

Marus Bridge Primary School

Y6 Writing Expectations

Composition: Sentences

Use expanded noun phrases (including preposition phrases)

Use adverbs and adverbials of time, place, manner, degree or frequency

Use a variety of sentence structures (some use of relative clauses)

Past and present tense consistent

Use modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility

Use passive voice

Use a wide range of cohesive devices within sentences (conjunctions, determiners, synonyms and pronouns)

Use a wide range of cohesive devices across paragraphs (repetition, adverbials, ellipsis)

Verb tenses are accurate and consistent

Use figurative language (similes, metaphors, alliteration etc.)

Use Standard English in formal writing

Use expanded forms in formal writing

Use precise, technical vocabulary

Use multi-clause sentences (embedded, main, subordinate, relative etc.)

Use subjunctive form in formal writing

Distinguish between the language of speech and writing and choose the appropriate register

Assured and conscious control over vocabulary choices for effect on the reader

Conscious control over levels of formality for effect (perfect, progressive, passive etc.)

Punctuation

Use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks accurately

Use commas to separate items in a list

Use apostrophes for contractions

Use apostrophes for possession

Use commas for clarity to separate clauses / phrases

Use inverted commas and other speech punctuation correctly including interrupted speech

Use colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses

Use colons to introduce a list and semi-colons within list

Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses

Use (some) punctuation for parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas)

Use hyphens to link words and avoid ambiguity

Composition: Narrative

Use paragraphs to group related sentences of time and place

Describe settings and characters and atmosphere

Use a range of synonyms to avoid repetition

Use dialogue to convey character

Use dialogue to advance action (including additional clauses) e.g. "Watch out!" cried Simon, as he pushed past the crowd.

Draw on independent reading to develop characterisation and literary language

Paragraphs are manipulated for effect and used accurately to organise complex narratives

Composition: Non-Fiction

Write a clear introduction, main body and conclusion

Use logical paragraphs

Use organisational devices e.g. headings, subheadings, bullet points, glossary etc.

Composition: Editing

Propose changes to grammar, vocabulary and punctuation

Proof-read to check for spelling errors using a dictionary

Check own writing against genre success criteria

Spelling

Spell words from Year 3/4 word list

Spell (some) most words from Year 5/6 word list

Use taught prefixes and suffixes in writing

Use homophones mostly accurately

Handwriting

Handwriting is legible

Handwriting is joined, consistent and legible with increasing speed appropriate to task