Castle Primary's English Curriculum Skills Progression in Writing

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| 1. Phonics & Spelling Rules | 1. Phonics & Spelling Rules | 1. Phonics & Spelling Rules | 1. Phonics & Spelling Rules | 1. Phonics & Spelling Rules | 1. Phonics & Spelling Rules |
| Through 'Little Wandle' Scheme. | a. Segment spoken words into | a. Spell words with the / eɪ/ sound | a. Spell words with / shuhn/ endings | a. Spell words with endings | a. Spell words ending in -able and - |
| Phase 5 Graphemes: | phonemes and to represent these | spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey' (e.g. vein, | spelt with 'sion' (if the root word | that sound like / shuhs/ | ably (e.g. adorable/adorably, |
| /ai/ ay play | with graphemes, spelling many of | weigh, eight, neighbour, | ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd', e.g. | spelt with -cious (e.g. | applicable/ applicably, |
| /ow/ ou cloud | these words correctly and making | they,obey). | division, invasion, confusion, | vicious, precious, | considerable/ considerably, |
| /oi/ oy toy | phonically-plausible attempts at | b. Spell words with the /ɪ/ sound | decision, collision, television). | conscious, delicious, | tolerable/tolerably). |
| /ea/ ea each | others. | spelt 'y' in a position other than at | b. Spell words with a / shuhn/ sound | malicious, suspicious). | b. Spell words ending in -ible and - |
| /ur/ ir bird | b. Recognise new ways of spelling | the end of words (e.g. mystery, | spelt with 'ssion' (if the root word | b. Spell words with endings | ibly (e.g. possible/possibly, |
| /igh/ ie pie | phonemes for which one or more | gym). | ends in 'ss' or 'mit', e.g. | that sound like / shuhs/ | horrible /horribly, terrible/ terribly, |
| /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue | spellings are already known and to | c. Spell words with a /k/ sound spelt | expression, discussion, | spelt with -tious or -ious | visible/visibly, |
| /yoo/ u unicorn | learn some words with each spelling, | with 'ch' (e.g. scheme, chorus, | confession, permission, | (e.g. ambitious, cautious, | incredible/incredibly, sensible/ |
| /yoo/ a dilicom | including some common homophones | chemist, echo, character). | admission). | fictitious, infectious, | sensibly). |
| /igh/ i tiger | (e.g. bare/bear, blue/ blew, | d. Spell words ending in the /g/ | c. Spell words with a / shuhn/ sound | nutritious). | c. Spell words with a long /e/ sound |
| /ai/ a paper | night/knight). | sound spelt 'gue' and the /k/ | spelt with 'tion' (if the root word | c. Spell words with 'silent' | spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after 'c' (e.g. |
| /ai/ a papel /ee/ e he | c. Spell the /dʒ/ sound spelt as 'ge' | sound spelt 'que' (e.g. league, | ends in 'te' or 't' or has no definite | letters (e.g. doubt, island, | deceive, conceive, receive, |
| /ai/ a-e shake | and' dge' (e.g. fudge, huge) or spelt | tongue, antique, unique). | root, e.g.invention, injection, | lamb, solemn, thistle, | perceive, ceiling) and |
| /ai/ a-e snake /igh/ i-e time | as 'g' or 'j' elsewhere in words (e.g. | e. Spell words with a / sh/ sound | action, hesitation, completion). | knight). | exceptions (e.g. protein, |
| | magic, adjust) | spelt with 'ch' (e.g. chef, chalet, | d. Spell words with a / shuhn/ sound | d. Spell words containing the | caffeine, seize). |
| /oa/ o-e home | d. Spell the /n/ sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' | machine, brochure). | spelt with 'cian' (if the root word | letter string 'ough' (e.g. ought, | d. Spell words with endings which |
| /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute | (e.g. knock, gnaw); | f. Spell words with a short /u/ | ends in 'c' or 'cs', e.g. musician, | bought, thought, nought, | sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel |
| /ee/ e-e these | e. Spell the/r/sound spelt 'wr' (e.g. write, | sound spelt with 'ou' (e.g. young, | electrician, magician, politician, | brought, fought, rough, tough, | letter using 'cial' (e.g. official, |
| /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new | written) | touch, double, trouble, country). | mathematician). | enough, cough, though, | special, artificial). |
| /ee/ ie shield | f. Spell the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –le (e.g. | g. Spell words ending with the | e. Spell words with the /s/ sound | although, dough, through, | e. Spell words with endings which |
| /or/ aw claw | little, middle) or spelt-el (e.g. camel, | /zher/ sound spelt with 'sure' | spelt with 'sc' (e.g. sound spelt | thorough, borough, plough, | sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel |
| /ee/ y funny | tunnel) or spelt -al (e.g. metal, | (e.g. measure, treasure, | with 'sc' (e.g. science, scene, | bough). | letter using 'tial' (e.g. partial, |
| /e/ ea head | hospital) or spelt –il (e.g. fossil, nostril) | pleasure, enclosure). | discipline, fascinate, crescent). | | confidential, essential). |
| /w/ wh wheel | g. Spell the /aɪ/ sound spelt -y (e.g. cry, | h. Spell words ending with the | | | |
| /oa/ oe ou toe shoulder | fly, July) | /cher/ sound spelt with 'ture' (e.g. | | | |
| /igh/ y fly | h. Add-es to nouns and verbs ending in - | creature, furniture, picture, nature, | | | |
| /oa/ ow snow | y where the 'y' is changed to 'i' before | adventure). | | | |
| /j/ g giant | the -es (e.g. flies, tries, carries) | | | | |
| /f/ ph phone | i. Add -ed, -ing,-er and -est to a root | | | | |
| /l/ le al apple metal | word ending in -y (e.g. skiing, replied) | | | | |
| /s/ c ice | and exceptions to the rules | | | | |
| /v/ ve give | j. Add the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est | | | | |
| /u/ o-e o ou some mother young | and -y to words ending in -e with a | | | | |
| /z/ se cheese | consonant before (including | | | | |
| /s/ se ce mouse fence | exceptions) | | | | |
| /ee/ ey donkey | k. Add –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to | | | | |
| /oo/ ui ou fruit soup | words of one syllable ending in a single | | | | |
| /ur/ or word | consonant letter after a single vowel | | | | |
| /oo/ u oul awful could | letter (including exceptions) | | | | |
| /air/ are share | I. Spell the /ɔ:/ sound (or) spelt 'a' | | | | |
| /or/ au aur oor al author dinosaur | before 'l' and 'll' (e.g. ball, always) | | | | |
| floor walk | m. Spell the /n/ sound spelt 'o' (e.g. other, | | | | |
| /ch/ tch ture match adventure | mother, brother) | | | | |
| /ar/ al a half* father* | n. Spell the /i:/ sound spelt –ey: the plural | | | | |
| /or/ a water | forms of these words are made by the | | | | |
| schwa in longer words: different | addition of -s (e.g. donkeys, | | | | |
| /o/ a want | monkeys) | | | | |
| /air/ ear ere bear there | o. Spell the /p/ sound spelt 'a' after 'w' and | | | | |
| /ur/ ear learn | 'qu' (e.g. want, quantity, squash) | | | | |
| /r/ wr wrist | p. Spell the /s:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w' | | | | |
| /s/ st sc whistle science | (e.g. word, work, worm) | | | | |
| /c/ ch school | q. Spell the /ɔ:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' | | | | |
| /sh/ ch chef | (e.g. warm, towards) | | | | |
| /z/ ze freeze | r. Spell the /ʒ/ sound spelt 's' (e.g. | | | | |
| schwa at the end of words: actor | television, usual). | | | | |
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| | Common Exception Words Spell all Y1 common exception words correctly. Spell days of the week correctly. | Common Exception Words Spell most Y1 and Y2 common exception words correctly. | Common Exception Words Spell many of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spelling words correctly. | Common Exception Words Spell all of the Y3 and Y4 statutory spelling words correctly. | Common Exception Words Spell many of the Y5 and Y6 statutory spelling words correctly. | Common Exception Words Spell all of the Y5 and Y6 statutory spelling words correctly. |
| | B. Prefixes & Suffixes Use -s and -es to form regular plurals correctly. Use the prefix 'un-' accurately. | 3. Prefixes & Suffixes a. Add suffixes to spell most words correctly in their writing, e.g. –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly. | 3. Prefixes & Suffixes a. Spell most words with the prefixes dis-, mis-, bi-, re- and de- correctly (e.g. disobey, mistreat, bicycle, reapply, defuse). b. Spell most words with the suffix - ly with no change to the root word; root words that end in 'le', 'al' or 'ic' and the exceptions to the rules. c. Spell words with added suffixes beginning with a vowel (-er/-ed/-ing) to words with more than one syllable (unstressed last syllable, e.g. limiting offering). d. Spell words with added suffixes beginning with a vowel (-er/-ed/-en/-ing) to words with more than one syllable (stressed last syllable, e.g. forgotten beginning). | 3. Prefixes & Suffixes a. Correctly spell most words with the prefixes in-, il-, im-, ir-, sub-, super-, anti-, auto-, inter-, ex- and non- (e.g. incorrect, illegal, impossible, irrelevant, substandard, superhero, autograph, antisocial, intercity, exchange, nonsense). b. Form nouns with the suffix -ation (e.g. information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration). c. Spell words with the suffix -ous with no change to root words, no definitive root word, words ending in 'y', 'our' or 'e' and the exceptions to the rule (e.g. joyous, fabulous, mysterious, rigorous, famous, advantageous). | 3. Prefixes & Suffixes a. Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ate (e.g. activate, motivate communicate). b. Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ise (e.g. criticise, advertise, capitalise). c. Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -ify (e.g. signify, falsify, glorify). d. Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the suffix -en (e.g. blacken, brighten, flatten). | 3. Prefixes & Suffixes a. Use knowledge of adjectives ending in -ant to spell nouns ending in -ance /-ancy (e.g. observant, observance, expectant, hesitant, hesitancy, tolerant, tolerance, substance). b. Use their knowledge of adjectives ending in -ent to spell nouns ending in-ence/-ency (e.g. innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence, obedient, obedience, independent). c. Spell words by adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer (e.g. referring, referred, referred, transferring, transferred, reference, referee, preference, transference). |
| t c | dustbin, football). Read words that they have spelt. | 4. Further Spelling Conventions a. Spell more words with contracted forms, e.g. can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll. b. Learn the possessive singular apostrophe (e.g. the girl's book). c. Write, from memory, simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far. d. Segment spoken words into phonemes and to then represent all of the phonemes using graphemes in the right order for both for single-syllable and multi-syllabic words. e. Self-correct misspellings of words that pupils have been taught to spell (this may require support to recognise misspellings). | 4. Further Spelling Conventions a. Spell some more complex homophones and near-homophones, including here/hear, brake/break and mail/ male. b. Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary. c. Show how words are related in form and meaning by creating word families based on common words (e.g. solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble) | 4. Further Spelling Conventions a. Spell words that use the possessive apostrophe with plural words, including irregular plurals (e.g. girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's). b. Use spelling knowledge to use a dictionary more efficiently. | 4. Further Spelling Conventions a. Spell complex homophones and near- homophones, including who's /whose and stationary/stationery. b. Use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary. | 4. Further Spelling Conventions a. Spell homophones and near homophones that include nouns that end in -ce/-cy and verbs that end in -se/-sy (e.g. practice / practise, licence / license, advice / advise). b. Spell words that contain hyphens (e.g. co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own). c. Use a knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically. d. Use dictionaries and thesauruses to check the spelling and meaning of words and confidently find synonyms and antonyms. |
| a k | ranscription: Handwriting Letter Formation, Placement & Positioning Write lower case and capital letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place with a good level of consistency. Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly. Form digits 0-9. Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these. | Transcription: Handwriting Letter Formation, Placement & Positioning Write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters. Form lower case letters of the correct size, relative to one another. Use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters. | Transcription: Handwriting 1. Letter Formation, Placement & Positioning a. Use a neat, joined handwriting style with increasing accuracy and speed. | Transcription: Handwriting 1. Letter Formation, Placement & Positioning a. Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [e.g 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]. | Transcription: Handwriting 1. Letter Formation, Placement & Positioning a. Increase the speed of handwriting so that problems with forming letters do not get in the way of writing down what they want to say. b. Be clear about what standard of handwriting is appropriate for a particular task, e.g. quick notes or a final handwritten version. | Transcription: Handwriting 1. Letter Formation, Placement & Positioning a. Write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by: -choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters; - choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task. |
| 2 | 2. Joining Letters | Joining Letters Begin to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. | 2. Joining Letters a. Continue to use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and to understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined. | Joining Letters Confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes throughout their independent writing to increase fluency. | Joining Letters Confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes throughout their independent writing in a legible, fluent and speedy way. | 2. Joining Letters a. Recognise when to use an unjoined style (e.g. for labelling a diagram or data, writing an email address or for algebra) and capital letters (e.g. for filling in a form). |

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| Composition: Writing 1. Planning, Writing & Editing a. Say out loud what they are going to write about. b. Compose a sentence orally before writing it. c. Sequence sentences to form short narratives. d. Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils. e. Reread their writing to check that it makes sense and to independently begin to make changes. f. Read their writing aloud clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher. g. Use adjectives to describe. | Composition: Writing Planning, Writing & Editing Write narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional). Write about real events. Write simple poetry. Plan what they are going to write about, including writing down ideas and/or key words and new vocabulary. Encapsulate what they want to say, sentence by sentence. Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils. Reread to check that their writing makes sense and that the correct tense is used throughout. Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (e.g. to check that the ends of sentences are punctuated correctly) | 1. Planning, Writing & Editing a. Begin to use ideas from their own reading and modelled examples to plan their writing. b. Proofread their own and others' work to check for errors (with increasing accuracy) and to make improvements. c. Begin to organise their writing into paragraphs around a theme. d. Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue). | Composition: Writing Planning, Writing & Editing Compose and rehearse sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures. Consistently organise their writing into paragraphs around a theme to add cohesion and to aid the reader. Proofread consistently and amend their own and others' writing, correcting errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling and adding nouns/ pronouns for cohesion. | Composition: Writing Planning, Writing & Editing a. Plan their writing by identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own. b. Consider, when planning narratives, how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed. c. Proofread work to précis longer passages by removing unnecessary repetition or irrelevant details. d. Consistently link ideas across paragraphs. e. Proofread their work to assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and to make necessary corrections and improvements. | Composition: Writing Planning, Writing & Editing Note down and develop initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary. Use further organisational and presentational devices to structutext and to guide the reader (e.g. headings, bullet points, underlining). Use a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and acrosparagraphs (e.g. repetition of winderlining). Habitually proofread for spelling and punctuation errors. Propose changes to vocabular grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning. Recognise how words are related by meaning as synonym and antonyms and to use this knowledge to make improvement to their writing. |
| 2. Awareness of Audience, Purpose & Structure a. Use a number of simple features of different text types and to make relevant choices about subject matter and appropriate vocabulary choices. b. Start to engage readers by using adjectives to describe. | 2. Awareness of Audience, Purpose & Structure a. Write for different purposes with an awareness of an increased amount of fiction and non-fiction structures. b. Use new vocabulary from their reading, their discussions about it (one- to-one and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences. c. Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear. | 2. Awareness of Audience, Purpose & Structure a. Demonstrate an increasing understanding of purpose and audience by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar. b. Begin to use the structure of a wider range of text types (including the use of simple layout devices in non-fiction). c. Make deliberate ambitious word choices to add detail. d. Begin to create settings, characters and plot in narratives. | 2. Awareness of Audience, Purpose & Structure a. Write a range of narratives and non-fiction pieces using a consistent and appropriate structure (including genre-specific layout devices). b. Write a range of narratives that are well- structured and well-paced. c. Create detailed settings, characters and plot in narratives to engage the reader and to add atmosphere. d. Begin to read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and to control the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear. | 2. Awareness of Audience, Purpose & Structure a. Consistently produce sustained and accurate writing from different narrative and non-fiction genres with appropriate structure, organisation and layout devices for a range of audiences and purposes. b. Describe settings, characters and atmosphere with carefully-chosen vocabulary to enhance mood, clarify meaning and create pace. c. Regularly use dialogue to convey a character and to advance the action. d. Perform their own compositions confidently using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear. | selecting the appropriate form a drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (including liter language, characterisation, structuetc.). b. Distinguish between the langua of speech and writing and to choose the appropriate level of formality. |
| 3. Sentence Structure & Tense a. Use simple sentence structures | 3. Sentence Structure & Tense a. Use the present tense and the past tense mostly correctly and consistently. b. Form sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command. | 3. Sentence Structure & Tense a. Try to maintain the correct tense (including the present perfect tense) throughout a piece of writing with accurate subject/verb agreement. b. Use 'a' or 'an' correctly throughout a piece of writing. | | 3. Sentence Structure & Tense a. Use a range of adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, e.g. surely, perhaps, should, might, etc. b. Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces | a. Ensure the consistent and corruse of tense throughout all pie of writing, including the correct subject and verb agreement whusing singular and plural. |

'we were' rather than 'we was'

and 'I did' rather than 'I done'.

throughout a piece of writing.

exclamation, command.

c. Use some features of written Standard English.

perhaps, should, might, etc. Ensure the consistent and correct use of tense throughout all pieces

of writing.

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| 4. Use of Phrases & Clauses a. Use the joining word (conjunction) 'and' to link ideas and sentences. b. Begin to form simple compound sentences. | 4. Use of Phrases & Clauses a. Use co-ordination (or/and/but). b. Use some subordination (when/if/that/because). c. Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify (e.g., the blue butterfly). | 4. Use of Phrases & Clauses a. Use subordinate clauses, extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, and although. b. Use a range of conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to show time, place and cause. c. Use fronted adverbials to indicate when, where and how the action in a sentence takes place. | 4. Use of Phrases & Clauses a. Use subordinate clauses, extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, which are sometimes in varied positions. b. Expand noun phrases with the addition of ambitious modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, e.g., the heroic soldier with an unbreakable spirit. c. Consistently choose nouns or pronouns appropriately to aid cohesion and avoid repetition, e.g. he, she, they, it. | 4. Use of Phrases & Clauses a. Use a wide range of linking words/phrases between sentences and paragraphs to build cohesion, including time adverbials (e.g. later), place adverbials (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly). b. Use relative clauses beginning with a relative pronoun with confidence (who, which, where, when, whose, that and omitted relative pronouns), e.g. Professor Scriffle, who was a famous inventor, had made a new discovery. | 4. Use of Phrases & Clauses a. Use the subjunctive form in formal writing. b. Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause. c. Use the passive voice. d. Use question tags in informal writing. |
| 5. Punctuation a. Use capital letters for names, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'l'. b. Use finger spaces. c. Use full stops to end sentences. d. Begin to use question marks and exclamation marks. | marks mostly correctly.b. Use commas to separate lists.c. Use apostrophes to mark singular | 5. Punctuation a. Use the full range of punctuation from year 1 and 2. b. Use commas after fronted adverbials. c. Punctuate direct speech accurately, including the use of inverted commas. | 5. Punctuation a. Use all of the necessary punctuation in direct speech, including a comma after the reporting clause and all end punctuation within the inverted commas. b. Consistently use apostrophes for singular and plural possession. | 5. Punctuation a. Use full range of LKS2 punctuation correctly b. Use commas consistently to clarify meaning or to avoid ambiguity. c. Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. | 5. Punctuation a. Use full range of punctuation taught at KS2 correctly. b. Use semi-colons and colons to mark boundaries. c. Use a colon to introduce lists and semi-colons within lists. d. Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity. e. Use bullet points to list information. f. when necessary use above punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid ambiguity. |
| 6. Terminology a. Recognise and use the terms letter, capital letter, word, singular, plural, sentence, punctuation, full stop, question mark and exclamation mark. | 6. Terminology a. Recognise and use the terms noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command, compound, suffix, adjective, adverb, verb, present tense, past tense, apostrophe and comma. | 6. Terminology a. Recognise and use the terms preposition, conjunction, word family, prefix, clause, subordinate clause, direct speech, consonant, consonant letter, vowel, vowel letter and inverted commas. | Terminology Recognise and use the terms determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun and adverbial. | 6. Terminology a. Recognise and use the terms modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion and ambiguity. | 6. Terminology a. Recognise and use the terms subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon and bullet points. |