## **English Writing**

### **Year 1 Key Objectives**

## **Transcription**

Pupils should be taught to spell:

- words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught
- common exception words
- the days of the week
- name the letters of the alphabet:
- naming the letters of the alphabet in order
- using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound
- add prefixes and suffixes:
- using the spelling rule for adding —s or —es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs
- using the prefix un-
- using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]
- apply simple spelling rules
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.

#### Handwriting

Pupils should be taught to:

- sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form capital letters
- form digits 0-9
- understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.

## Composition

Pupils should be taught to:

- write sentences by:
- say out loud what they are going to write about
- compose a sentence orally before writing it
- sequence sentences to form short narratives
- re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense
- discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils
- read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.

# **Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation**

Pupils should be taught to:

- leave spaces between words
- join words and joining clauses using and
- begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
- use the grammatical terminology for concepts covered in year1, when discussing their writing.