

Year 1 Non-negotiables

- Forming letters correctly
- Sounding out words using phonics
- Early sentences

Reception Non-negotiables Term 3 onwards

- Sitting ready for writing
- Forming most letters correctly
- Sounding out words using phonics

Year 2 Non-negotiables

- Correct common word spellings
- Sentences make sense
- Letters correctly formed
- Capital Letters
- Full stops
- Capital 'I'

Year 3 Non-negotiables

- Adding detail using expanded noun phrases
- Legibility of writing
- Letters of consistent size
- Question marks ?
- Exclamation marks !
- Apostrophes (for contraction and possession)

Year 2

- Correct common word spellings
- Sentences make sense
- Letters correctly formed
- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Capital 'I'

Year 4 Non-negotiables

- Correct tense
- Paragraphs

Year 3

- Adding detail using expanded noun phrases
- Legibility of writing
- Letters of consistent size
- Question marks ?
- Exclamation marks !
- Apostrophes

Year 2

- Correct common word spellings
- Sentences make sense
- Letters correctly formed
- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Capital 'I'

Year 5 Non-negotiables

- Using a range of sentences
- Plural possessive apostrophes (dogs')
- Non-repetition of pronouns (he/she/they)
- Fluent handwriting (joined)

Year 4

- Correct tense
- Paragraphs

Year 3

- Adding detail using expanded noun phrases
- Legibility of writing
- Letters of consistent size
- Question marks ?
- Exclamation marks !
- Apostrophes

Year 2

- Correct common word spellings
- Sentences make sense
- Letters correctly formed
- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Capital 'I'

Year 6 Non-negotiables

- Commas used correctly

Year 5

- Using a range of sentences
- Plural possessive apostrophes (dogs')
- Non-repetition of pronouns (he/she/they)
- Fluent handwriting (joined)

Year 4

- Correct tense
- Paragraphs

Year 3

- Adding detail using expanded noun phrases
- Legibility of writing
- Letters of consistent size
- Question marks ?
- Exclamation marks !
- Apostrophes

Year 2

- Correct common word spellings
- Sentences make sense
- Letters correctly formed
- Capital letters
- Full stops
- Capital 'I'

