By the end of Year 6, children will not only leave the school being able to write for a variety of purposes, but able to write in a real life situation, essential for the next step in their education. There are 4 types of writing that will be covered in the English curriculum: narrative - writing to entertain; and non-fiction - writing to inform, writing to persuade and writing to discuss. Children will also cover a variety of poetry forms, building up a repertoire.

Purpose of writing to entertain (narrative): The purpose of narrative can be defined simply as to tell a story. However, that does not convey the many purposes of stories and the way that they work at different levels. The purpose of a narrator is to make the listener or reader respond in a particular way. Stories are written or told to entertain and enthral an audience. Stories can make us sad, horrify us, make us laugh, make us excited. They create imaginative worlds that can help us understand ourselves and the things around us and take us beyond our own experience. From the earliest times, stories have been a part of the way that people have explained their world, passed on their beliefs and memories and entertained one another. Narrative is central to learning, especially for young children who develop their understanding through making up stories about what has happened and what might happen. Children use narrative to organise their ideas, structure their thinking and, ultimately, their writing. Telling and writing stories is not simply a set of skills for children to learn, but an essential means for them to express themselves in creative and imaginative ways.

Common forms of narrative text	Talk for writing 'tales'
stories that use predictable and patterned language	wishing tale
traditional / folk stories / fairy tales	warning tale
stories set in familiar settings	conquering the monster tale
modifying well-known stories (changing a character; amending the ending;	finding tale
changing the setting etc.)	journey tale
stories set in historical contexts	losing tale
myths and legends	rags to riches tale
stories with flashbacks	tale of fear
stories set in fantasy words / science fiction stories	meeting tale
stories from different cultures	character flaw
adventure stories	
mystery stories	
scary stories	
narratives retold from another perspective (e.g. form the point of view of a	
different character)	
stories with morals or fables	
stories with dilemmas	
stories told as playscripts	
telling a story from a first-person narrative (e.g. diaries and letters)	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Writing to entertain – generic text structure	<ul> <li>simple narratives and retellings are told/ written in first or third person</li> <li>simple narratives are told/ written in past tense</li> <li>events are sequenced to create texts that make sense</li> <li>main participants are human or animal</li> <li>simple narratives use typical characters, settings and events whether imagined or real</li> <li>'story language' (e.g. once upon a time, later that day etc.) may be used to create purposeful sounding writing</li> </ul>	As Year 1, plus:  they are simply developed as either good or bad characters  language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns (turquoise instead of blue, jumper instead of top, policeman instead of man) etc.	<ul> <li>narratives and retellings written in first or third person</li> <li>narratives and retellings written in past tense, and occasionally in the present tense</li> <li>events sequenced to create chronological plots through the use of adverbials and prepositions</li> <li>descriptions, including those of settings, are developed through the use of adverbials, e.g. in the deep dark woods</li> <li>dialogue begins to be used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward</li> <li>language choices help create realistic sounding narratives e.g.</li> </ul>	As Year 3, plus:  dialogue is used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward  language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language etc.	As Year 4, plus:  narratives are told sequentially and non-sequentially (e.g. flashbacks) through the use adverbials and preposition  descriptions of characters, setting, and atmosphere are developed through precise vocabulary choices e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language	As Year 5, plus:  assured and conscious control is used to effectively and accurately convey meaning, particularly through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to achieve this

			shouted/muttered instead of said etc.			
Writing to entertain – stories, including re-telling; character description; setting description	Retell and invent narrative  concept of a sentence basic sequencing of sentences capital letters and end marks correct past tense form written in the third person conjunctions to join ideas	Simple narrative and description  • past tense and introduction to progressive past tense  • adverbs of time to sequence events  • adverbs for additional detail  • basic noun phrases  • singular possessive apostrophe  • apostrophe for contraction  • simple coordinating and subordinating and subordinating conjunctions  • exclamation sentences  • comparable adjectives  • commas to separate items in a list  • verbs chosen for effect	Developed narrative with focus on paragraphing  conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to sequence events or to mark changes in setting  dialogue including direct speech  past perfect tense  prepositional phrases for settings  noun phrases  verbs and adverbs chosen for effect cohesion created, and repetition avoided through the use of nouns and pronouns	vith focus on sequence sequence organised into paragraphs using fronted adverbials to indicate changes in time or place different orders of sequences fronted adverbials as single words, phrases and clauses to create cohesion expanded noun phrases dialogue including direct speech to show character develop characters through dialogue and action standard forms of verb inflections used instead of local spoken forms apostrophes for plural possession past progressive and present perfect	Developed narrative with focus on cohesion  cohesion through a variety of devices  links within and between paragraphs with adverbials  past perfect tense to link events  action, dialogue and description used to move events forward  relative clauses with commas and dashes used for additional detail including omitted relative pronouns  modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility  adverbs of possibility	with focus on atmosphere and shifts  cohesion through a wider variety of devices (e.g. repetition of a word or phrase, ellipsis)  sustained register with well-rounded ending  atmosphere and mood created through effective word choice, sentence structure and literary devices  shifts in formality  past perfect tense to link events, including past perfect progressive  action, dialogue and description used to move events forward  subjunctive form to hypothesise  colons, semi-colons and dashes used to separate and link ideas

**Purpose of reports:** To provide detailed information about the way things are or were and to help readers/listeners understand what is being described by organising or categorising information.

## **Common forms of report texts:**

Describing aspects of daily life in history (e.g. fashion, transport, buildings)

Describing the characteristics of anything (e.g. particular animals or plants; the planets in the solar system, different rocks and materials; mythological creatures)

Comparing and describing localities or geographical features
Describing the characteristics of religious groups and their lifestyles in re
information leaflets

tourist guidebooks encyclopaedia entries magazine articles biographies **General text structure:** In the absence of a temporal (chronological) structure where events happen in a particular order, non-chronological reports usually have a logical structure. They tend to group information, often moving from general to more specific detail and examples or elaborations. A common structure includes:

- an opening statement, often a general classification (sparrows are birds)
- sometimes followed by a more detailed or technical classification (their Latin name is...)
- a description of whatever is the subject of the report organised in some way to help the reader make sense of the information. For example:
- its qualities (like most birds, sparrows have feathers.)
- its parts and their functions (the beak is small and strong so that it can ...)
- Its habits/behaviour/ uses (sparrows nest in...)

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Writing to inform – reports		Fact-file concept of a sentence capital letters and end marks word choices labels and captions	Basic non- chronological report  present tense  opening questions  concluding exclamatory sentence  subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to join information and give reasons  adverbs	Sectioned non- chronological report  planned into sections headings sub-headings conjunctions to join information and give reasons present perfect tense word choices to match information texts	Non-chronological report with paragraphs  organised into sections with appropriate headings and text type features  range of conjunctions and appropriate word choices  beginning to explore levels of formality and able to demonstrate this through word and sentence choices	Biography  cohesion through a variety of devices within and across paragraphs relative clauses with commas and brackets to add information structured paragraphs linked with adverbials indicate degrees of possibility using modal verbs and adverbs	Detailed information texts     cohesion through a wider variety of devices     layout devices including headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets and tables to structure texts     semi-colons for items in a list and colons to introduce lists     sustained levels of formality demonstrated through sentence and word choices in

	appropriate use of	difference pieces of
	pronouns and nouns	different levels of
	·	formality
		the identification of
		different structures
		typical of informal
		and formal writing
		e.g. the use of the
		subjunctive and the
		use of question tags
		<ul> <li>hyphens used to</li> </ul>
		avoid ambiguity
		arona amonganty

# **Purpose of recounts:** To give details of an event that has happened **Common forms of recount texts:**

Retelling events in English lessons and other curriculum areas such as RE Giving accounts of schoolwork, sporting events, science experiments and trips out

Writing historical accounts letters and postcards diaries and journals newspaper reports magazine articles

obituaries

## Recount of event

- concept of a sentence
- capital letters and end marks
- word choices
- correct past tense form
- written in the first person

## Simple recount

- past tenseprogressive forms of verbs
- exclamatory sentences to make personal comments
- subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to join information and give reasons
- use of noun phrases
- adverbs of time to sequence events

## Sectioned recount

- planned in sections using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to sequence events
- word choices and developed sentence structures to match recount texts
- Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions
- Inverted commas can be used to punctuate direct speech, if appropriate

## **General text structure:**

- orientation such as scene-setting or establishing context (It was the school holidays. I went to the park ...)
- an account of the events that took place, often in chronological order (The first person to arrive was ...)
- some additional detail about each event (He was surprised to see me)
- reorientation, e.g. a closing statement that may include elaboration. (I hope I can go to the park again next week. It was fun)

Structure sometimes reorganises the chronology of events using techniques such as flashbacks, moving the focus backwards and forwards in time, but these strategies are more often used in fiction recounts

# Developed recount with paragraphs

- developed sequential language organised into paragraphs
- adverbs, adverbials and prepositions to sequence events
- word choices and developed sentence structures to match recount texts
- expanded noun phrases

# Journalistic writing • focusing on

- journalistic vocab and sentence structures
  • cohesion through
- choice of techniques within and across paragraphs
- structural features included in newspaper reports
- shifts in formality as writing extension
- use of the past perfect
- modal verbs can be used to indicate degrees of possibility

# Developed journalistic writing

- cohesion through a wider variety of devices
- passive voice
- shifts in formality
- control of vocabulary choices to match the language used in journalistic writing
- use of semi-colons, colons and dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
- structural features included in newspaper reports
- past perfect progressive form of verbs

# Writing to inform – recounts

Purpose of instructions / procedural texts: To ensure something is done effectively and/or correctly with a successful outcome for the participant/s Common forms of instructions / procedural texts:

How to design and make artefacts

Technical manuals: how to operate computers, phones, devices How to carry out science experiments or to carry out a mathematical procedure

How to play a game
Writing rules for behaviour
How to cook and prepare food
timetables and route-finders
posters, notices and signs
instructions on packaging

**Generic text structure:** Begin by defining the goal or desired outcome e.g. How to make a board game

- an introductory sentence or paragraph
- list any material or equipment needed, in order
- provide simple, clear instructions. If a process is to be undertaken, keep to the order in which the steps need to be followed to achieve the stated goal
- diagrams or illustrations are often integral and may even take the place of some text (Diagram B shows you how to connect the wires.)
- a final evaluative statement can be used to wrap up the process. E.g. Now go and enjoy playing your new game. Your beautiful summer salad is now ready to eat.

mstrt	instructions on packaging			_		
	Simple instructions	Developed	5 part instructions		Developed 5 part	Complex 5 part
	<ul> <li>concept of a</li> </ul>	instructions	<ul> <li>commas to</li> </ul>		instructions	instructions
	sentence	<ul> <li>developed</li> </ul>	separate items in a	•	5 clearly	• 5 clearly
	<ul> <li>basic sequencing of</li> </ul>	sequencing with	list sequenced		sequenced parts	sequenced parts
	sentences	subordinating and	parts – title;	•	cohesion through	parenthesis can be
	<ul> <li>capital letters and</li> </ul>	coordinating	opening paragraph		the use of nouns	used to add
<b>₹</b>	end marks	conjunctions to join	to introduce		and pronouns	additional advice
Writing	<ul> <li>word choices</li> </ul>	information and give	instructions;	•	fronted adverbials	relative clauses to
18 t	<ul> <li>correct past tense</li> </ul>	reasons	equipment list;			add further
to i	form	<ul> <li>adverbs of time to</li> </ul>	method; closing			information
inform	<ul> <li>labels and captions</li> </ul>	sequence and to add	paragraph with			modal verbs to
rm		detail	'top tip'			suggest degrees of
Ī		<ul> <li>commas to separate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>headings and</li> </ul>			possibility
ins		items in a list	subheadings to aid			layout devices to
tru			presentation			provide additional
<del>Ci</del> i			<ul> <li>time, place and</li> </ul>			information and
instructions			cause expressed			guide the reader
0,			using conjunctions,			
			adverbs or			
			prepositions			

**Purpose of explanation texts:** To explain how or why, e.g. to explain the processes involved in natural/social phenomena or to explain a process, such as how a car is made.

## **Common forms of explanatory text:**

Explaining electricity, forces, food chains etc. in science

Explaining inventions such as the steam train, the causes of historic events such as wars and revolutions, explaining the role of the Nile in determining the seasons in Ancient Egypt

Explaining phenomena such as the water cycle or how a volcano erupts in geography

Explaining religious traditions and practices in RE encyclopaedia entries

technical manuals

question and answer articles and leaflets

science write-ups

**Generic text structure:** A general statement to introduce the topic being explained. E.g. In the winter some animals hibernate.

- the steps or phases in a process are explained logically, in order. E.g. When the nights get longer ... because the temperature begins to drop ... so the hedgehog looks for a safe place to hide.
- specific features that include written in the present tense, text arranged into numbered points, time conjunctions, diagrams with labels and pictures with captions

Writing to inform - explanations	Basic explanation  consistent use of present tense  questions used to form titles  question marks used to denote questions (Y1)  conjunctions e.g. sobecause to explain	Sectioned explanation Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material consistent use of present tense express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions heading and subheadings used to aid presentation	Explanation text with paragraphs  • fronted adverbials  • paragraphs to organise ideas  • cohesion through the use of nouns and pronouns	Developed explanation text  indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs and modal verbs  layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader  cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials  relative clauses used to add further information  parenthesis to add to the clarification	Scientific writing/report  cohesion through a wider variety of devices  passive voice appropriate levels of formality demonstrated features of explanation texts where appropriate advanced sequential and causal language
				of technical words	

**Purpose of persuasive texts:** To argue a case from a particular point of view and to encourage the reader/listener towards the same way of seeing things.

## Common forms of explanatory text:

Publicity materials such as tourist brochures

Writing editorials to newspapers about controversial issues

Writing letters about topics such as traffic on the high street or deforestations Creating posters and leaflets about issues such as bullying, stranger danger or substance abuse

Creating posters, articles and leaflets promoting healthy living based on science work about teeth and nutrition

Writing book reviews for other pupils

Book blurbs

Applying for a job or a position on the school council

#### Generic text structure:

- an opening statement (thesis) that sums up the viewpoint being presented: Greentrees Hotel is the best in the world. School uniform is a good idea
- strategically organised information presents and then elaborates on the desired viewpoint: Vote for me because I am very experienced. I have been a school councillor three times and I have ...
- a closing statement repeats and reinforces the original thesis: All the evidence shows that ... It's quite clear that ... Having seen all that we offer you, there can be no doubt that we are the best

Applying for a job or a pos	Basic persuasive	Sectioned	Persuasive text with	Developed persuasive	Advanced persuasive
Writing to persuade – advertising. letter, speech, poster	text  • written in present tense  • rhetorical questions  • effective use of noun phrases	<ul> <li>persuasive text</li> <li>introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material</li> <li>express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions</li> <li>use of present perfect form of verbs</li> </ul>	paragraphs  • potentially an  • cohesion through choice of pronouns or nouns within and across sentences, avoiding repetition  • expanded noun phrases  • persuasive writing features (e.g. DAFOREST)  • modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility	text  evaluating the contrast between formal and informal persuasive texts  cohesion through choice of techniques  expanded noun phrases  persuasive writing features (e.g. DAFOREST)  modal verbs and adverbs to position the argument  structured paragraphs linked with adverbials  commas to avoid ambiguity	text      adapting degrees of formality and informality, inc. vocabulary choices, to suit the form of the text     passive voice     subjunctive form to hypothesise     cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices including conjunctive adverbs     persuasive writing features (e.g. DAFOREST)     hyphens to avoid ambiguity

**Purpose of discussion texts:** To present a reasoned and balanced overview of an issue or controversial topic. Usually aims to provide two or more different views on an issue, each with elaborations, evidence and/ or examples.

## **Common forms of discussions texts:**

Non-fiction book on an 'issues'

Write-up a debate

Leaflet or article giving balanced account of an issue

**General text structure:** The most common structure includes:

- a statement of the issues involved and a preview of the main arguments
- arguments for, with supporting evidence/examples
- arguments against or alternative views, with supporting evidence/examples

Another common structure presents the arguments 'for' and 'against' alternatively. Discussion texts usually end with a summary and a statement of recommendation or conclusion. The summary may develop one particular viewpoint using reasoned judgements based on the evidence provided.

Writing letters about pollution, factory farming or smoking	recommendation or conclusion. The summary may develop one particular	
Writing essays giving opinions about literature, music or works of art  Writing to discuss - balanced arguments	Basic discussion text	complex discussion text  cohesion through a wider variety of devices adverbials for cohesion modal verbs and adverbs to position the arguments advanced language chosen to represent both arguments appropriate levels of formality applied well-structured arguments language involved with evaluation and viewpoints included use of semi-colons and colons to control sentence structure passive voice subjunctive form to hypothesise

#### **Acrostics**

- The first of last letter in each line spell out a word. Most commonly, it is the first letter that spells out the word
- The acrostic links to a given theme, e.g. winter
- Lines usually end with commas

# Shape poems / calligrams

- The poem usually describes an object
- The poem is presented in the shape of the object which it is describing
- The layout may either be with the words inside a shape or around the outline of a shape

#### Diamantes

The poem is presented in the shape of a diamond

The line structure

is as follows: Line 1: Beginning subject Line 2: Two adjectives about line 1 Line 3: Three verbs or words ending '-ing' about line 1 Line 4: A short phrase about line 1, a short phrase about line 7 Line 5: Three verbs or words ending '-ing' about line 7 Line 6: Two adjectives about line 7

Line 7: End

Precise verbs and

adjectives are

used in the

subject

## Clerihews

- A clerihew is four lines in length, and includes rhyming couplets (AABB)
- The subject of the poem is typically a character who is named on one of the lines
- The mood of this type of poem is comic

Mr Smith wears a wig,
But for his head it's
rather big,
In windy weather he
was careless,
Now Mr Smith's head
is hairless.

## Limericks

- The poem is five lines in length and follows the rhyme scheme AABBA
- The line structure is as follows:
  Line 1: 7-10
  syllables
  Line 2: 7-10
  syllables

## Kennings

- A kenning is a two word phrase which describes an object
- Kenning poems
   are type of riddle
   Each line consists
- of one kenning.
  There is no set
  number of lines in
  each verse,
  although 8 lines
  and 1 verse is
  expected for this
  age group
- The kennings should be ordered within the poem with consideration of the impact on the reader

Ball catcher
Muddy scrambler
Fast diver
Long kicker
Expert thrower
Ace defender
Goal saver

Game winner

## Senryus

- The structure is identical to that of a haiku (see Y2)
- Each line starts with a capital letter
- Each line ends with appropriate punctuation
- Where senryus differ from haikus is their subject: senryus are about human nature or emotions
- serious or cynical
  First day, new school
  year,
  Backpack harbours a
  fossil:
  Last June's cheese

They can be

The death of a friend Can leave one devastated. Fate is often cruel.

sandwich.

# Ottava Rima

- An Italian style of poetry
- It is eight lines in length; each line consists of eleven syllables
- The rhyme scheme is ABABABC
- Each line opens with a capital letter
- It is optional whether lines end with commas or not
- A poem may consist of several verses following the structure above, although one verse is sufficient for this age group
- The last line of the poem may end with a question mark or a full stop

Quickly did the tiger begin his fast run, Over hilly ground you see him fly and leap,

#### Riddles

- The poem describes a noun, usually an object, but does not name it, e.g. it might describe a tiger as striped and furry
- The last line usually directly addresses the reader and uses a question: What is it? or Who am I?
- The mood of the poem is light hearted

- relevant lines indicated above
- Each line starts
   with a capital
   letter; commas
   are used between
   verbs and
   adjectives; no
   punctuation at
   the end of lines

Bike
Shiny, quiet,
Pedalling, spinning, weaving
Whizzing round corners, zooming
along roads
Racing, roaring, speeding
Fast, loud,
Car

#### Haikus

- The mood of a haiku is generally serious and is usually about nature
- There is no rhyming structure

The line structure

- is as follows: Line 1: 5 syllables Line 2: 7 syllables Line 3: 5 syllables
- Each line starts with a capital letter

- Line 3: 5-7 syllables
  Line 4: 5-7
- syllables Line 5: 7-10 syllables
- The first line usually begins with 'There was a...' and ends with the name of a person or place
- The last line should be rather unusual or farfetched
- Each line starts with a capital letter
- Lines often end with a comma
- The mood of this type of poem is comic, and it can even be nonsense

An ambitious young fellow named Matt,
Tried to parachute using his hat,
Folks below looked so

Folks below looked so small, As he started to fall,

## **Tetractys**

- The poem is five lines in length
- The line structure is as follows:
  Line 1: 1 syllable
  Line 2: 2 syllables
  Line 3: 3 syllables
  Line 4: 4 syllables
  Line 5: 10
  syllables
- There is no set rhyme scheme
- Each line starts
  with a capital
  letter and only
  the last line ends
  with a full stop

I
Am four
And I go
To big school
where
I learn to read and
write and spell my
name.

## Free verse

Free verse does not follow a set syllable pattern or rhyme scheme It may be written

## Renga

- Renga poems are written by more than one poet
- Poet A would
  write three lines
  following the
  structure below.
  Poet B would then
  write the last two
  lines of the verse
  following the
  given structure.
  This is repeated
  within a pair or
  small group until
  the poem is
  complete
- The line structure is as follows:
  Line 1: 5 syllables
  Line 2: 7 syllables
  Line 3: 5 syllables
  Line 4: 7 syllables
  Line 5: 7 syllables
- There is no set rhyme scheme
- The themes
   within a verse
   need to be
   consistent
   Each line starts

with a capital

The passive prey laying grazing in the sun,
Suddenly its life that it wanted to keep,
Tiger pounces,
quickly getting the job done,
The prey collapsing in a really big heap,
Tiger sleeps as night

Will we ever see the hunter become prey?

takes over from the

day,

## **Lambic Pentameter**

- Unlike other taught styles, lambic pentameter refers to the way in which individual lines are constructed
- There are no particular rules about verse length
- It is a sequence of ten alternately unstressed and stressed syllables

1		T	T .		,
	Free verse	Then got bigger and	on a range of	letter and the last	Children should
	<ul> <li>Free verse does</li> </ul>	bigger and SPLAT!	themes	line of each verse	be encouraged to
	not follow a set		Refer to the KS2	ends with a full	hear the effect of
	syllable pattern or	Free verse	key objectives and	stop	lines being
	rhyme scheme	<ul> <li>Free verse does</li> </ul>	writing curriculum	The final leaf falls	constructed in
	<ul> <li>It may be written</li> </ul>	not follow a set	content for Year 4	The tree branches are	this style
	on a range of	syllable pattern or		so bare	Two households,
	themes	rhyme scheme		Autumn has arrived	both alike in dignity,
	<ul> <li>Refer to the KS1</li> </ul>	It may be written		Remember summer's	In fair Verona, where
	key objectives and	on a range of		warm kiss	we lay our scene,
	writing curriculum	themes		So gentle, it will be	From ancient grudge
	content for Year 2	Refer to the KS2		missed.	break to new mutiny,
		key objectives and			Where civil blood
		writing curriculum		Free verse	makes civil hands
		content for Year 3		Free verse does	unclean.
				not follow a set	From forth the fatal
				syllable pattern or	loins of these two
				rhyme scheme	foes
				It may be written	A pair of star-cross'd
				on a range of	lovers take their life.
				themes	
				Refer to the KS2	Free verse
				key objectives and	Free verse does
				writing curriculum	not follow a set
				content for Year 5	syllable pattern or
					rhyme scheme
					It may be written
					on a range of
					themes
					Refer to the KS2
					key objectives and
					writing curriculum
					content for Year 6
					content for real b