabulary	and prepositions	
Plan his/her writing by discussing and	Proof-read for spelling errors and for punctuation - including	
recording ideas within a given structure	capital letters and full stops, question marks, exclamation	
Draft and write by composing and	marks, commas for lists and apostrophes mostly correctly	
rehearse sentences orally, building a	Identify Word families based on common root words e.g. solve,	
varied and rich vocabulary and using	solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble	
sentences structures from (English	Form nouns using a range of prefixes e.g. super-, anti-, auto-	
Appendix 2)	Express time, place and cause using co-ordinating and	
Draft and write in narratives, creating	subordinating conjunctions e.g. when, before, after, while, so,	

settings, characters and plot because, adverbs e.g. then, next, soon, therefore, or Draft and write non-narrative material, prepositions e.g. before, after, during, in, because of Use headings and sub-headings to aid presentation using headings and sub-headings to Use the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple organise texts past e.g. He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out Read his/her own writing aloud, to a to play group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear 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 Begin to use paragraphs as a way to group related material Begin to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech