Progression in Writing at Merebrook Infant School

	EYFS	Year One	Year Two
	3 and 4 Year olds (specific area)		
	Reception (specific area)		
	Early learning goal		
		Spell:	Spell by:
		• words containing each of the 40+	segmenting spoken words into
	 Use some of their print and 	phonemes already taught	phonemes and representing these by
	letter knowledge in their early	common exception words	graphemes, spelling many correctly
	writing. For example, writing a	the days of the week	 learning new ways of spelling
	pretend shopping list that		phonemes for which one or more
	starts at the top of the page;	Name the letters of the alphabet:	spellings are already known, and
	write 'm' for mummy.	naming the letters of the alphabet	learn some words with each spelling,
		in order	including a few common
Transcription		using letter names to distinguish	homophones
		between alternative spellings of the	learning to spell common exception
		same sound	words
	 Spell words by identifying the 		• learning to spell more words with
	sounds and then writing the	Add prefixes and suffixes:	contracted forms
	sound with letter/s.	using the spelling rule for adding –	• learning the possessive apostrophe
		s or —es as the plural marker for	(singular) [for example, the girl's
		nouns and	book] •
		• the third person singular marker	distinguishing between homophones
		for verbs • using the prefix un	and near-homophones
	Spell words by identifying	• using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where	Add suffices to small language
	sounds in them and	no change is needed in the spelling of	Add suffixes to spell longer words,
	representing the sounds with a	root words [for example, helping,	including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –
	letter or letters.	helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]	ly
			Apply spelling rules and guidance, as
			listed in English Appendix 1

		Apply simple spelling rules and	
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		guidance, as listed in English	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		Appendix 1	sentences dictated by the teacher
		Write from memory simple	
		sentences dictated by the teacher	
		that include words using the GPCs	
		and common exception words taught	
		so far.	
Handwriting	 Use a comfortable grip with 	Sit correctly at a table, holding a	Form lower-case letters of the
	good control when holding	pencil comfortably and correctly	correct size relative to one another
	pens and pencils.		
		Begin to form lower-case letters in	Start using some of the diagonal
	 Show a preference for a 	the correct direction, starting and	and horizontal strokes needed to join
	dominant hand.	finishing in the right place	letters and understand which letters,
			when adjacent to one another, are
	 Write some letters accurately 	Form capital letters	best left unjoined
	ville some letters accurately		a social dispense
	 Develop their small motor skills 	• Form digits 0-9	Write capital letters and digits of
		1 orm digits o 3	the correct size, orientation and
	so that they can use a range of	Understand which letters belong to	relationship to one another and to
	tools competently, safely and	which handwriting 'families' (i.e.	lower case letters
	confidently. Suggested tools:	letters that are formed in similar	lower case letters
	pencils for drawing and writing,		the constant had been also that
	paintbrushes, scissors, knives,	ways) and to practise these.	Use spacing between words that
	forks and spoons.		reflects the size of the letters.
	 Form lower-case and capital 		
	letters correctly.		
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	 Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed. Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. 		
Composition	 Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example, writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy. Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop. Re-read what they have written to check it makes sense. Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others. 	Write sentences by: • saying out loud what they are going to write about • composing a sentence orally before writing it • sequencing sentences to form short narratives • re-reading 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.	Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by: • writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) • writing about real events • writing poetry • writing for different purposes Consider what they are going to write before beginning by: • planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about • writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary • encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: • evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils

			 re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of
			sentences punctuated correctly] Read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make
Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.	Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: • leaving spaces between words • joining words and joining clauses using and • beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark • using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I' • learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2 • Use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing	the meaning clear. Develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: I learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) Learn how to use: Sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example,

	 the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co- ordination (using or, and, or but) • the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2 some features of written Standard English
	Use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.