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Range of Writing:	 Fiction e.g. fairy tales, folk tales, fantasy, myths, stories with issues and dilemmas, play scripts. Non-fiction e.g. newspapers, information texts, explanations, persuasion, discussion. Poetry e.g. classic poems, kennings, haiku, cinquain, poems on a theme. 				
	LAP 1	LAP 2	LAP 3	Key Learning	
Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation	Create and use sentences with an adverb starter e.g. Cautiously, Lila approached the fire fiend. Use a comma after an adverb starter.	Create complex sentences with adverb starters e.g. Silently trudging through the snow, Sam made his way up the mountain. Use a comma to separate the clauses.	Create and use complex sentences with adverb starters in own writing, e.g. Patiently waiting by the harbour, the people gazed at the horizon. Use a comma to separate the clauses.	 Create complex sentences with adverb starters e.g. Silently trudging through the snow, Sam made his way up the mountain. Use commas to mark clauses in complex sentences. 	
	Create sentences with fronted adverbials for when e.g. As the clock struck twelve, the soldiers sprang into action. Use a comma after the fronted adverbial.	Create sentences with fronted adverbials for where e.g. In the distance, a lone wolf howled. Use a comma after the fronted adverbial. Use commas after fronted adverbials	Create sentences with fronted adverbials for when and where e.g. Moments later, Brer Rabbit appeared. Above the cliffs, the seagulls soared. Use commas after fronted adverbials.	 Create sentences with fronted adverbials for when e.g. As the clock struck twelve, the soldiers sprang into action. Create sentences with fronted adverbials for where e.g. In the distance, a lone wolf howled. Use commas after fronted adverbials. 	
	Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech (speech marks).	Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech e.g. The tour guide announced, "Be back here at four o' clock."	Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech. Start a new paragraph when a new speaker says something.	Use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech e.g. The tour guide announced, "Be back here at four o' clock."	
	 Identify, select and effectively use pronouns e.g. third person in narratives and newspapers (she, her, he, his, him, they, them, their, theirs, it, its). 	 Identify, select and effectively use pronouns e.g. second person in persuasion (you, your, yours). 	Identify, select and effectively use pronouns e.g. first person for diaries, and first person narratives and recounts (I, me, my, mine, we, us our, ours).	Identify, select and effectively use pronouns.	
	Use nouns for precision, e.g. burglar rather than man, bungalow rather than house.	Explore, identify, collect and use noun phrases e.g. the pale-faced boy with hair like straw.	 Explore, identify, collect and use noun phrases e.g. Mowzer watched the boat out in the ocean. Franny was particularly fond of the folk from up the tree. 	 Use nouns for precision, e.g. burglar rather than man, bungalow rather than house. Explore, identify, collect and use noun phrases e.g. the crumbly cookie with tasty marshmallow pieces. 	
	Explore, identify and use Standard English verb inflections in writing e.g. We were instead of we was. I was instead of I were, I did instead of I done. She saw it instead of she seen it.	Use Standard English verb inflections for writing e.g. We were instead of we was. I was instead of I were, I did instead of I done. She saw it instead of she seen it.		Explore, identify and use Standard English verb inflections for writing e.g. We were instead of we was. I was instead of I were, I did instead of I done. She saw it instead of she seen it.	

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Composition: Planning	Identify and discuss the purpose and audience of the writing e.g. to explain a process to our parents. Discuss the structure, vocabulary and grammar needed, e.g. logically sequenced steps and technical vocabulary.	Identify and discuss the purpose and audience for writing, e.g. to entertain children in Year 3 with our adventure stories. Consider the structure, vocabulary and grammar needed to support this, e.g. powerful verbs to convey action; opening, build-up, problem, resolution ending, some dialogue.	Identify and discuss the purpose and audience for the writing, e.g. to make our Year 2 readers stop and think with our poems. Carefully consider the structure and vocabulary, e.g. counted syllable structure, precise nouns, alliteration, powerful verbs, effective adjectives.	Read and analyse narrative, non-fiction and poetry in order to plan their own versions. Identify and discuss the purpose, audience, structure, vocabulary and grammar of narrative, non-fiction and poetry.
	Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. for non-fiction writing, creating a text map or boxing-up text types to create a plan.	Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. story mountain, chunking a plot and innovating.	Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. for poetry, generating and refining vocabulary, experimenting with word combinations, rhyme, rhythm, alliteration, syllable count etc.	Discuss and record ideas for planning e.g. story mountain, text map, non- fiction bridge, story board, boxing-up text types to create a plan.
Composition: Drafting and Writing	Develop characterisation using action, dialogue and description.	Develop settings using vocabulary to create emphasis, humour, atmosphere, or suspense.	Plan and write an opening paragraph which combines setting and character/s.	Develop settings and characterisation using vocabulary to create emphasis, humour, atmosphere, suspense. Plan and write an opening paragraph which combines setting and character/s.
	Improvise and compose dialogue between two characters.	Improvise and compose dialogue to show, or give clues about how a character is feeling, e.g. 'You're dishonest and ungrateful!' shouted the Pied Piper.	Improvise and compose dialogue, demonstrating their understanding of Standard English (for narrative sections) and non-Standard English (for some speech), e.g. "Don't just stand there – wash your 'ands." Mum turned away to lay the table. "Eh?" "Don't say 'eh', say 'pardon'," she snapped.	Improvise and compose dialogue, demonstrating their understanding of Standard and non-Standard English.
	Improve a passage prepared by the teacher (e.g. one written using simple and compound sentences only) with a focus on different sentence structures.	During composition, use different sentence structures. Orally compose alternatives and select from these according to effect created (see VGP).	During and after composition, independently, edit and improve own writing by using different sentence structures (see VGP).	Use different sentence structures (see VGP).

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Composition: Drafting and Writing Contd.	Use paragraphs to organise writing in non-fiction texts, linking ideas across paragraphs using fronted adverbials for when e.g. in newspapers: During the past few days, residents have reported vicious seagull attacks on tourists.			Use paragraphs to organise writing in fiction and nonfiction texts.
	Link ideas across paragraphs using fronted adverbials for when and where e.g. Several hours later, Back at home	 Use paragraphs to organise writing in fiction, beginning a new paragraph to reflect a change of speaker, location and time. Link ideas across paragraphs using fronted adverbials for where e.g. Back at the bakery, 	Use paragraphs to organise writing in fiction, linking ideas across paragraphs using fronted adverbials for when and where e.g. Several hours later, Back at home	Link ideas across paragraphs using fronted adverbials for when and where e.g. Several hours later, Back at home
Composition: Evaluating and Editing	Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation in own writing.	Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation in own and others' writing.	Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation in own and others' writing, e.g. Standard English verb inflections such as correct use of 'was' and 'were'.	Proofread to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.
	Discuss own writing with the teacher or a partner and make some improvements the light of evaluation.	Discuss and propose changes to own and others' writing with partners/small groups, e.g. more appropriate determiner. Improve writing in light of evaluation.	With a focus on audience and purpose, discuss and propose changes with partners and in small groups. Improve writing in the light of evaluation.	Discuss and propose changes to own and others' writing with partners/small groups. Improve writing in light of evaluation.
Performing	Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a group or class, e.g. pausing at commas which follow adverbs.	Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences, e.g. pausing at commas following fronted adverbials; using different voices when reading dialogue.	Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences. Use the voice to respond to the use of Standard and non-Standard English in their own writing, e.g. "Howdy Brer Bear," he called cheerfully. "How're you this fine mornin'?"	Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume to present their writing to a range of audiences