

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Writing

AT KEEVIL WE ARE DETERMINED TO HELP OUR CHILDREN DEVELOP INTO ARTICULATE AND IMAGINATIVE COMMUNICATORS OF THE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN FORM.



Intent: We aim to...



Use high quality texts and models to enable pupils to accurately choose grammar, vocabulary and punctuation which is effective for both audience and purpose

Make the planning, drafting, writing and editing stages of writing explicit so that children experience 'live' the choices a writer makes

Provide children with the ideas, tools and techniques for writing so that they are able to communicate their own ideas

Link our reading, history, geography and science topics with our writing curriculum so that pupils are able to write knowledgeably and effectively across all subject areas

Ensure that pupils are taught a range of genres across the school which means they can communicate their learning appropriately

Develop a consistent approach to teaching writing in order to close gaps and ensure that all children leave in year 6 being able to write effectively



Implementation: How do we achieve our aims?

We believe that having ideas, understanding how to use grammatical constructs to turn these ideas into meaning, and bringing this meaning to life through authorial language choice are essential in enabling children to communicate effectively. We ensure children are immersed in a flourishing environment that values speaking, listening and the development of language as a vital part of the writing process. We use Jane Considine's The Write Stuff methodology to ensure pupils are explicitly taught the craft of writing.

Learning to Write



Teaching sequences include experience days and sentence creation days, that have modelling at the heart of them. Teachers prepare children for writing by modelling for the ideas, grammar or techniques of writing

The Ideas of Writing

Feeling
Asking
Noticing
Touching
Action
Smelling
Tasting
Imagining
Checking

The Grammar of Writing

PaG overview

Adverbials and adverbial forms
Basics (word classes)
Complex sentences
Dialogue and contracted forms
Structure and style
Purpose
Paragraphs
Passive or Active voice
Past and present tense
Punctuation

The Techniques of Writing

Using Keevil Writing Toolkit – KS1 and KS2

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Simile*
Alliteration*
Rhyme*
Onomatopoeia*
Repetition*
Personification
Pun
Symbolism
Pathetic Fallacy
Metaphor

Explicit teaching:

- Experience lessons stimulate ideas, and are used thoughtfully to further generate ideas and vocabulary for writing
- Some lessons will involve modelled sentence creation and up levelling of vocabulary
- Modelling of writing using plot points as a guide

Lesson structure:

Initiate: teacher shares a stimulus e.g. Film clip picture, drama; word gathering and discussion; '- pupils chat and jot words they want to use in their exercise books/whiteboards

Modelling: the teacher does demonstration writing, explicitly explaining choices of words etc, using chosen focuses, modelling thesaurus thinking – to write sentences, using vocabulary gathered in the initiate stage

Enable: Being clear about the sentence idea, the children are then asked to write their sentences sticking to the clear criteria. **For every sentence written:** children need to think about the IDEA of writing and the INTENT – e.g. positive or negative – that will affect word choice

Writing Independently



Links to reading



Independent Writing
Pupils apply their learning from the sentence creation lessons to a new task based around the text/genre. They plan, and write independently, using the vocabulary they have gathered, and examples of sentences structures and generic features they have learnt. Pupils are given the opportunity to practice writing in a range of styles and genres.

Editing:
During the Independent Write it is crucial that children's errors or amendments are highlighted directly but in a way that expects the children to use their knowledge and understanding to address. The final part of the writing process looks at revision of what has been crafted. Pupils have to check their work and make decisions about what needs to be revised, rewritten or reimagined.

Support and Challenge:
The use of a visual narrative or story maps in the classroom for sentence writing lessons, the structured explicit nature of those lessons, and scaffolding supports weaker writers. More able writers are encouraged to 'deepen the moment', and to extend detail or make independent choices in the sentence writing lessons and in independent work, using their knowledge of the writing expectations

Choice of text; The fiction books used as stimulus for writing is sometimes the guided reading book, or a book linked to history, geography or science. For non-fiction pieces, the stimulus is also used as a model.

Cross curricular opportunities
By the end of KS2, most genres of writing are familiar to pupils and teaching can focus on creativity, writer's craft, sustained writing and manipulation of grammar and punctuation skills when writing in other areas of the curriculum.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

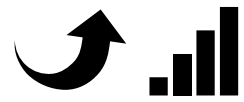
Spelling: From yr 2 up:
Read Write In spelling is used as an effective and fully comprehensive approach that targets reading patterns of spelling, the pressures of spelling and the remembering of spelling. Pupils learn spelling rules and exceptions and how to apply in their writing

PAG: from Year 2 up – new PAG knowledge is taught in discrete lessons, in line with progression documents. Within writing lessons, PAG knowledge is revised and consolidated in context

Handwriting

From EYFS pupils are taught how to hold a pencil and to use the Little Wandle letter formation to be able to print words. Pupils throughout the school are encouraged to take pride in their presentation . The school operates a reward system to encourage progression in handwriting.

✓ Impact: how will we know we have achieved our intent?



Pupils can write effectively to engage with the reader and apply their learning from exposure to a range of high quality models.

Pupils are accurate and creative writers who have increasing stamina for writing

Children can draw on a range of Ideas, tools and techniques for writing so that they are able to communicate their own ideas AND apply these in reading

Pupils can effectively articulate their knowledge in other subject areas through the accurate use of writing skills

Pupils can confidently write using the features, vocabulary and structure of each genre

Pupils achieve the age-related expectations for writing, and those that find writing challenging are given focused support to help them catch up