Literacy Routines and Procedures 2022/23

AREA OF LITERACY	ROUTINE / PROCEDURE
Spellings	Beginning of term (2-3 WEEKS): for the first few weeks of term;
	Year 2, 3 revise the first hundred words from letters and sounds appendix
	(attached)
	Year 4, 5, and 6 revise the 100 most commonly misspelt words. (attached)
	Then test children on the Schonell lists (attached). Group children into up to 5 groups. Choose group according to the 'best fit' around the word in the list which they cluster. Then begin the spellings from that list (not at the start of the group list)
	Test Monday - occasionally test spellings in a random order not in list order.
	Give spellings out (3, 4, or 5 depending on list) Tuesday to Friday during registration - please check accuracy of copying into planner. Children learn each day using look, cover, write, check, also they can look up meaning of a word in a dictionary or use the word in a sentence in their jotter. (Can they use an adjective, adverb, conjunction, simile, complex sentence - this is a good time to reinforce grammar work)
	Spelling test scores - have a class chart on the wall (copy attached) to encourage competition. We expect children to get very close to full marks each week - this is a job we expect then to get right and there is a weekly whole school competition for the class closet to zero (class score under 10 is desirable).
	Ask parents to sign the planner spelling page each week to show that the children have learnt their spellings at the weekend for the test on Monday. Children also record spelling score on the appropriate page in their planner and ask a parent to sign.
	In marking all written work encourage accuracy, not phonetically correct spellings.
	Yr 4, 5, 6 are also encouraged to make greater use of school Oxford or Collins dictionaries and online dictionaries.
	Incorrect spellings in written work - first time write out * 3, next time *5, next time * 10. If the child is still unable to spell the word they need specific reinforcement on the target word until it is secure.

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	Ensure there is a weekly spelling lesson timetabled. Spellings to be taught initially using simultaneously oral spelling (using letter names and repeating the word), however if this is not successful for a child other strategies such as look, cover, say, check, mnemonics (use agreed mnemonics) can be used.
	Also remember to use many incidental opportunities to reinforce spelling rules across the day and once a rule is taught reinforce its application in writing across all curriculum areas.
	Yr 1 to introduce more formal spelling tests based on the 100 high frequency words in the second half of the Autumn term (A2) 5 words per week. After Christmas extend to 10 words per week.
	Remember handwriting is vital to good spelling due to the motor memory patterns which are set up.
Guided Comprehension	Daily for half an hour (time slot to be negotiated with support) all children to work on guided comprehension using the Project X Scheme. Class teacher to write a written feedback comment with a target into every child's planner once per week.
	Guided comprehension sessions will be planned sessions and the attached proforma will be used to record sessions (L.O.) key vocabulary highlighted, record formative assessment and note specific future teaching points.
	Initial ten weeks of term Years 4, 5 and 6 to complete OUP Comprehension Express to focus on the teaching of specific comprehension skills.
Teacher Hearing Readers	Every child in the class to be heard read at least twice per week and recorded on weekly class tracking sheet. Lowest 20% to be heard read every day by an adult.
Reading Homework	If a child does not read at home a note is to be made in the planner asking for parental support and the child will complete their reading in 'extra learning time sessions' within school.
	Planners to be checked and signed by staff three times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Class end of day reading	3.05 – 3.15 daily, the children with have a class story read to or with them. This will be used to further extend vocabulary and to develop reading fluency with a mixture of teacher modelling reading and children reading the text aloud, as

	appropriate. To use Inside Out Books, Stories linked to topics or Pie Corbett Reading Spine Books.
Poetry	Daily poem to be shared with class just before the lunchtime prayer is recited.
- Grammar	Weekly timetabled lesson. The primary scheme to use is Nelson Grammar, supplementary scheme Collins.
	15 minute daily grammar session used CGP book to test once per week to identify areas to target. Use Jolly Grammar resources to teach target areas 4times per week . KS1 - 2.40 pm KS2 - 12pm
	Incidental daily session when learning spellings in registration time. Model how to use a spelling word in a sentence. Then consider adding e.g. an adverb, speech marks, question, statement, powerful verbs, conjunctions etc
Handwriting (approx 30 min session with gross motor warm up at the beginning)	Weekly timetabled lesson. For the initial few weeks of term revise the lower and upper case letter shapes and orientations (and number formation) in the pupil purple handwriting books. Letters grouped according to formation e.g. c based, r based letters etc (Please consider the age group when deciding how many letters to cover in a session)
	Once letter shapes have been revised please practice letters identified as needing reinforcement. Then revise spellings from spelling rules taught the previous half term.
	Collins Handwriting Scheme can also be used as an additional resource. All tasks to be completed in the handwriting book.
	Monitor and insist on the correct pencil grip and letter formation - tripod grip and children can angle the paper on their desk. Sit up straight with both feet on the floor.
	Pen Licences - From Year Three onwards only give the child a pen when their writing is consistent and fluent. If their handwriting subsequently deteriorates then revert to a pencil. Ensure pencils are sharp at all times.
	Use only pencil for work in mathematics.
Nelson Comprehension lesson 1 hr	Weekly timetabled lesson - Use the Nelson Comprehension Scheme. Focus on application of specific comprehension skills.

Schofield and Simms 1 hr	Weekly timetabled resources for taught,
	Week 1 - Schofield ar develop speed, resilie children have tried th
	Week 2 - use of Scho
Additional	Independent readers
Comprehension	alternative reading to
	them in their jotter.
	Use of Project X for
	Yr1 - 6 Oxford Readii
	online comprehension
Writing	Weekly timetabled le

lesson - Use the age appropriate Schofield and Sims , whole class sessions.

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could use the Letts Comprehension series for one of their asks in the guided comprehension session and complete

guided group comprehension sessions.

ing Buddy online platform to be used for home reading and quizzes completed when each book is finished.

esson for extended writing. Wherever possible the extended writing should be linked to the class topic and be for a real purpose e.g. a letter to persuade, a newspaper article, a diary entry, with a real audience to write it for.

Use of the Pie Corbett Talk for Writing approach e.g. imitation, innovation, independent application - see handout attached.

Extended writing should be quality marked and whenever possible it is best to mark it with the children so feedback is immediate and relevant, and can therefore be acted upon swiftly. (Think alouds! - help all children to improve their work.)

When teaching vocabulary be careful to ensure that the words are appropriate and the children understand when and how to use then. Also guard against using too many ly or ing openers in written work, use then sparingly for impact.

As well as the timetabled session there should be a range of opportunities to write at length across the curriculum.

Time should be given for children to redraft pieces of writing (first draft folder on paper) and for them to produce a 'best and final piece' (written in extended writing book). Quality writing developed over two or three sessions rather than a new piece of writing every lesson is the preference.

Vocabulary	Vocabulary to be highlighted on teacher plans, (in all subjects) and discussed in all lessons across the curriculum with new words and their definitions recorded in the appropriate section of the pupil planner.	
	Sp and language vocabulary lists to be taught, 4 words to be introduced per week, highlighted on class poster, and used in many different situations and contexts to embed them - (these are predominantly tier two words.)	
	Yr3 - Yr6 complete two weekly online Bedrock sessions to further develop vocabulary.	
Homework	Daily reading - amount of time to spend reading to be dependent upon age. Year 1 and 2 - 20 minutes per night Year 3 and 4 - 25 minutes per night Year 5 and 6 - 30 minutes per night Learn weekly spelling lists and expect most children to attain full marks in the	
Marking	spelling test. Please refer to the marking policy and the charts in the classroom. Remember for self-identified mistakes the child uses a ruler line.	
Assessment	When highlighting work please use a pink highlighter. Please use the Simms grids for your year group they are matched to NC Use the Writing without levels for assessed pieces of writing - one set of grids per child. Complete the termly Cornerstone test for Reading and SPaG and undertake analysis to identify key objectives and key pupils who need attention and supportive interventions. Autumn Term use CEM assessments.	
Speaking and Listening	Please plan in opportunities for children to work on drama, group discussion and talk partner tasks. (see sheet attached for ideas) Speaking and listening both play a vital part in supporting writing. If a child can talk about their idea and share it with others they are much more likely to be able to write at length about it.	
Date and title	Reference Pie Corbett Talk for Writing training and resource books in class. Please write the full date on literacy work and a WALT and underline with a ruler. Use DUMTUM (date, underline, miss a line, title, underline, miss a line then begin.)	
MAT	Ensure that the MAT children are given opportunities to research on their own, talk about their learning and then present their findings to others. Do not hinder their progress by only 'teaching them' release some time for independence.	

Exercise book	Each child should have an age appropriate English book, an extended writing book, a handwriting book and a general English folder. A spelling test book and spelling practise book.
EYFS	use of yellow pen copying on top, under perfect model not emergent handwriting in English book use of emergent writing in extended provision
	 September begin with a daily lesson of pre-phonics skills - oral blending and segmenting and general phonological awareness developing the ability to hear and say initial sounds Once children have reached a similar level move to more formal daily phonics teaching - introduce a single letter sound or digraph, one per day in line with the Jolly Phonics progression. Teach reading - grapheme / phoneme correspondence alongside writing - letter formation within the same lesson Once children re retaining sounds, blending and segmenting more confidently tricky words are introduced with Action Word actions. When children are secure with segmenting and blending to read they are given a word box. Once a child is secure with word boxes they move to reading captions and are given their first decodable reading book.
	After all Jolly Phonics phonemes have been taught phonic knowledge and skills are practised in the following series of lessons;
	Monday - diagraph revision both reading and writing Tuesday - reading focus - word, caption and sentence Wednesday - writing focus - word, caption and sentence Thursday - tricky word focus Friday - revision and assessment
	Extra sound are taught during Monday sessions are required e.g. igh / ow / y (ee) /air as these are needed in order to access some of our decodable phonic reading books.
	Handwriting - Is a focus within phonics sessions. Also taught discretely and practised when children come into school leach morning.

Summary of Lesson to be covered in a week
Monday spelling test and lesson 1 hour
Handwriting lesson 30 mins
Nelson comprehension 1 hour
Schofield and Simms comprehension 1 hour
Extended writing 1 hour
Nelson Grammar 1 hour
15 minutes daily using CGP and Jolly Grammar
Daily guided comprehension 30 mins