

English Standards

Year 4 Writing

Working at the expected standard (EXS)

The pupil can:

- write for a range of purposes and audiences with an increasing awareness of appropriate language and form (e.g. description of a school event, poetry to evoke feelings)
- create settings, characters and plot in narrative
- use speech punctuation correctly most of the time
- use vocabulary and grammatical structures to communicate ideas for the given audience and purpose (e.g. use a range of sentences and begin to vary the position of clauses within a sentence)
- use a range of conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions and pronouns for cohesion, detail and clarity (e.g. appropriate noun or pronoun to avoid repetition and adverbs to express time and cause)
- use past and present tenses correctly, and include a wider range of verb forms (e.g. we were going; they have been)
- use the range of punctuation taught up to and including Y4 mostly correctly (e.g. commas after adverbials; use of apostrophe)
- spell correctly words from learning in previous year groups, and most words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list, and use phonics and morphology to spell words, beginning to use a dictionary to check spellings
- write legibly and with increasing fluency, paying attention to size and spacing
- maintain the use of joined handwriting throughout independent writing

Year 4 Reading

Working at the expected standard (EXS)

The pupil can:

- read accurately most polysyllabic and multi-morphemic words and further exception words

In age-appropriate¹ books, the pupil can:

- read aloud fluently with intonation that shows understanding
- read many words outside their spoken vocabulary, making a good approximation to the word's pronunciation
- check that the text makes sense, correcting when meaning is lost
- make plausible predictions about what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far summarise main ideas providing key details
- retrieve information from non-fiction
- draw inferences and justify their opinions through discussions
- make links between the book they are reading and other books they have read