Age-related expectations: Year One





Vorning		
Transcription and handwriting	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	Composition
 I can spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught (Phase 3). I can spell common exception words. I can spell days of the week. I can name all the letters of the alphabet in order. I can write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far. I can use letter names to show alternative spellings of the same phoneme (eg identifying known phonemes in unfamiliar words, using syllables, narrowing down possibilities). I can use the suffix 's' or 'es' for plurals. I can use the suffix 's' or 'es' for third person singular verbs. I can add suffixes 'ing', 'er', 'ed' and 'est' to verbs where no spelling change is needed to root word eg helping, helped, helper. I know how the prefix 'un' can be added to verbs and adjectives to change meaning. 	Grammar 15. I can combine words to make a sentence. 16. I can write sentences with one 'chunk' of meaning (or join 'chunks' of meaning – see below). 17. I can use 'and' to join two clauses and words in a list. Punctuation 18. I am beginning to start and end sentences: use capital letters to start use a full stop to end or question mark / exclamation mark. 19. I can use a capital letter: for 'I' for everyday proper nouns. 20. I can separate words using (finger) spaces.	Purpose and organisation 21. I can sequence sentences to form a short recount or narrative. 22. I can say what I'm going to write and then compose a sentence orally before writing it. Editing 23. I can re-read what I have written to check that it makes sense (with an adult if needed). 24. I can discuss and read aloud what I have written. 25. I can identify two sentences that are 'squashed', knowing they need to be separated (full stops, ! or ?) or joined (conjunctions).
Handwriting 11. I am beginning to form lower case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place. 12. I can form capital letters. 13. I can form digits 0-9. 14. I can sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortable and correctly (paper at an angle, non-writing hand holding paper). Spelling ↑Sound out spelling when not sure and come up with phonetically plausible attempts at spelling unfamiliar words ↑Spell almost all words in the Year 1 and 2 list accurately Handwriting ↑Know which letters have ascenders and descenders ↑Consistent in use of small case and capital letters	Grammar and punctuation terminology word sentence letter capital letter singular full stop punctuation question mark exclamation mark Sentence structure ↑Use adverbs to start sentences. For example – Slowly, Carefully, Fortunately ↑Use pronouns to avoid repetition ↑Make sentences longer and use words other than 'and' and 'then' to join ideas together	Purpose and organisation ↑Sequence a short story or series of events related to learning in science, history and geography ↑Start a narrative by introducing a character ↑Organise writing so that the purpose is clear