

Year 3 Writing Skills

All Saints' CE Primary School

Transcription: Spelling

Spells correctly **many** words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list**

Transcription: Handwriting

Uses the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters.

Sometimes writing is joined and it is becoming more legible. Letter formation is almost consistent.

Writing: Composition and Effect

Is beginning to write for a range of purposes (WTS).

Sometimes describes settings and characters in narratives (WTS).

Sometimes chooses appropriate words and phrases to have an effect on the reader and makes their writing more interesting.

Includes **some** of the main features of the genre, e.g. use characters/settings/plot in a story; use of first person for a letter; use of second person for instructions.

Writing: Text Structure and Organisation

Sometimes uses paragraphs or sections to organise writing e.g. use the main idea (theme) and use sentences to develop it (WTS).

Sometimes in non-narrative writing, uses simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub-headings, bullet points) (WTS).

Sometimes writes clear openings (introduction) and endings (conclusion).

Sometimes uses simple nouns, pronouns and adverbials to link paragraphs and avoid repetition.

Sometimes uses simple nouns, pronouns and adverbials to link sentences and avoid repetition

Writing: Sentence Structure and Punctuation

Sometimes uses co-ordinating conjunctions (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so) to join clauses.

Sometimes uses **subordinating conjunctions** (when, if, that, because, before, after, while, although) to express time, place and cause.

Sometimes uses adverbs (then, next, soon) and prepositions to express time, place and cause.

Is beginning to use fronted adverbials to start sentences in different ways.

Is beginning to use more complex expanded noun phrases for description and detail, when the text type requires it (the blue butterfly with large wings, the strict maths teacher with curly hair).

Uses present and past tense correctly. **Is beginning** to use the present perfect form of verbs (e.g I have walked) in contrast to the past tense.

Sentences **mostly** make sense (plurals are mostly correct and often use the correct form of 'a' or 'an' (e.g. an apple, a carrot (vowels =an))

Is beginning to use commas for fronted adverbials and lists.

Is beginning to use inverted commas to show the beginning and end of speech.

Often uses basic punctuation (capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas for lists) correctly (WTS)

Often uses apostrophes to mark possession (the girl's name or the girls' names) and contraction (shouldn't/couldn't) (WTS).