



## KINDERGARDEN WRITING EXPECTATIONS

Before students leave Kindergarden they should be able to...

### COMPOSITION

- Explain the meaning of marks made on the page.
- Understand that sentences that are spoken aloud can be broken down into separate words.
- Say sentences aloud to create short narratives and non-fiction texts.
- Write words using their knowledge of letters and sounds.
- Write groups of words, putting them in a simple sentence which can be read by themselves or others.
- Re-read writing to check that it makes sense.

### GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

- Begin to write using simple sentence structures.
- Use adjectives to describe.
- Use the conjunction 'and' to link ideas.
- Use capital letters for names and the personal pronoun 'I'.
- Begin to use full stops.

### TRANSCRIPTION

- Spells most words with previously taught phonemes and GPCs, some common exception words.
- Name and sound the letters of the alphabet.
- Write letters that are clearly identifiable.
- Hear and say the initial sounds in words.
- Write some correct letters in words, using sounds correctly in the right order.
- Break words up into sounds and put them back together again.
- Write their own name and other words they know.
- Use a pencil and hold it effectively.
- Add finger spaces between words.
- Begin to use upper and lower case letters.

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Lots of activities such as drawing with chalks on the pavement, cutting out shapes from paper and tracing pictures and patterns are important for developing the skills needed to for writing with a pen or pencil. Giving your child access to pens, paper, pencils and paints is a really great way to support their future writing.
- Your child may not yet know the correct letters for all the sounds they want to write but praising them for choosing letters that make the right sound (if not the right spelling) will help them view themselves as writers e.g. the car is bloo (blue).
- Showing your child that writing is a useful skill is one of the best things you can do. Writing lists is a simple way to do this. Involve your child in writing shopping lists and job lists and encourage them to write their own lists e.g. of favourite toys, foods they like to eat or TV programmes they enjoy watching.