

Success in Writing



Intent - What do we want to achieve?

At Hardy Mill our English curriculum develops our children's love of reading, writing and discussion. These elements of the English curriculum work hand-in-hand with each other and with other subjects as children apply their English skills across the curriculum.

We nurture a culture where children take pride in their writing, can write clearly, accurately and cohesively and adapt their language and writing style for a range of audiences and purposes. They are able to apply their grammatical knowledge to develop and refine their writing and use a wide variety of carefully chosen vocabulary.

Our children develop a secure knowledge-base in English, which follows a clear pathway of progression as they advance through the primary curriculum. This is crucial to a high quality education and gives our children the tools they need to participate as a fully literate member of society.

See:

Long Term Plans Success in Writing in EYFS Hardy Mill National Curriculum Writing Progression Genre overviews Progression in Text Type

		Reception	on Learning	g Overview			End Points
	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B	
	All About Me	Into the	Our World	Food	Can We	In and	
		Woods	and Beyond	Glorious	Explore It?	around the	
			_	Food		Sea	
		Progression	through Develo	pment Matters	in Literacy	-	
Skill	Autumn1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	ELG
Writing	Can copy	Can write	Form taught	Form taught	Can form	Can form	Spells words by
	their name.	their name.	lower-case	lower-case	taught	taught lower-	identifying sounds in
@ · 5	Give meanings	Form taught	letters	correctly.	lower-case	case and	them and representing
	to the marks	lower case	correctly.	Begin to	and capital	capital	the sounds with a letter or letter.
	they make.	letters	Can spell	form taught	letters	letters	Writes recognisable
	Form taught	correctly.	words using	capital	correctly.	correctly.	letters, most of
	lower case	Begin to	taught	letters	Can write	Can write	which are correctly
	letters	write CVC	sounds.	correctly.	short	short	formed.
	correctly.	words using	Can spell	Can spell	sentences	sentences	Writes simple phrase:
	Write initial	taught	some taught	words by	with words	with words	and sentences that
	sounds.	sounds.	tricky words	hearing the	using a	with known	can be read by
		Begin to	correctly.	sound and	capital	sound-letter	others.
		spell words	Begin to	writing the	letter.	correspondenc	
		by	write short	grapheme.	Can write	es.	
		identifying	sentences	Can write	short	Can write	
		the sounds	using fingers	short	sentences	short	
		and then	spaces.	sentences	using finger	sentences	
		writing the	Can spell	using finger	spaces.	using a	
		sounds with	taught tricky	spaces and a	Can write	capital	
		letters.	words	full stop.	short	letter,	
		Begins to	correctly.	Begin to	sentences	finger spaces	
		spell taught		write longer	using a full	and a full	
		tricky words		words which	stop.	stop.	
		correctly.		are spelt	Write longer	Can read	
				phonetically	words which	their work	
				which can be	are spelt	back and	
				read by	phonetically	check it	
				others.	•	makes sense.	
				Can spell	Begins to		
				taught	reread what		
				tricky words	s/he has		
				correctly.	written to		
				_	check it		
					makes sense.		
					Spell taught		
					tricky		
					words.		

Progression of knowledge and skills in writing

In writing, knowledge refers to the understanding and application of grammatical, structural and linguistic features. Once this knowledge is secure, children can apply this knowledge to a range of purposes and evaluate written text.

Substantive knowledge is the ability to effectively plan, draft, and construct writing for different purposes. When constructing writing, this involves knowledge of structural, grammatical and linguistic features as well as knowledge of handwriting and spellings. Through deliberate practice, this substantive knowledge becomes automatic and fluent leading to mastery and an alteration of the LTM.

Disciplinary knowledge in writing, it is the ability to evaluate and edit text and apply substantive knowledge to effectively write for a range of purposes. It is the process of thinking critically and creatively using the automaticity of substantive knowledge.

<u>Key</u>

Statements in black are from National Curriculum

Statements in blue are from National Curriculum Appendix 2

Statements in green have been added to enhance progression and to ensure consolidation of previously taught knowledge and skills.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
ELGs	Handwriting					
Holds a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.	sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly	sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly	sit correctly at a table, is comfortably and correct		write legibly, fluently and with choosing the writing impleme task.	
Writes recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.	begin to form lower-case <i>letters</i> in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place	form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another	form lower-case letters relative to one another	of the correct size	form lower-case letters of the correct size relationanther	
	form capital letters form digits 0-9 form digits 0-9 an co ori rel an ca		write capital letters and size, orientation and re- and to lower case letter	lationship to one another	write capital letters and digits and relationship to one anoth	of the correct size, orientation er and to lower case letters
	understand which <i>letters</i> belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.	start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined	needed to join letters a	orizontal strokes that are nd understand which to one another, are best	write legibly, fluently and with choosing which shape of a le choices and deciding whethe	tter to use when given

	Composition Pupils should be tau		increase the legibility, c of their handwriting [for that the downstrokes of equidistant; that lines of sufficiently so that the a descenders of letters do	example, by ensuring letters are parallel and f writing are spaced iscenders and o not touch].		
Spells words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letter.	 say out loud what they are going to write about compose a sentence orally before writing it re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense 	 plan or say out loud what they are going to write about write down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary 	compose and rehearse (including dialogue), pro varied and rich vocabul range of sentence struc	ogressively building a ary and an increasing	identify the audience for and selecting the appropriate form writing as models for their ow select appropriate grammar a how such choices can change	n and using other similar n and vocabulary, understanding
Writes simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others	sequence sentences to form short narratives	encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence	organise paragraphs ar	ound a theme	use a wide range of devices t across paragraphs	o build cohesion within and
	Sequencing sentences to form short narratives	Sequence sentences to form narratives and non-fiction texts	Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material	Use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme	Link ideas across paragraphs using: • adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] • or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before] Use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly]	Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: • repetition of a word or phrase, • grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], • and ellipsis
			in narratives, create se plot	ttings, characters and	in narratives, describe setting and integrate dialogue to con the action	s, characters and atmosphere vey character and advance

		in non-narrative mater organisational devices and sub-headings]	rial, use simple s [for example, headings		I and presentational devices to e the reader [for example, nderlining]
		Headings and sub- headings to aid presentation	Headings and sub- headings to aid presentation and organise information.		Layout devices [for example, headings, subheadings, columns, bullets or tables, to structure text]
	See "Planning	g Platforms" and	"Progression in Tex	xt Type" documents	
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Vocabulary, gra	mmar and pur	nctuation			
Pupils should be tau					
leave spaces between words How words can combine to make sentences	Learn how to use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command Learn how to use some features of written Standard English				
join words and clauses using and	Learn how to use subordination (using when, if, that, or because)		ntences with more than one range of conjunctions, ause, although.	To write multi-clause sente of conjunctions.	ences accurately using a wide ran

(using or, and, or but)

Joining words and joining clauses using and Confidently join sentences with and	Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but)	Subordinating conjunctions – used at the beginning of a subordinating clause, a clause that does not make sense on its own. (if as when while after before because) Coordinating conjunctions – they give equal importance to the words and sentences they connect. (for and but or so)	Subordinating conjunctions – used at the beginning of a subordinating clause, a clause that does not make sense on its own. (if as when while after before because although until since) Coordinating conjunctions – they give equal importance to the words and sentences they connect. (for and but or so nor yet)	Subordinating conjunctions – used at the beginning of a subordinating clause, a clause that does not make sense on its own. Coordinating conjunctions – they give equal importance to the words and sentences they connect.	Subordinating conjunctions – used at the beginning of a subordinating clause, a clause that does not make sense on its own. Coordinating conjunctions – they give equal importance to the words and sentences they connect.
	Learn how to use the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form E.g. Goldilocks was walking through the woods.	use the present perfect for the past tense	orm of verbs in contrast	use passive verbs to affect the sentence	e presentation of information in a
	Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting]	Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]	Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]	Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]	Use of the <i>passive</i> to affect the presentation of information in a sentence [for example, I broke the window in the greenhouse versus The window in the greenhouse was broken (by me)].
	Learn how to use expanded <i>noun phrases</i> to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]	choose nouns or pronoul and cohesion and to avo	ns appropriately for clarity id repetition	use expanded noun phrases t information concisely	o convey complicated

 		use fronted adverbials			indicate degrees of possibility
Begin to use some words to help sequence their writing e.g. first, next, then.	Use words to help sequence their writing e.g. first, next, then, after, finally.	Expressing time, place and cause using: • conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], • adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], • or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of]	Expressing time, place and cause using: conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, after, during, in, because of]		
		use conjunctions, adverb express time and cause		use the perfect form of verbs t cause	o mark relationships of time and
	Expanded <i>noun phrases</i> for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]	Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon]	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair) Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.	Teach children to choose the most appropriate vocabulary to create the expanded noun phrases, removing unnecessary words.	Children independently choose the most appropriate vocabulary to create the expanded noun phrases, removing unnecessary words.

		Fronted <i>adverbials</i> [for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.	Indicating degrees of possibility using:	Indicating degrees of possibility using: • adverbs [for example, perhaps, surely] or modal verbs [for example, might, should, will, must]
				with who, which, where, when, (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun
			Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun	Relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that, or an omitted relative pronoun
	learning the grammar for Appendix 2	years 3 and 4 in English	learning the grammar for year	s 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2
				How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little].
			recognise vocabulary and stru formal speech and writing, inc	ctures that are appropriate for luding subjunctive forms

					The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter] The difference between structures typical of informal speech and structures appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, the use of question tags: He's your friend, isn't he?, or the use of subjunctive forms such as If I were or Were they to come in some very formal writing and speech]
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Punctuation					
Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark Introduction to: • full stops, • capital letters to start sentences, • exclamation marks • question marks • Capital letters for names, names of people, places, the days of the week, and for the personal pronoun I	Learn how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly including: • full stops, • capital letters to start sentences, • exclamation marks, • question marks, • Capital letters for names, names of people, places, the days of the week, and for the personal pronoun I	Correctly use: full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas to separate ite apostrophes for contractingular possession in rigirl's name]	ted forms and to mark	Correctly use: full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas to separate items in apostrophes for contracted for possession in nouns [for exared correctly: Indicate fronted adverbials beindicate possession by using plural nouns. use and punctuate direct specifications.	orms and to mark singular mple, the girl's name] by using commas after them. by the possessive apostrophe with
		Indicate fronted adverbials b	y using commas after them.	Use commas to clarify meaning or	avoid ambiguity in writing
	Commas to separate items in a list	Commas to separate items in a list	Use of commas after fronted <i>adverbials</i>	Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid <i>ambiguity</i>	Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity
		Indicate possession by using with plural nouns.	the possessive apostrophe		,

anactrophes for	anastrophos for sentractad	Apostrophos to more	Apostrophos to mark plural	Apartraphas to mark alived
apostrophes for contracted forms	apostrophes for contracted forms	Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]	Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]	Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]
apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]	apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive – s	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive – s
,	use and punctuate direct sp	eech		
	Introduction to <i>inverted</i> commas to punctuate direct speech Speech: "I too shall bestow a gift upon the child," announced Malificent.	Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"] Speech and emotion: "Sit down!" shouted the conductor, his face red with rage.	Speech, emotion and action: As she stepped forward to the cradle, Malificent announced: "I too shall bestow a gift upon the child," with an evil glare in her eye.	Speech, emotion, action and thought: As she stepped forward to the cradle, Malificent announced: "I too shall bestow a gift upon the child," with an evil glare in her eye. The terrified onlookers gasped in fear for no one knew what would happen next.
			indicate parenthesis by using brackets, dashes or commas.	
			Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.	Brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis.
			mark boundaries between independent colons or dashes	dent clauses by using semi-colons,
				Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses [for example, It's raining; I'm fed up]
			using hyphens to avoid ambiguity	
				How <i>hyphens</i> can be used to avoid ambiguity [for example, man eating shark versus maneating shark, or recover versus re-cover]
			use a colon to introduce a list	
				Use of the <i>colon</i> to introduce a list and use of <i>semi-colons</i> within lists
				Within iioto

					Punctuation of <i>bullet points</i> to list information
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Word					
Regular <i>plural</i> noun suffixes –s or –es [for example, dog, dogs; wish, wishes], including the effects of these suffixes on the meaning of the noun Suffixes that can be added to verbs where no change is needed in the spelling of root words (e.g. helping, helped, helper) How the prefix un– changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives [negation, for example, unkind, or undoing: untie the boat]	Formation of nouns using suffixes such as –ness, – er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as – ful, –less (A fuller list of suffixes can be found on page 46 in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1) Use of the suffixes –er, – est in adjectives and the use of –ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs	Formation of nouns using a range of <i>prefixes</i> [for example super—, anti—, auto—] Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a <i>consonant</i> or a <i>vowel</i> [for example, a rock, an open box] Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble]	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done]	Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes [for example, –ate; –ise; –ify] Verb prefixes [for example, dis–, de–, mis–, over– and re–]	The difference between vocabulary typical of informal speech and vocabulary appropriate for formal speech and writing [for example, find out – discover; ask for – request; go in – enter] How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms [for example, big, large, little].
Terminology					
letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark	noun, noun phrase statement, question, exclamation, command compound, suffix adjective, adverb, verb tense (past, present) apostrophe, comma	preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter, inverted commas (or 'speech marks')	Determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial	modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity	subject, object, active, passive synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points

Hardy	Mill Long Term Plan -	Writing		
	Writing to entertain	Writing to inform	Writing to persuade	Writing to discuss
KS1	Narrative Description Poetry	Recount Letter Instructions		
LKS2	Narrative Description Characters/Settings Poetry	Recount Letter Instructions Explanation Biography	Advert Letter Speech Poster	
UKS2	Narrative Description Characters/setting Poetry	Recount Letter Instructions Explanation Biography Report	Advert Letter Speech	Balanced argument Newspaper Review

Implementation – How do we organise learning?

In Early Years, writing is taught through phonics where children learn to form letters and are taught to represent phonemes with graphemes. Continuous provision and focus tasks provide opportunities for children to practice and apply their writing skills. Fine motor skills are developed through PD to assist children with accurate letter formation.

In KS1 children take part in an English lesson every day, in addition to a daily 30 minute guided reading lesson, a 30 minute phonics or spelling session and a 15 minute handwriting session.

In KS2 children take part in an English lesson every day, in addition to a daily 30 minute grammar, punctuation, spelling or handwriting session and a 30 minute reading lesson.

Writing

Throughout school, we ensure that the teaching of writing is purposeful, robust and shows a clear learning journey within each unit. Each year group have an overview of the writing genres that they will teach. These have been planned to ensure coverage of the key genres and opportunities to write for different audiences and purposes. The progression in text type document ensures teachers are aware of the expectation in terms of composition and grammar in the text type being taught in their year group.

Teachers plan the writing learning journey carefully. Firstly, children are immersed in good examples of the genre being studied before Write Stuff and Talk 4 Writing are used (as appropriate) to model the composition of written pieces. During the modelling sessions, age-related grammar and punctuation is used to model how to apply these skills to the writing. Following this input, in Years 1 – 5, children are given time to plan and write their own written pieces which are then marked by the teacher. Marking informs the teaching of areas in need of further input and this will form the basis of editing sessions and fix-its with teaching inputs guiding the children with the editing of their work. In year 6, children are given opportunity to edit their work independently before producing a "polished piece" which the teacher marks and assesses.

Grammar and punctuation knowledge and skills are taught through English lessons and focused SPaG lessons. Teachers, supported by the Herts for Learning Planning Platforms, plan carefully to apply the required knowledge and skills when modelling writing to demonstrate how to apply appropriate knowledge and skills to the different genres taught.

Quality teaching and adaptations during each stage of the writing process, ensure that all children meet their potential.

See:

Adaptive Teaching – Writing

Herts for Learning Planning Platforms

Spellings

Spellings are taught according to the rules and words contained in Appendix 1 of the English National Curriculum.

In Key Stage 1, teachers use the Supersonic Phonics spelling scheme. Year 1 progress to 'Suze's Supersonic Spelling Rules Y1' once Phase 5 phonics has been completed. The Year 2 children begin the year with 'Suze's Supersonic Spelling Rules Y2'. Children are given an age appropriate amount of spellings to learn earn week linked to those being taught in class.0 In Key Stage 2, teachers use the Supersonic Spelling Stars to support their teaching of spellings. In addition, children are given an age appropriate amount of spellings to learn each week linked to those being taught in class, the word lists for their year group and/or linked to units of work being studied across the curriculum.

See:

Phonics Progression EYFS and KS1 Appendix 1 of National Curriculum Overview

Impact

Impact – How well are we achieving our aims?

Evidence of the impact of our writing curriculum, quality first teaching and interventions on our children is clear: progress, sustained learning and transferrable skills. The implementation of the writing journey is well established and taught thoroughly throughout school. Children are becoming more confident writers and by the time they are in upper Key Stage 2, most genres of writing are familiar, allowing teaching to focus more on creativity, writer's craft, sustained writing and manipulation of grammar and punctuation to have an impact on the intended audience.

The Herts For Learning Teacher Assessment Frameworks for years 1, 3, 4 and 5 and the end of Key Stage assessment frameworks published by the Department for Education for years 2 and 6 are used, alongside the Insight tracker, to inform teacher judgements when assessing writing. Regular, rigorous moderation by teachers and senior leaders quality assure teacher judgements across the school.

Monitoring of writing by the English Leads and the triangulation of evidence, ensures the progress of all children is carefully tracked and the outcomes for all groups of children in school is closely monitored. Pupil progress tracking systems and documents ensure that knowledge and skills are progressive and build on the children's previous learning. The outcomes of National assessments demonstrate that when they leave Hardy Mill, they are very well prepared for the next stage in their education.

We hope that as children move on from us to further their education and learning, their creativity, passion for English and high aspirations travel with them and continue to grow and develop as they do.