Progression of Writing Skills at Culcheth Community Primary School

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Vocabulary and Grammar	Begin to form simple sentences sometimes using punctuation. Write graphemes for each of the 44 phonemes. Write their own first names (beginning to attempt surname) and other things such as labels and captions.	Write clearly demarcated sentences. Use 'and' to join ideas. Use standard forms of verbs, e.g. go/went.	Write different kinds of sentence: statement, question, exclamation, command. Use expanded noun phrases to add description & specification. Use conjunctions to join sentences (e.g. so, but). Write using subordination (when, if, that, because) Correct use of verb tenses	Use conjunctions (when, so, before, after, while, because). Use adverbs (then, next, soon). Use prepositions (e.g. before, after, during, in, because of). Experiment with adjectives to create impact. Correctly use verbs in 1st, 2nd & 3rd person. Use perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time & cause	Vary sentence structure, using different openers. Use adjectival phrases (e.g. biting cold wind). Appropriate choice of noun or pronoun.	Add phrases to make sentences more precise & detailed. Use range of sentence openers – judging the impact or effect needed. Begin to adapt sentence structure to text type. Use pronouns to avoid repetition.	Add phrases to make sentences more precise & detailed. Use range of sentence openers – judging the impact or effect needed. Begin to adapt sentence structure to text type. Use pronouns to avoid repetition.
Punctuation		Evidence of: Capital letters. Full stops. Question marks. Exclamation marks. Capital letters for names & personal pronoun '1'.	Correct & consistent use of: Capital letters. Full stops. Question marks. Exclamation marks. Commas in a list. Apostrophe (contractions). Begin to use inverted commas	Correct use of inverted commas for direct speech.	Apostrophe for singular & plural possession. Comma after fronted adverbial (e.g. Later that day, I heard bad news.). Use commas to mark clauses.	Brackets. Dashes. Commas. Commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity. Link clauses in sentences using a range of subordinating & coordinating conjunctions. Use verb phrases to create subtle differences (e.g. she began to run).	Semi-colon, colon, dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses. Correct punctuation of bullet points. Hyphens to avoid ambiguity. Full range of punctuation matched to requirements of text type.
Paragraphs		Clearly sequenced sentences [as introduction to paragraphs].	Write under headings [as introduction to paragraphs].	Group ideas into paragraphs around a theme. Write under headings & subheadings.	 Use connectives to link paragraphs. Organise paragraphs around a theme. 	Consistently organise into paragraphs. Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time (e.g. later), place (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly).	 Wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. Use paragraphs to signal change in time, scene, action, mood or person.
Writing Process		Include a simple beginning, middle and end in writing. Re-read what has been written to check it makes sense. Read aloud own writing clearly enough to be heard by peers and the teacher.	Write for different purposes (including poetry) Proof read to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Re-read writing to check for correct and consistent tense.	Assess the effectiveness of own and others' writing. Proof read for spelling, grammar and punctuation errors and self-correct.	Creates settings, characters and plot in narratives. Writes non-narratives using appropriate organisational devices. Assess the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggests improvements.	Use own reading, what is listened to and what is seen as models to support the development of character, setting and atmosphere. Proof read own work for spelling and punctuation errors.	Use drafting Précis longer passages appropriately. Proof read writing for wider audience to ensure accuracy of spelling and punctuation.
Handwriting	Use a pencil and hold it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are formed correctly	 Sit correctly at the table and holds a pencil comfortably and correctly. Spaces evident between words. Correct formation of lower case – finishing in right place and capital letters. Correct formation of digits 0-9 	Evidence of diagonal & horizontal strokes to join. Words are almost always appropriately and consistently spaced in relation to the size of the letters.	Legible, joined handwriting. Use diagonal and horizontal strokes to join letters and understand which letters when adjacent to one another are not joined.	Legible, joined handwriting of consistent quality (e.g. by ensuring the down strokes of letters are parallel equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch)	Legible and fluent style.	Legible, fluent and personal style with increasingly efficient speed. Know which letters join and which writing implement is best suited to a task.
Spelling	Use phonic knowledge to write simple regular words and make phonetically plausible attempts at more complex words	Sound blending new words	 Applying phonic knowledge to spell an increasing number of complex words. Recognizing phonic irregularities 	 Prefixes and suffixes Unusual spellings eg – ure, ch (k), gue, que, Homophones Word Lists 3 and 4 		 Word endings eg. – cious, tious, cial etc. Use of hyphens Silent letters Homophones Word Lists 5 and 6 	