

Overview of objectives: Writing – Year 4

Recognise the grammatical difference between plural and possessive 's'
Use Standard English forms for verb inflections
Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions (including: when, if, because, although)
Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition
Expand noun phrases by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and propositional phrases
Use fronted adverbials
Use commas after fronted adverbials
Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns
Use inverted commas and other punctuation to punctuate direct speech
Organise paragraphs around a theme
Build a varied and rich vocabulary
Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently, including the progressive form and the present perfect form

Plan writing by discussing the structure, vocab and grammar of similar writing
Discuss and record ideas
Compose and rehearse sentences orally
Build an increasing range of sentence structures
In narratives, create settings, characters and plot
In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices
Assess the effectiveness of own and others' writing
Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
Read aloud own writing using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.