Writing Overview Year 4

Text	Write to Inform	Write to Entertain	Write to Persuade	Write to Inform
types	Explanation	Stories	Advert	Explanation
	Recount	Setting/ characters	Poster	Recount
	Letter	Description	Letter	Letter
	Instructions	Play scripts	Speech	Biography
	Biography	Poetry	_	Newspaper article
	Newspaper article	_		
Composition and effect	Clear purpose. Important information identified. Layout and features of particular text types. Paragraphs used to group related ideas. Subheadings to label content. Use techniques to highlight key words (bold, underline, etc)	Clear purpose. Detail developed and extended for setting. Vocabulary chosen for effect. Sequencing. Layout of paragraphs Organise paragraphs in time sequence.	Design to engage the reader. Vocabulary to persuade – exaggeration. Fact and statistics. Use of 2 nd Person Use of colour and images.	Clear purpose. Important information identified. Layout and features of particular text types. Paragraphs used to group related ideas. Subheadings to label content. Use techniques to highlight key words (bold, underline, etc)
Grammar and Sentences	Subordinating conjunctions to join clauses, including as openers, Expanded noun phrases to inform, Commas to separate adjectives in a list, Relative clauses to add further detail, Perfect present tense to place events in time, Adverbials: First, firstly, before, after, later, soon, also, in addition, however Conjunctions: when, before, after, while, because, if	Adverbs Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases Subordinate clauses Nouns and pronouns Adverbials: soon, meanwhile, as, the next day, later, carefully, without a thought Conjunctions: if, when, because, while, as, until, whenever, once	Imperative verbs. Rhetorical question. Expanded noun phrases. Relative clauses. Conjunctions: if, because, unless, so, and, but, even if, when Adverbials: firstly, also, in addition, however, on the other hand, therefore, in conclusion.	Subordinating conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, commas to separate adjectives in a list, relative clauses to add further detail, perfect present tense, time conjunctions, prepositions, subordinate clauses, imperative verbs.
Vocabulary and Punctuation	Technical vocabulary. Formal and informal vocabulary. Consolidate four main punctuation marks (, , ! ?) Capital letters for proper nouns, commas to mark fronted adverbials and to mark subordinate clauses, inverted commas and bullet points. Question marks and exclamation marks.	Similes. Personification. Impact of vocabulary — selecting to affect reader. Onomatopoeia. Inverted commas, apostrophes, commas after fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses and dashes for emphasis	Alliteration. Capital letters for proper nouns, ?! for rhetorical questions/ exclamatory sentences, commas to mark relative clauses, commas to mark adverbials and subordinating clauses.	Technical vocabulary. Formal and informal vocabulary. Capital letters for proper nouns, commas to mark fronted adverbials and to mark subordinate clauses, inverted commas and bullet points. Question marks and exclamation marks.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Context	Writing to Inform: Recount — trip Biographies - Animals in Science/ICT	Writing to Entertain: Poetry-structured Narrative — setting, description, characters	Writing Entertain: Myths and legends Narrative- description, characters/ setting Poetry	Writing to Persuade: Letter Advert	Writing to Inform: Explanation — how castles work Newspaper	Writing to Entertain: Character description Narrative — stories from other cultures
Opportunity for writing across learning journeys:	Write to Entertain Rainforest Poems Setting description – Lion Witch and the Wardrobe Diary entry of day in a life of an explorer Write to inform- Newspaper – Rainforest Biography Letter-How to keep our world beautiful. Letter to a geologist Explanation (science/geog) Instructions – To build a shelter		Writing to Entertain Charlotte's web - character /setting Writing to inform: Geog settlement link Persuading Fern's father not to slaughter Wilbur. PSHE Send my friend - letter to an M.P Blind date: Friends - what makes you a good friend. Verbal focus.		Writing to inform: Biography about Scottish leader Explanation about How a drawbridge system works Instructions How the water cycle works	