

# ST LEONARDS English Curriculum Year Four

#### Spoken Language

- Everyday children spend 15 or 20 minutes storytelling
- -pupils are taught to:
- •listen and respond appropriately to adults and peers
- •ask relevant questions and use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- •give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes
- •maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations; participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debate
- develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imaging and exploring ideas
- •speak audibly and fluently with increasing command of standard English; gain and maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- •consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others.

### Reading (word reading including phonics)

Apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), as listed in English Appendix 1 Year 3 and 4 spelling list, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.

Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.

#### Reading (comprehension)

- -Develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:
  - listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction and reference books or textbooks

- reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes
- using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read
- increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally
- identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books
- preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- recognising some different forms of poetry (e.g. free verse, narrative poetry)
- understand what they read, in books they can read independently, by:
  - checking that the text makes sense to them,
  - discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
  - asking questions to improve their understanding of a text
  - drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
  - predicting what might happen from details stated and implied
  - identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these
  - identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning
- -retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- -participate in discussion about both books that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say.

## Writing (transcription) spelling and handwriting

- Pupils will be taught using the Talk for Writing teaching sequence.
- Revise work done in previous years- letters and sounds/high frequency words for individuals- rules for adding suffixes
- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them ation, -ly, -ous
- -adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
- Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ -sure or /tʃə/ -ture or /ʒən/ -sion
- Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian
- Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) e.g. scheme -the
   /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) e.g.chef
- Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt que (French in origin)
- Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)
- Words with the /ei/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey
   The /i/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words (e.g. myth, gym)
- The /n/ sound spelt ou (e.g. young)
- spell further homophones or near homophones
- Possessive apostrophe with plural words
- spell words that are often misspelt
- use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- write from memory simple sentences, dictated, that include words and punctuation taught so far
- Word list Year 3 and 4.



Pupils will be taught to:

-use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters -increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].

## Writing (composition) Text, Sentence and Word Level (Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation)

Text Structure	Sentence Construction	Word Structure / Language	Punctuation	Terminology
-Consolidate Year 3 list	-Consolidate Year 3 list	-Consolidate Year 3 list	-Consolidate Year 3 list	-Consolidate:
	-Standard English for verb inflections			Finger spaces
Paragraphs: to organise each part of story	instead of local spoken forms	-Prepositions	-Commas to mark clauses and to mark off fronted	Word
to indicate a change in place or jump in time, to	<b>-Long sentences</b> to enhance description or	at underneath since	adverbials	Sentence
organise ideas round a theme,	information	towards beneath beyond		Statement
Logical organisation,	-Short sentences to move events on		-Full punctuation for direct speech:	question
Group related paragraphs,	quickly e.g. It was midnight.	-Conditionals - could,	Each new speaker on a new line	exclamation
Develop use of a topic sentence,	-Start with a simile	should, would	Comma between direct speech and reporting clause e.g.	Command
Link information within paragraphs with a range of	e.g. As curved as a ball, the moon shone		"It's late," gasped Cinderella!	Full stops
connectives.	brightly in the night sky.	-Comparative and		Capital letter
Plate.	Like a wailing cat, the ambulance screamed	superlative adjectives	-Apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession	Question mark
-Fiction:	down the road.	e.g.	(e.g. the girl's name, the boys' boots) as opposed to s to	Exclamation mark
Secure use of planning tools: e.g. story map /story      Secure use of planning tools: e.g. story map /	-Secure use of simple / embellished simple	smallsmallersmallest	mark a plural	Speech bubble
mountain /story grids /'Boxing-up' grids (Refer to	sentences / compound sentences	goodbetterbest		'Speech marks'
Story Types grids)	(Coordination) using coordinating conjunction and / or / but / so / for / nor /	-Proper nouns-refers to a		Direct speech Inverted commas
Plan opening using: Description /action	yet (coordinating conjunctions)	particular person or thing		Bullet points
• Developed 5 parts to story: Introduction, Build-up,	-Develop complex sentences:	e.g. Monday, Jessica,		Apostrophe (contractions only)
Problem / Dilemma ,Resolution ,Ending	(Subordination) Main and subordinate	October, England		Commas for sentence of 3 – description, action
<ul> <li>Build in suspense writing to introduce the dilemma</li> </ul>	clauses with range of subordinating	October, England		Colon - instructions
<ul> <li>Clear distinction between resolution and ending.</li> </ul>	conjunctions. (See Connectives and	-The grammatical		Singular/ plural
Ending should include reflection on events or the	Sentence Signposts doc.)	difference between plural		Suffix/ Prefix
characters.	-'ed' clauses as starters e.g.	and <b>possessive</b> –s		Word family
-Non-Fiction:	Frightened, Tom ran straight home to avoid	ana pessessive s		Consonant/Vowel
Secure use of planning tools: Text map/ washing	being caught.	-Standard English forms for		Adjective / noun / noun phrase Verb / Adverb
line/ 'Boxing –up' grid	-Expanded -'ing' clauses as starters e.g.	verb inflections instead of		Bossy verbs - imperative
Use of bullet points, diagrams	Grinning menacingly, he slipped the	local spoken forms (e.g. we		Tense (past, present, future)
Introduction, Middle section(s), Ending	treasure into his rucksack.	were instead of we was, or I		Connective
	-Drop in -'ing' clause e.g.	did instead of I done)		Conjunction
Ending could Include personal opinion, response,	Jane, laughing at the teacher, fell off her			Preposition
extra information, reminders, question, warning,	chair.			Determiner/ generaliser
encouragement to the reader	The tornedo, sweeping across the city,			Clause
<ul> <li>Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun across</li> </ul>	destroyed the houses.			Subordinate clause
sentences to aid cohesion	-Sentence of 3 for action e.g.			Relative clause
	The Romans enjoyed food, loved marching			Relative pronoun
	but hated the weather.			Alliteration
	-Repetition to persuade e.g.			Simile – 'as'/ 'like'
	Find us to find the fun			Synonyms
	<u>-Dialogue - verb + adverb - "Hello," she</u>			
	whispered, shyly.			Introduce:
	-Appropriate choice of <b>pronoun</b> or <b>noun</b>			Pronoun
	within a <b>sentence</b> to avoid ambiguity and			Possessive pronoun
	repetition			Adverbial
				Fronted adverbial
				Apostrophe – plural possession