Information for parents: Grammar and punctuation in the new English curriculum

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Composition: Speak in whole sentences Write sequences of sentences Re-read and check for sense Develop a wide vocabulary	Composition: • Plan what they are going to write Record their writing sentence by sentence • Re-read and check for sense and accuracy • Write for a range of purposes • Develop a wide vocabulary • Use a range of words to join sentences and add detail.	Composition (structure): This includes vocabulary, grammar and punctuation. To develop their composition skills, the children will be taught to Plan, draft, compose, edit and evaluate their writing Use an increasing range of sentence structures Write sentences that include when, where and why something happens Write for a range of purposes and audiences as part of their work across the curriculum. Check whether their work makes sense Grammar will be taught throughout the writing process	Composition (structure): This includes vocabulary, grammar and punctuation. To develop their composition skills, the children will be taught to Plan, draft, compose, edit and evaluate their writing Organise their writing into clear paragraphs Use an increasing range of sentence structures Expand sentences by adding detail Write for a range of purposes and audiences as part of their work across the curriculum. Grammar will be taught throughout the writing process
 Use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks Join sentences with 'and' 	Punctuation: • Develop their understanding and accuracy of punctuation	Punctuation: • Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech	• Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted

	 Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences Commas to separate items in a list Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name] 		commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"] • Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names] • Use of commas after fronted adverbials
Terminology for pupils:	Terminology for pupils:	Terminology for pupils:	Terminology for pupils:
letter, capital letter	noun, noun phrase	preposition, conjunction	determiner
word, singular, plural	statement, question, exclamation, command	word family, prefix	pronoun, possessive pronoun
sentence	compound, suffix	clause, subordinate clause	adverbial
punctuation, full stop, question mark, exclamation mark	adjective, adverb, verb	direct speech	
	tense (past, present)	consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks')	
	apostrophe, comma		

For more information and a glossary of the terminology, follow this link and see Appendix 2

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