

Year 4 Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation Statutory Guidelines

Word	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, <i>we were</i> instead of <i>we was</i> , or <i>I did</i> instead of <i>I done</i>]
Sentence	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. <i>the teacher</i> expanded to: <i>the strict maths teacher with curly hair</i>) Fronted adverbials [for example, <i>Later that day, I heard the bad news.</i>]
Text	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
Punctuation	Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: <i>The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"</i>] Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, <i>the girl's name, the girls' names</i>] Use of commas after fronted adverbials
Terminology for Pupils	<i>determiner, pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial</i>
NB: Text features will be taught through Weekly English lessons	

NOTE: Additional weeks to be focused on GAPS/ weaknesses identifies by class teacher.

Year 4 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Long Term Planning

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Week 1: Word classification (nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions)	Week 1: Suffix (-ly)	Week 1: Expanded noun phrases
Week 2: Punctuating sentences (. , A ? ! ' "")	Week 2: Word classification (nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions and including possessive pronouns)	Week 2: Prepositional phrases
Week 3: Nouns (common and proper)	Week 3: Homophones and near homophones	Week 3: Punctuation
Week 4: Pronouns	Week 4: Past and present tense	Week 4: Word Classification
Week 5: Homophones and near homophones	Week 5: Past and present progressive	Week 5: Fronted Adverbials
Week 6: Fronted adverbials	Week 6: Determiners	Week 6: Direct speech and inverted commas
Week 1: Possessive pronouns	Week 1: Punctuating sentences (. , A ? ! ' "")	Week 1: Punctuation
Week 2: Apostrophes (singular and plural)	Week 2: Synonyms	Week 2: Word classification
Week 3: Word classification (nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions and including pronouns)	Week 3: Antonyms	Week 3: Suffixes revision
Week 4: Punctuation	Week 4: Alphabetical order (dictionary work)	Week 4: Prefixes revision
Week 5: Prefix (in-, il-, im-)	Week 5: Proof reading (spelling and punctuation)	Week 5: Directed speech and inverted commas
Week 6: Possessive pronouns	Week 6: Verb inflections (We were, I did)	Week 6: Proof reading- spelling and punctuation

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