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St Columb Minor Writing Progression







3-4 year olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
Developme	Developme	Composition:	Composition: Purpose and Audience								
nt Matters	nt Matters	Choose to	WTS: Write	Write for real	Write for real	Write for a	WTS: Write for a				
statements	statements	write for a	sentences that	purposes and	purposes and	range of	range of				
_	_	variety of	are sequenced	audiences,	audiences,	purposes and	purposes.				
(non-	(non-	purposes and	to form a short	demonstrating	demonstrating	audiences,					
statutory	statutory	in a variety of	narrative (real	understanding	understanding	selecting	EXS: Write				
curriculum	curriculum	contexts	or fictional).	of the main	of the main	language that	effectively for a				
guidance	guidance	(secure from Foundation	EXS: Write	features of different forms	features of different forms	shows some	range of				
for EYFS to	for EYFS to	Stage).	simple,	of writing.	of writing.	awareness of the reader	purposes and audiences,				
		siugej.	coherent	or writing.	or writing.	(e.g. simplifying	selecting				
be used	be used	Compose	narratives	Write using a	Write using a	vocabulary for	language that				
during the	during the	sentences	about personal	rich and varied	rich and varied	a young	shows good				
year).	year).	orally and in	experiences	vocabulary.	vocabulary.	audience;	awareness of				
Elements of	Elements of	writing.	and those of			maintaining	the reader				
Speaking will	Fine Motor Skills	U U	others (real or	In narrative,	Write narratives	impersonal	(e.g. the use of				
contribute to	and Speaking	Sequence	fictional).	create simple	with a clear	language in a	the first person				
writing.	will contribute	sentences to		settings,	plot, and	more formal	in a diary;				
	to writing.	form a short	EXS: Write	characters and	describe	information	direct address				
Understand the	_	narrative or	about real	plot.	settings and	text).	in instructions				
five key	Form lower-	piece of	events,		characters.		and persuasive				
concepts	case and	information	recording	Begin to use		In narratives,	writing). [From				
about print:	capital letters	writing.	these simply	direct speech	Make effective	describe	Y6 PoS: this				
print has	correctly.		and clearly.		choices about	settings,	must include				





meaning; print		Use basic	[From Y2 PoS:	within	using direct	characters and	examples of
can have	Spell words by	descriptive	this is an	narratives.	speech within	begin to	more formal
different	identifying the	language.	expectation for		narratives.	develop	writing.]
purposes; we	sounds and		all pupils.]	Use		atmosphere	
read English	then writing the	Re-read and		paragraphs as	Use	('show not	GDS: Write
text from left to	sound with	check writing	GDS: Write	a way of	paragraphs to	tell').	effectively for a
right and from	letter/s.	makes sense.	effectively and	grouping	organise ideas		range of
top to bottom;	101101/3.		coherently for	related	around a	Use dialogue in	purposes and
the names of			different	material.	theme, e.g.	narratives to	audiences,
the different	Write short		purposes,		making use of	convey	selecting the
parts of a	sentences with		drawing on	Evaluate the	topic	character or	appropriate
book; page	words with		their reading to	effectiveness of	sentences in	advance the	form and
sequencing.	known sound-		inform the	writing and	non-narrative.	action.	drawing
	letter		vocabulary	suggest			independently
Use some of	correspondenc		and grammar	improvements.	Use pronoun	Use a range of	on what they
their print and	es using a		of their writing.		and nouns	devices to	have read as
letter	capital letter			Proofread for	within and	build cohesion	models for their
knowledge in	and full stop.		GDS: Make	spelling and	across	within and	own writing
their early	Re-read what		simple	punctuation	sentences to	across	(e.g. literary
writing. For	they have		additions,	(See Y3 age-	aid cohesion	paragraphs:	language,
example, write	written to		revisions and	related	and avoid	secure the use	characterisation,
a pretend	check that		proof-reading	expectations	repetition.	of pronouns or	structure).
shopping list	it makes sense.		corrections to	for accuracy).		nouns within	
that starts at	n makes sense.		their own		Evaluate the	and across	WTS: In
the top of the			writing.		effectiveness of	sentences to	narratives,
page; write 'm'	ELG: Writing				writing and	aid cohesion	describe
for mummy.	(to be used as				suggest	and avoid	settings and
	end of year				improvements.	repetition; link	characters.
Write some or	assessment					ideas using	
all of their	statements).				Proofread for	adverbials of	EXS: In
name.					spelling and	time, place	narratives,
	Children at the				punctuation	and number;	describe
Write some	expected level				(see Year 4	link ideas using	settings,
letters	of				age-related	tense choices	characters and
accurately.	development				expectations	(e.g. he had	atmosphere.
	will:				for accuracy).	seen her	





Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed; Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters; Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.			before instead of he saw her before). Make choices in drafting and revising writing, showing understanding of how these enhance meaning. Proofread for spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors (e.g. subject/verb agreement, tense use).	EXS: Integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action. WTS: Use paragraphs to organise ideas. WTS: In non- narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub- headings, bullet points).
a letter or letters; Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read			spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors (e.g. subject/verb agreement,	writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub- headings,
				EXS: Use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms)

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						across paragraphs. From PoS: Make choices in drafting and revising writing, showing understanding of how these enhance meaning. From PoS: Proof read for spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors (e.g. subject/verb agreements, tense use).
	Grammar					
	Combine words to form grammatically accurate sentences. Join words and clauses using 'and'.	EXS: Use present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently. [From Y2 PoS: including use of the progressive form of verbs.]	Write a range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions (when, before, after, while, so, because, although).	Write a range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions (when, before, after, while, so, because, although).	Select appropriate grammar and vocabulary to change and enhance meaning: use a range of verb forms, particularly the perfect, to	EXS: Select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted







				and enhance cohesion using adverbs and adverbials,		through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to
				sometimes fronted, including prepositional phrases (e.g. therefore, soon, finally, before dark, during		achieve this.
				break, in the cave, because of Fred).		
	Punctuation Demark many sentences with capital letters and end punctuation (full stops, question marks and exclamation	WTS: Demarcate some sentences with capital letters and full stops. EXS: Demarcate	Demarcate sentences accurately throughout using capital letters, end punctuation and commas in lists (secure	Demarcate sentences accurately throughout using capital letters, end punctuation and commas in lists (secure	Demarcate sentences accurately throughout, using capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation	WTS: Use mostly correctly: capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for
l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l	marks). Use capital etters for names and the personal pronoun 'I'.	most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use question marks correctly when required.	from Y2). Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Use	from Y2). Use commas after fronted adverbials. Use inverted commas and	marks and the punctuation of direct speech (secured from Year 4). Indicate parenthesis	Contraction. EXS: Use the range of punctuation taught at KS2 mostly correctly (e.g. inverted
		GDS: Use the punctuation	apostrophes for contraction and singular	other punctuation to indicate direct	using brackets, commas or dashes.	commas and other punctuation to



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	taught at KS1 mostly correctly.	possession correctly (secure from Year 2).	speech accurately. Use apostrophes correctly (contraction, singular and plural possession).	Use punctuation to ensure meaning is clear, particularly commas for clarity.	indicate direct speech). GDS: Use the range of punctuation taught at KS2 correctly (e.g. semi-colons, dashes, colons hyphens) and, when necessary, use such punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid
Transcription					ambiguity.
Use phonic knowledge and skills from FS and Year 1 to spell phonemically regular words correctly and make phonically- plausible attempts at others.	WTS: Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling some words correctly and making phonically- plausible attempts at others.	Spell correctly words that have been previously taught, including common exception words from KS1; previously taught homophones; and, those with known prefixes and suffixes.	Spell correctly words that have been previously taught, including common exception words from KS1; previously taught homophones; and, those with known prefixes and suffixes.	Spell correctly words that have been previously taught, including common exception words from KS1; Year 3/4 statutory words; and, previously taught homophones.	WTS: Spell correctly most words from the Year 3/4 spelling list and some words from the Year 5/6 spelling list. EXS: Spell correctly most words from the Year 5/6 spelling list and



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Spell many Year 1 common exception words.Spell many words with simple suffixes and prefixes correctly ('un', singular and plural 's' and 'es', verb endings 'ed', ing' and 'er', est').Form lower- case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place.Form capital letters and digits 0-9.Separate words with spaces.	EXS: Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically- plausible attempts at others. WTS: Spell some common exception words. EXS: Spell many common exception words. GDS: Spell most common exception words. GDS: Add suffixes to spell most words	Use and spell correctly many words from the Year 3/4 spelling list. Use phonic knowledge and morphology to make plausible attempts at spelling unknown words, spelling some correctly. Use joined up writing consistently and independently.	Use and spell correctly most words from the Year 3/4 spelling list. Use phonic knowledge and morphology to make good attempts at, and check the spelling of, unknown words. Use joined up writing consistently, independently and fluently.	Use and spell correctly most words from the Year 5/6 spelling list. Make good attempts at, and check the spelling of, some uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary. Maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.	dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary. WTS: Write legibly. EXS: Maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.
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