



Year 3 Writers

Writing Skill	Expectation
Presenting neatly	I practise joining letters with diagonal and horizontal strokes. I know which letters are best left un-joined.
Applying spelling/phonics	I know the rules when adding particular suffixes and prefixes. I use the word wall and the dictionary to check my spellings and spell words that can be commonly mis spelt.
Writing sentences and joining clauses	I understand how moving the position of clauses and phrases in a sentence affects the meaning. I keep the past, present and future tenses consistent in my writing. I recognise and use adverbs. I use prepositional phrases. I can join clauses in more complex ways by using a wide range of conjunctions (e.g. if, so, while, although) I can write about where, when or how something happens using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions.
Punctuating sentences	I consistently use basic punctuation correctly. I am beginning to use inverted commas to mark direct speech.
Planning my writing	I can compose and rehearse my writing by saying it out loud and making notes. I understand that sectioning makes my writing clearer for the reader.
Structuring my writing	I use headings and sub headings in non-fiction texts. I understand what paragraphs do and write my ideas around a theme (i.e. mark a change in time, place, idea or speaker.)

Engaging my reader Giving detail	I can describe different places in interesting ways and use some of these settings in my stories. I can describe characters based on my reading.
Improving and editing	I work with my teacher or friends to improve my writing. I reread my writing to check I have used the correct spelling and punctuation.