



Kingshurst Primary School

Writing

Always Skills

Year 1 to 6

Writing is an essential skill that will benefit every pupil throughout their life. It is a critical skill that equips children with the ability to communicate in numerous ways

There are many skills that children will be taught during each year linked to their writing. At Kingshurst, we use the Writing Always Skills which we have identified as being the essential minimum requirements your child must meet to enable them to continue to make progress the following year. These are set out per year group as follows:



Year One Always Statements

I always use capital letters to start a sentence.
I always use a full stop to end a sentence.
I always use finger spaces.
I always form my letters correctly.

Words children in Year One need to know

Letter	Punctuation
Capital letter	Full stop
Word	Question mark
Singular	Exclamation mark
Plural	Sentence

Year Two Always Statements

I always use capital letters to start a sentence, for names and for the pronoun I.
I always use a full stop, an exclamation mark or a question mark to end a sentence.
I always use neat, cursive handwriting.
I always use an apostrophe for contracted words.
I always use commas to separate items in a list.

Words children in Year Two need to know

Noun	Compound
Noun phrase	Adjective
Statement	Verb
Question	Suffix
Exclamation	Adverb
Command	Tense (past, present)
Comma	Apostrophe

Year Three Always Statements

I always use capital letters correctly throughout my work.
I always use the correct punctuation at the end of a sentence.
I always use neat, joined, cursive handwriting.
I always use paragraphs in my writing.
I always proofread my work and make corrections with a purple pen.

Words children in Year Three need to know

word family preposition inverted commas consonant clause	adverb direct speech prefix vowel subordinate clause paragraph
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Year Four Always Statements

I always use the correct punctuation for direct speech.
I always use apostrophes to show possession.
I always use commas to separate fronted adverbials.
I always extend my writing by using a range of conjunctions.
I always edit and improve my work using a purple pen.

Words children in Year Four need to know

adverbial adverbial phrase fronted adverbial preposition inverted commas	pronoun possessive pronoun paragraph clause conjunctions
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Year Five Always Statements

✓ I always use the correct punctuation throughout my work.
✓ I always use parenthesis to indicate an embedded clause.
✓ I always use a relative pronoun to indicate a relative clause.
✓ I always use a variety of sentence starters in my writing.
✓ I always edit and improve my work using a purple pen.

Words children in Year Five need to know

relative clause modal verb relative pronoun ambiguity	parenthesis bracket dash determiner cohesion
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Year Six Always Statements

✓ I always use a wide range of correct punctuation throughout my work.
✓ I always use ambitious vocabulary.
✓ I always use a range of devices to build cohesion in my work.
✓ I always use the correct verb tenses in my writing.
✓ I always edit my work on the go, ensuring I correct and improve my work.

Words children in Year Six need to know

relative clause modal verb relative pronoun ambiguity	parenthesis bracket dash determiner cohesion
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