

Writing Progression





DPiL Writing overview

National Curriculum Expectations: We have selected the most relevant statements from Development Matters age ranges for Reception For more detail about linked subject progression within the EYFS Framework, please refer to these documents.

Reception: Literacy: Using three characteristics: Playing and exploring; Active learning; Creating and Critical thinking Communication and Language

Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important

Learn new vocabulary

Use new vocabulary through the day

Ask guestions to find out more and check they understand what has been said

Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences

Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives

Describe events in some detail

Use talk to help work out. Problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen

Develop social phrases,

Engage in story time and build familiarity and understanding retell once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some exact repetition and some in their own words

Use new vocabulary in different contexts

Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound, learn rhymes and songs.

Engage in non-fiction books and develop new knowledge and understanding.

Writing:

Form lower-case and capital letters correctly



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Spell words by identifying sounds then writing the sound with letter/s
Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop

Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense

PSHE Managing self

See themselves as a valuable individual.

Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

Gross motor Skills

floor.

Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the

Develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility.

Fine motor skills

Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.

Suggested tools: Holding pencils effectively for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.

Develop the foundations of a handwriting style which is fast, accurate and efficient.







	Letter Formation and Handwriting						
Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6		
Children can:	Children can: Y1+	Children can: Y1-Y2+	Children can: Y1-Y3+	Children can: Y1-Y4+	Children can: Y1-Y5+		
sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly	sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly	use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters. Increase the legibility,	Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent	confidently use diagonal and horizontal joining strokes when writing independently to increase fluency.	choose a standard of handwriting which is appropriate for a particular task, e.g. quick notes or a final		
continue to develop tripod grip of a pencil/pen.	Use the tripod grip of a pen/pencil.	consistency and quality of handwriting, e.g.: by ensuring that down	to one another, are best left not joined.	begin to choose a standard of	handwritten, presented version.		
write some lower case and capital letters of the alphabet in the correct direction, starting and finishing	form lower case letters of the correct size, relative to one another. use spacing between words that reflects the	strokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters	Continue to Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting, eg: by ensuring that down strokes of letters are parallel and	handwriting which is appropriate for a particular task, e.g. quick notes or a final handwritten version.	choose the writing implement which is best suited for a task		
in the right place. I form digits 0-9	write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and	do not touch.	equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch.				







	relationship to one				
	another and to lower				
	case letters.				
		Planning, drafti	ing and editing		
Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Children can:	Children can: Y1+	Children can: Y1-Y2+	Children can: Y1-Y3+	Children can: Y1-Y4+	Children can: Y1-Y5+
➤ compose a sentence	➤write narratives about	➤use ideas from their	➤ compose and	➤ plan their writing by	≻note down and
orally before writing	personal experiences	own reading and	rehearse	identifying the	develop initial ideas,
	and those of others	modelled examples to	sentences orally	audience for and	drawing on reading
➤ say a sentence out	(real and fictional)	plan their writing	(including dialogue),	purpose of the writing,	and research where
loud before writing it			progressively building a	selecting the	necessary use
oral rehearsal	▶plan what they are	➤ begin to proofread	varied and rich	appropriate form and	appropriate
	going to write about,	their own and others'	vocabulary and an	using other similar	organisational and
➤ sequence sentences	including writing down	work to check for	increasing range of	writing as models for	presentational devices
to form short	ideas and/or key words	errors (with increasing	sentence structures	their own consider,	to structure text and to
narratives	and new vocabulary	accuracy) and to make		when planning	guide the reader (e.g.
	e.g.: mind-maps.	improvements	>consistently organise	narratives, how authors	headings, bullet points)
➤ read their writing to			their writing into	have developed	➤use a wide range of
check that it makes	➤ sequence what they	➤organise their writing	paragraphs around a	characters and settings	devices to build
sense to themselves	want to say sentence	into paragraphs around	theme to add cohesion	and use these as a basis	cohesion within and
and to an adult	by sentence	a theme (e.g. 3	and to aid the reader	for structuring their	across paragraphs.
		paragraphs – beginning		own writing	







▶ begin to	➤read to check that	middle and end)	▶proofread and amend		➤ consistently
independently make	their writing makes		their own and others'	➤link ideas across	proofread for spelling
a change to their	sense and that the	using green pen editing	writing, correcting	paragraphs using	and punctuation errors
writing so that they	correct tense, spelling,	to make improvements	errors in grammar,	cohesive devices	make changes to
make it better	grammar and	introduced as cascade	punctuation and		vocabulary, grammar
	punctuation is used	model when ready	spelling and adding	➤ proofread work to	and punctuation to
	throughout with the		nouns/ pronouns for	edit and shorten longer	enhance effects and
	help of an adult where		cohesion	passages	clarify meaning
	necessary			proofread their work to	➤ recognise how words
			using green pen editing	assess the	are related by meaning
	≻make simple		to make improvements	effectiveness of their	as synonyms and
	additions, revisions and			own and others'	antonyms and to use
	corrections to their			writing and to make	this knowledge to
	own writing by			necessary corrections	make improvements to
	evaluating their writing			and improvements	their writing
	with the teacher and			using green pen editing	➤ proofread work to
	other pupils			to make improvements	edit and shorten longer
					passages Use green pen
					edit independently to
					make improvements
		Audience a	nd Purpose		







Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
➤ use a number of simple features of different text types and to make relevant choices about subject matter and appropriate vocabulary choices ➤ start to engage readers in stories and	➤ write for different purposes with an awareness of an increased amount of fiction and non-fiction structures ➤ use new vocabulary from their reading, their discussions about it (one- to-one,	Pdemonstrate 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,	➤ write a range of narratives and non-fiction pieces using a consistent and appropriate structure (including genrespecific layout devices e.g. text boxes, bullet points etc)	Produce sustained and accurate writing from different narrative and nonfiction genres with appropriate structure, organisation and layout devices for a range of audiences and purposes	write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read (including literary devices characterisation and
news telling by using adjectives to describe ➤ begin to write for different purposes: poetry, instructions, letter	pair and as a whole class) and from their wider experiences. read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear	vocabulary and grammar > use the structure of a wider range of text types (including the use of simple layout devices in non-fiction) > make deliberate, ambitious word choices to add detail > create settings,	 ➤ write a range of narratives that are well- structured and well-paced ➤ create detailed settings, characters and plot in narratives to engage the reader and to add atmosphere ➤ use dialogue to convey a character and to start to 	 ➢ describe settings, characters and atmosphere with carefully- chosen vocabulary to enhance mood, clarify meaning and create pace ➢ use dialogue to convey a character and to advance the action ➢ perform their own 	structure, etc.) I distinguish between the language of speech and writing and to choose the appropriate level of formality I select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires (e.g. using contracted
		characters and plot in	advance the action	compositions	forms in dialogues in







		narratives > begin to use dialogue to convey a character		confidently using appropriate intonation, volume and movement so that meaning is clear	narrative: using passive verbs to affect how information is presented, using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)and subjunctive form
		Grammar (ac			
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how words can combine to make sentences

➤ joining words and joining sentences using and

> learn how to use sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command

Suse past and present tenses accurately but not always consistently

➤ Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify, e.g. the big, blue butterfly

> use mainly simple sentences and some compound sentences for co-ordination using or, and, but, so

Some subordination using because, extending to using when, if, that begin to vary sentence openings, e.g. with simple adverbs (ly)

> use a variety of simple organisational devices in non-fiction, e.g. headings, captions, bullet points

Continue to improve consistency in the use of tenses

Pensure grammatical agreement of pronouns and verbs in using Standard English. (I was, they were)

begin to vary sentence openings, e.g. with simple adverbs/adverbial phrases (where, when, how, how often) or prepositions (e.g. Inside, across, under)

Suse a wider variety of sentence types including multi clauses (because, when, if, that, while, after)

Suse the perfect present form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause (what the subject has been doing beforehand) e.g. she has helped

choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion.

begin to group related material into paragraphs around a theme

begin to use headings and bullet points

rextend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, e.g. when, if, because, although choose nouns or pronouns appropriately within a sentence to avoid ambiguity and repetition

➤ use conjunctions, adverbs/adverbial phrases and prepositions to express time and cause ➤ begin to add relative

begin to add relative clauses to add detail- who and which, that

➤ use fronted adverbials

resperiment with varying tenses within texts, e.g. in dialogue

➤ explore ways of combining single clauses and re-ordering clauses to make multi-clauses
 ➤ embed relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, why, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun

➤ use an increasing range of subordinating conjunctions

recognise vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing

ruse the passive voice to affect the presentation of information in a sentence e.g. 'The school arranged a visit' to 'A visit was arranged.'

➤ use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
➤ use modal verbs or

adverbs to indicate

➤ use a wider range of conjunctions to clarify relationships between ideas, e.g. however, therefore, although ➤ use conjunctions to structure an argument or discussion e.g. however, on the other hand, consequently, in contrast to

> develop grammatical

control of multi-clause sentences, manipulating them for effect

> use passive voice for effect link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: semantic cohesion (e.g. repetition of a word or phrase), grammatical connections (e.g. the use of adverbials such as: on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence), and ellipsis



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introduction to capital
letters, full stops, question
marks and exclamation
marks to demarcate
sentences

- Capital letters for names and for the personal pronoun I
- separation of words with spaces

➤ learn how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks

➤ Use commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms

➤ apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns (e.g. the girl's name) > use a range of end-ofsentence punctuation with accuracy

Suse question marks, exclamation marks, and commas in lists

➤ learn the basic conventions of speech punctuation and begin to use speech marks (inverted commas)

Suse a range of end-ofsentence punctuation with accuracy

➤ use commas after fronted adverbials. Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular and plural nouns e.g. the girl's name, the boys' boots
➤ use speech marks and

Solution use speech marks and begin to use other associated punctuation. e.g. a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation with inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!")

begin to use the commas to separate clauses within sentences and clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity
use apostrophes for

both possession and shortened forms

begin to set out dialogue appropriately, using a range of punctuation

>use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
>use a colon to introduce

a list

> punctuate bullet points consistently

➤ use speech and apostrophes correctly
➤ use the commas to separate clauses within sentences and clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity
➤ use hyphens to avoid ambiguity
➤ use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
➤ use semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark

boundaries between

independent clauses

a list

consistently

> use a colon to introduce

> punctuate bullet points

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➤use the grammatical	>use the grammatical	>use the grammatical	➤use the grammatical	➤use the grammatical	➤use the grammatical
terminology in the Glossary	terminology in the	terminology in the	terminology in the	terminology in the	terminology in the
Begin to re-read own	Glossary when discussing	Glossary when discussing	Glossary when discussing	Glossary when discussing	Glossary when discussing
writing to check	their writing	their writing	their writing	their writing	their writing
punctuation and					
grammatical sense	➤begin to re-read own	➤ re-read own writing to	re-read own writing to	re-read own writing to	re-read own writing to
	writing to check	check punctuation and	check punctuation and	check punctuation and	check punctuation and
	punctuation and	grammatical sense	grammatical sense	grammatical sense	grammatical sense
	grammatical sense				
				>practise proofreading	➤ practise proofreading
				and editing own writing	and editing own writing
				for clarity and correctness	for clarity and correctness

Terminology to know and use (accumulative)







Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Y1 letter	Begin to understand	Identify Subject Verb pair	Identify Subject verb pair	Subject Verb pair	Subject Verb pair
capital letter	Subject Verb pair	pronoun,	pronoun,	Subject, verb, object	SVO
word	Verb	possessive pronoun,	possessive pronoun,	modal verb	active and passive
singular	tense, (present, past, past	subject pronoun	subject pronoun	relative pronoun	synonym/ antonym
plural	progressive)	Preposition	fronted adverbials,	possessive pronoun	colon
sentence	adjective	conjunction	determiner	subject pronoun	semi-colon
punctuation	noun, expanded noun	word family	definite/ indefinite	relative clause	ellipsis
full stop	phrase	prefix	article,	parenthesis	hyphen,
question mark	suffix	clause	preposition,	brackets	bullet points,
exclamation mark	apostrophe	subordinate clause	noun phrase,	dash	question tags,
finger space	(contraction/omission),	direct speech	subordinating	cohesion	subjunctive mood
Begin teaching subject and	(possession)	consonant	conjunction,	ambiguity	
verb pairs in sentences	comma (in lists)	consonant letter, vowel	main clause, single clause,		
	bullet points,	letter	multi-clause, subordinate		
	question, exclamation,	Direct speech	clause		
	command, statement,	inverted commas (or			
	conjunctions	'speech marks')			
	bullet points				
	DPiL Phonic and Spe	elling (see below for '	YR and Y1 programm	e/and weekly POS)	







Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
➤ spell words	➤ segment spoken	➤spell further	➤spell further	➤spell some words	> spell some words
containing each of	words into phonemes	homophones	homophones	with	with 'silent' letters
the 40+ phonemes	and represent these by	➤ spell words that are	➤spell words that are	'silent' letters	continue to distinguish
taught	graphemes, spelling	often misspelt	often misspelt	continue to	between homophones
➤spell Y1 common	many correctly	➤use further prefixes	➤use further prefixes	distinguish	and other words which
exception words	➤learn new ways of	and suffixes and	and suffixes and	between homophones	are often confused
➤ spell the days of the	spelling phonemes for	understand how to add	understand how to add	and other words which	use knowledge of
week	which 1 or more	them	them	are often confused	morphology and
➤ name the letters of	spellings are already	place the possessive	▶place the possessive	➤use knowledge of	etymology in spelling
the alphabet in order	known, and learn some	apostrophe accurately	apostrophe accurately	morphology and	and understand that
➤use letter names to	words with each	in words with regular	in words with regular	etymology in spelling	the spelling of some
distinguish between	spelling, including a	plurals and in words	plurals and in words	and understand that	words needs to be
alternative spellings	few common	with irregular plurals	with irregular plurals	the spelling of some	learnt specifically
of the same sound	homophones	➤use the first 2 or 3	> use the first 2 or 3	words needs to be	➤use further prefixes
spell words with	➤learn to spell CEWs	letters of a word to	letters of a word to	learnt specifically	and suffixes and
simple phoneme	→ distinguish between	check its spelling in a	check its spelling in a	use further prefixes	understand the
grapheme	homophones	dictionary	dictionary	and suffixes and	guidance for adding
correspondence	▶learning the	≻ plurals	≻plurals	understand the	them
accurately e.g. cat,	possessive	≽soft c, g	≽soft c, g	guidance for adding	➤use dictionaries to
dog, red	apostrophe (singular)	≽silent letters k g w	≽silent letters k g w	them	check the spelling and
	➤learn to spell more	➤ contractions	➤ contractions	use dictionaries to	meaning of words
➤ use adjacent	words with contracted	▶past tense rules	▶past tense rules	check the spelling and	➤use the first 3 or 4
consonants and spell 2-3	forms	▶past progressive	▶past progressive	meaning of words	letters of a word to
syllable words	add suffixes to spell	tense rules	tense rules	> use the first 3 or 4	check spelling,
	longer words, including			letters of a word to	meaning or both of



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> make phonetically	-ment, -ness, -ful, -	➤ comparative	➤ comparative	check spelling,	these in a dictionary
plausible attempts at	less, –ly	adjectives +er +est	adjectives +er +est	meaning or both of	plurals
writing longer words	➤ show awareness of	>+ly to adverbs	>+ly to adverbs	these in a dictionary	as Y5
using dominant	silent letters in spelling	>prefixes	>prefixes	as Y4+	
phonemes and common	e.g. knight, write	≻+que	≻+que	≽ie (except after c)	
graphemes	➤use —le ending as the	'	≻ch as 'k'	>cious/tious/ious/ous	
	most common spelling			≻cial/tial	
	for this sound at the			➤hyphenated words	
	end of words			,,	

Context and purpose for writing (see DPiL Unit Progression sheets)







Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
>writing to entertain-	> writing to entertain:	➤writing to entertain:	➤writing to entertain:	➤writing to entertain:	➤writing to entertain:
Stories (repetitive	Character Description	Narratives including	Character description	Setting description,	Character description
retellings to own	➤writing to entertain:	fairytales/legends,	➤writing to entertain:	historical myths/own	Suspense /poem
versions to imagined)	Setting description	setting description	Performance poem	myth	>writing to entertain:
	➤writing to entertain:	(Action and dialogue)	writing to entertain:	writing to entertain:	7-part flashback story
>writing to entertain-	Riddle	> writing to entertain:	Extended story	Character description	Historical story
Character Description	➤writing to entertain:	Character description	>writing to inform:	> Writing to entertain:	writing to Inform:
>writing to inform-	(repetitive retellings to	➤writing to entertain:	Diary entry	Playscripts	Informal Letter
Recount of real events	own versions to an	Adverts and playscripts	>writing to inform:	Internal monologue	➤writing to inform:
>writing to inform-	extended story	➤writing to inform:	Explanation text	> writing to inform:	Non-Chronological
instructions	>writing to inform:	Instructions	>writing to Inform:	Explanation text	Report WWII
➤writing to inform/	Letters	writing to inform:	Informal Letter/formal	>writing to Inform:	>writing to inform:
entertain- letter/post	➤writing to inform:	Diary entry	>writing to inform:	Informal Letter:	Newspaper report
card/posters/invitations	➤ Recount (Trip)	➤writing to inform:	➤writing to inform:	➤writing to inform:	> writing to Inform:
Diary entry	➤writing to inform:	Explanation text	Biographical recount	Newspaper report	Biography/Auto
	Diary	writing to inform:	Newspaper reports	witness statement and	➤writing to inform:
		Non-Chronological	Witness statement	dedication	Diary entry
	Non chron reports	Report (River Nile)	➤writing to persuade:		writing to persuade:
	·		Advertisement/report		Speech/formal letter



	Dyamatic Dyamass in Literacy						
Reception					Year 1	Year 2 +	
	Phase 2	<u> </u>	Phase 3 and 4		Phase 5	Phase 6: Spelling R	
•	Teaching 21 letter sounds	•	Teaching 32 letter sounds	•	New letter sounds and alternative		
•	Blending and segmenting	•	Blending and specifications and specifications are captions	20	po mncia inspresounds already	Children become fluent	
•	Reading phonetically		captions Neception - real o	2	ノベルーとしとし	reading and increasingly	
	decodable words	•	Letter names			accurate spellers	
•	Reading 'tricky' words	•	Reading and writing 'tricky' words				



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Phase 2 (longer)
Using common consonants and vowels Blending for reading and segmenting for spelling simple CVC words. Working on: Knowing that words are constructed from phonemes and that phonemes are represented by graphemes.
Letter progression:
Wk. 1: s a t

Wk. 1: s a t Wk. 2: t i m Wk. 3: n o p Wk. 4: b c g h Wk. 5: d e f v Wk. 6: k l r u Wk. 7: j w z Wk. 8: x y ff Wk 9: II ss zz Wk. 10-12: vcc /cvcc /ccvc/ccvcc Reading using all single letter graphemes and double letter digraphs in different combinations as above. (Phase 4 Adjacent consonants

included in this phase with

single graphemes.)

Wk 19-22 2 syllables + ed +ing + le

Wk. 23-36 Phase 3 and 4 Vowel graphemes: One week on each.

ai ee oa ur
ea ow oo igh oo (yoo)
or oi ar air ear

vowel phonemes.

Phase 3: Consonant diagraphs

Rest of the term practise Including adjacent consonants and 2 syllable words e ding le

Learning of frequent consonant digraphs and some long

Wk. 13-18 Consonant diagraphs: ch/ sh /th/ ck wh/ ng qu/ tch

CEWs matched to phonic books see YR Programme of Study

Wk. 1 ai=a, ay, ea, a-e, eigh Wk. 2 ee=e, ea, e-e, y, ie, ey Wk. 3 oa=o, ow, oe, o-e Wk.4 ur ir er Wk. 5 ea e ai Wk. 6 ow/ou Wk. 7 oo=o, u, ue, u-e,ew, ui Wk.8 igh=i, ie, y, i-e Wk.9 oo oul u Wk.10 or a aw au al Wk.11 oi/ov Wk 12. ar a al Wk 13. air=ere, ear, are Wk 14. ear=ere. eer Wk.15 f=ff, ph,qh ce/ci/cy Wk.16 j=/q/qe/dge Wk. 17-30 repeat graphemes (with additional books) Wk.31 split digraphs mix up Wk. 32 f ff ph qh /soft c Wk.33 soft q Wk.34 ue (u-e ue-ew u) Wk35.'o' (a ou au) Wk.36 'l' (Il el il el al le) Wk. 37 f (ff qh ph) + ture Wk. 38 tion cian Wk.39. sure sion

Graphemes:

Graphemes/rules/CEWS
weekly
E.g.
Wk. 1 ai=ay a a-e eigh
CEWS: do to today was
were
Rules: Plurals + s y-l + es
See year overview
Extra phonic sessions are
added to whole class or
intervention depending on
data from Y1.