

# What your child will learn at school



# Writing Composition in Year 1 (age 5-6)

#### In Year 1, your child will learn:

- to write simple sentences
- to say a sentence out loud before writing it down
- to put sentences into the right order to tell a short story
- to re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense
- to talk about their writing with their teacher or classmates
- to read their writing out loud to their teacher or the class.

#### Writing Composition in Year 2 (age 6–7)

#### In Year 2, your child will learn:

- to write about things that have happened to them
- to make up simple stories
- to write about real events
- to write simple poems
- to write non-fiction for different purposes
- to plan their writing by either talking about what they want to write or by writing down key words
- to read their own writing and make changes to it
- to read their writing out loud.

#### Writing Composition in Year 3 (age 7-8)

#### In Year 3, your child will learn:

- to talk about similar pieces of writing, and using these to help them plan their own
- to plan their writing by talking about it or writing down key words
- to use a rich vocabulary and a range of sentence structures to make their writing interesting
- to create settings, characters, and plots for stories
- to use simple organisational devices (for example, headings and sub-headings) when writing non-fiction
- to proof-reading their writing for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors
- to read their writing out loud.

#### Writing Composition in Year 4 (age 8–9)

# In Year 4, your child will continue to practise the skills they learnt in Year 3. They will:

- talk about similar pieces of writing, and using these to help them plan their own
- plan their writing by talking about it or writing down key words
- use a rich vocabulary and a range of sentence structures to make their writing interesting
- create settings, characters, and plots for stories
- use simple organisational devices (for example, headings and sub-headings) when writing nonfiction
- proof-reading their writing for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors
- read their writing out loud.

#### Writing Composition in Year 5 (age 9-10)

### In Year 5, your child will learn to:

- decide who they are writing for and what this means for their writing
- plan their writing before they start
- choose the right style and structure to match the type of text they are writing
- choose the right vocabulary and grammar for their writing
- write a story with interesting vocabulary and dialogue
- write non-fiction with features such as headings, captions, bullet points, subheadings and diagrams
- use a consistent tense throughout their piece
- check their own writing and the writing of their classmates, making useful comments.

# Writing Composition in Year 6 (age 10–11)

# In Year 6, your child will learn to:

- decide who they are writing for and what this means for their writing
- plan their writing before they start
- choose the right style and structure to match the type of text they are writing
- choose the right vocabulary and grammar for their writing
- write a story with interesting vocabulary and dialogue
- write non-fiction with features such as headings, captions, bullet points, subheadings, diagrams
- use a consistent tense throughout their piece
- check their own writing and the writing of their classmates, making useful comments.