



HCPS Writing Progression



Year by Year

	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/ Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction: Planning Tool – story map/	Simple sentences	Determiners: the/a, my, your, an, this,	Finger spaces	Finger space
story mountain	Simple connectives: and, who, until, but	that, his, her, their, some, all	Full stops	Letter
Whole class retelling of a story	Say a sentence, write it,	Prepositions: up, down, in, into, out, to,	Capital letters	Word
Understanding beginning,	read it back and check it makes sense	onto		Sentence
middle and end Retell simple 5-part story:	Compound sentences using connectives (coordinating	Adjectives – e.g. old, little, big, small, quiet		Full stop Capital letter
 Once upon a time First/Then/Next 	conjunctions): and, but	Adverbs – e.g. luckily, unfortunately, fortunately		Simile – 'like'
But So	-'ly' openers (Luckily,	Similes using 'like' – e.g.		
 Finallyhappily ever after 	unfortunately)	round like a ball		
Non-fiction:	Repetition for rhythm – e.g. he walked and he walked			
Factual writing closely inked to a story	Repetition for description –			
Simple factual sentences based around a theme	e.g. a lean cat, a mean cat			
Names, labels, captions, ists, diagrams, messages				

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	Year 2			
Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/ Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Secure use of planning tools: e.g. story map/mountain	Types of sentences: Commands	Prepositions: Behind, above, along, before, between, after	Commas to separate items in a list	Apostrophe (contractions and singular
Introduce boxing-up grid	Vary openers to sentences			possession)
Fiction: More complex vocabulary for the 5 part story: • Opening – e.g. One cold but bright morning • Build-up – e.g. Later that day • Problem/Dilemma – e.g. To his amazement • Resolution – e.g. As soon as • Ending – Luckily Ending should be a section rather than one final sentence – e.g. suggest how the main character is	Embellished simple sentences using adverbs – e.g. Tom ran quickly down the hill. Secure use of compound sentences using coordinating conjunctions Complex sentences (subordination) using:	Two adjectives to describe a noun – e.g. The scary, old woman Adverbs for description – e.g. Snow fell gently and covered the cottage in the wood.	Comma after –ly opener Speech marks for direct speech – implicitly understand how to change from indirect to direct speech	Commas for description Speech marks Adverb Statement
feeling in the final situation Non-fiction: Introduction – hook to engage the reader, factual statement/definition, opening question	Drop in a relative clause (who/which) – e.g. Sam, who was lost, sat down and cried.	Adverbs for information – e.g. Lift the pot carefully onto the tray.	Apostrophes to mark contracted forms in spelling	Question Exclamation Command (bossy)
 Middle section(s): Group related ideas/facts into sections Sub headings to introduce sections Use of lists – what is needed, list of steps to be taken, bullet points for facts Ending – make final comment to reader	Additional subordinating conjunctions: what, while, when, where, because, then, so that, if, to, until – e.g. while the animals were munching breakfast, two visitors arrived. Use long sentences to add description	Generalisers for information – e.g. Most dogs Formation of nouns using suffixes – e.g. – ness and –er	Apostrophes to mark singular possession	verb) Tense (past, present, future) Noun
Extra tips/ Did you know? Facts/ True or false Consistent use of present tense versus past tense throughout texts	Use short sentences for emphasis Expanded noun phrases	Formation of adjectives using suffixes – e.g. –ful and – less		Noun phrases Generalisers Subordinating
Use of the continuous form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress – e.g. she is drumming, he was shouting	List of 3 for description – e.g. He wore old shoes, a dark cloak and a red hat.	Use of the suffixes –er and –est to form comparisons of adjectives and adverbs		conjunctions

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Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/ Language	Punctuation	Terminology		
Secure use of planning tools – e.g. story map, boxing-up grids Fiction: Paragraphs to organise ideas into each story part Extended vocabulary to introduce 5 story parts: Introduction – should include detailed description of setting or character Build-up – build in some suspense towards the problem or dilemma Problem/dilemma – include details of actions/dialogue Resolution – should link with the problem Ending – clear ending should link back to the start to show how the character or situation has changed from the beginning Non-fiction: Paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme Introduction – develop hook to introduce and tempt reader in e.g. Who? What? Middle section(s): Group related ideas/facts into paragraphs Subheadings to introduce sections/paragraphs Topic sentences to introduce paragraphs Develop ending: Personal response Extra information/reminders Wow comment Use of the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause – e.g. I have written it down so I can check what it said Use of present perfect instead of simple past – e.g. He has eff this hat behind as opposed to He left his hat behind	Vary long and short sentences: Long sentences to add description or information Short sentences for emphasis and making key points Embellished simple sentences: • Adverb starters to add detail – e.g. Carefully, she crawled along the floor of the cave • Adverbial phrases used as a 'where', 'when' or 'how' starter (fronted adverbials) – e.g. In a strange way, he • Prepositional phrases to place the action – e.g. on the mat, in the air Compound sentences using coordinating conjunctions: For, not, yet Develop complex sentences with a range of subordinating conjunctions -'ing' clauses as starters – e.g. Sighing, the boy Drop in a relative clause using: Whom, whose, that Develop sentence of 3 for description – e.g. The cottage was almost invisible, hiding under a thick blanket of snow and glistening in the sunlight. Pattern of 3 for persuasion – e.g. Visit, Swim, Enjoy! Topic sentences to introduce non-fiction paragraphs – e.g. Dragons are found across the world. Dialogue with powerful speech verb – e.g.	Prepositions: Next to, by the side of, in front of, during, through, throughout, because of Powerful verbs – e.g. stare, tremble Boastful language – e.g. magnificent, unbelievable More specific/technical vocabulary to add detail – e.g. A few dragons of this variety can breathe on any creature and turn it to stone immediately. Nouns formed from prefixes – e.g. auto-, super-, anti- Word families based on common words – e.g. teacher-teach Use of determiners a or an according to whether next word begins with a vowel	Colon before a list in instructions – e.g. What you need: Ellipses to keep the reader hanging on Secure use of inverted commas for direct speech Use of commas after fronted adverbials	Word family Conjunction Coordinating conjunction Subordinating conjunction Clause Subordinate clause Preposition Direct speech Inverted commas Prefix Consonant Vowel Determiner Synonyms Relative clause Relative pronoun Imperative Colon for instructions		

Year 4

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Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/ Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Secure use of planning tools – e.g. story map, boxing-up grids	Standard English for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms	Prepositions: At, underneath, since, towards, beneath,	Commas to mark clauses and to mark of fronted	Pronoun Possessive
Fiction: Plan opening using description	Long sentences to enhance description or information	beyond	adverbials	pronoun
and action	Short sentences to move events on quickly	Conditionals: Should, could, would	Full punctuation for direct speech,	Adverbial
Organise paragraphs to indicate a change in place or a jump in time	Start with a simile – e.g. As curved as a ball, the moon Like a wailing cat, the ambulance	Comparative and superlative adjectives	including: New speaker, new line	Fronted adverbial
Build suspense writing to	Secure use of simple and embellished simple sentences	- e.g. smallsmallersmall	Comma between direct speech and	Apostrophe – plural
introduce the dilemma	Secure use of compound sentences using coordinating conjunctions	est Goodbetterbest	reporting clause	possession
Clear distinction between resolution and ending – ending	Develop complex sentences (subordination):	Proper nouns – refers	Apostrophes to mark singular and	
should include reflection on events or the characters	Main and subordinate clauses with a range of subordinating conjunctions	to a particular person or thing	plural possession as opposed to s to mark a plural	
Non-fiction: Logical organisation of	-'ed' clauses as starters – e.g. Frightened, Tom	The grammatical difference between	man a piorai	
paragraphs	Expanded –'ing' clauses as starters – e.g. Grinning menacingly, he	plural and possessive –s		
Group related paragraphs	Drop in –'ing' clauses – e.g. Jane, laughing at the	Standard English		
Link information within paragraphs with a range of	teacher, fell off her chair.	forms for verb		
connectives	Sentence of 3 for action – e.g. Sam rushed down the road, jumped on the bus and sank into his seat.	local spoken forms – e.g. we were/we was,		
Ending could include a question, warning or encouragement to the reader	Repetition to persuade – e.g. Find us to find the fun	I did/I done		
-	Dialogue: verb & adverb – e.g. "Hello," she whispered,			
Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun across sentences to	shyly.			
aid cohesion	Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within a sentence to avoid ambiguity and repetition			

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Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/ Language	Punctuation	Terminology	
Secure independent use of planning tools – e.g. story map, boxing-up grids Fiction: Plan opening using description, action and dialogue Vary connectives within paragraphs to build cohesion Use change of place, time and action to link ideas across paragraphs Use 5 part story structure, with writing starting at any of the 5 points – this may include flashbacks Introduction – should include action, description of character/setting or dialogue Build-up – develop suspense techniques Problem/dilemma – may be more than one problem to be resolved Resolution – clear links with dilemma Ending – character could reflect on events, any changes or lessons, look forward to the future, ask a question Non-fiction: Independent planning across all genres and application Secure use of range of layouts suitable to text Secure use of paragraphs: Use a variety of ways to open texts and draw reader in and make the purpose clear Link ideas within and across paragraphs using a full range of connectives and signposts Use rhetorical questions to draw reader in Express own opinions clearly Consistently maintain viewpoint Summary clear at the end to appeal directly to the reader	Relative clauses beginning with who, which, that, where, when, whose or an omitted relative pronoun Develop main and subordinate clauses within complex sentences with full range of connectives Expanded –ed clauses as starters – e.g. Encouraged by the bright weather, Jane Elaboration of starters using adverbial phrases – e.g. Beyond the dark gloom of the cave, Zach Drop in –ed clause – e.g. Poor Tim, exhausted by so much effort, ran home. Sentence reshaping techniques – e.g. lengthening or shortening for meaning or effect Moving sentence chunks (how, when, where) around for different effects – e.g. The siren echoed loudlythrough the lonely streetsat midnight. Use of rhetorical questions Stage directions in speech (speech + verb + action) – e.g. "Stop!" he shouted, picking up the stick and running after the thief. Indicating degrees of possibility using modal verbs (e.g. might, should, will) or adverbs (e.g. perhaps, surely)	Metaphor Personification Onomatopoeia Empty words – e.g. someone, somewhere Develop use of technical language Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes – e.g. –ate, –ise, –ify Verb prefixes – e.g. dis-, de-, mis-, over-, re-	Rhetorical question Dashes Brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis Colons Use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity	Relative clause Relative pronoun Modal verb Parenthesis Bracket Dash Determiner Cohesion Ambiguity Metaphor Personification Onomatopoeia Rhetorical question Tense: present and past progressive	

Year 6

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Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure/ Language	Punctuation	Terminology
Fiction: Secure, independent planning across story types using 5 part story structure Include suspense, cliff hangers, flashbacks/forwards, time slips Start story at any point of the 5 part structure Maintain plot consistently working from plan Secure use of linking ideas within and across paragraphs Secure development of characterisation Non-fiction: Secure planning across non-fiction genres and application Use a variety of text layouts appropriate to purpose Use range of techniques to involve the reader – comments, questions, observations, rhetorical questions Express balanced coverage of a topic Use different techniques to conclude texts Use appropriate formal and informal styles of writing Choose or create publishing format to enhance text type and engage the reader		_	Punctuation Use of the semicolon, colon and dash to indicate a stronger subdivision of a sentence than a comma. Use of colon to introduce a list and semicolons within lists. Punctuation of bullet points to list information How hyphens can be used to avoid ambiguity – e.g. man eating shark versus man-eating shark	Terminology Active and passive voice Subject and object Hyphen Synonym Antonym Colon Semi-colon Bullet points Ellipsis Subjunctive
Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: • Semantic cohesion – e.g. repetition of word or phrase • Grammatical connections – e.g. use of adverbials • Elision Layout devices – e.g. headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets, tables				