Age-related expectations: Year One

Writing

Transcription and handwriting

Spelling

- 1. I can spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught (Phase 3).
- 2. I can spell common exception words.
- 3. I can spell days of the week.
- 4. I can name all the letters of the alphabet in order.
- 5. I can write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.
- 6. I can use letter names to show alternative spellings of the same phoneme (eg identifying known phonemes in unfamiliar words, using syllables, narrowing down possibilities).
- 7. I can use the suffix 's' or 'es' for plurals.
- 8. I can use the suffix 's' or 'es' for third person singular verbs.
- 9. I can add suffixes 'ing', 'er', 'ed' and 'est' to verbs where no spelling change is needed to root word eg helping, helped, helper.
- 10. I know how the prefix 'un' can be added to verbs and adjectives to change meaning.

Handwriting

- 11. I am beginning to form lower case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place.
- 12. I can form capital letters.
- 13. I can form digits 0-9.
- 14. I can sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortable and correctly (paper at an angle, nonwriting hand holding paper).

Spelling

- Sound out spelling when not sure and come up with phonetically plausible attempts at spelling unfamiliar words
- Spell almost all words in the Year 1 and 2 list accurately Handwriting
- Know which letters have ascenders and descenders
- ∀Consistent in use of small case and capital letters

Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Grammar

- 15. I can combine words to make a sentence.
- 16. I can write sentences with one 'chunk' of meaning (or join 'chunks' of meaning see below).
- 17. I can use 'and' to join two clauses and words in a list

Punctuation

- 18. I am beginning to start and end sentences: use capital letters to start use a full stop to end or question mark / exclamation mark.
- 19. I can use a capital letter: for 'l' for everyday proper nouns.
- 20. I can separate words using (finger) spaces.

Grammar and punctuation terminology

word

sentence

letter

capital letter

singular

full stop

punctuation

question mark

exclamation mark

Sentence structure

 \forall Use adverbs to start sentences. For example – Slowly...,

Carefully.... Fortunately...

XUse pronouns to avoid repetition

Make sentences longer and use words other than 'and' and 'then' to join ideas together

Composition

Purpose and organisation

- 21. I can sequence sentences to form a short recount or narrative.
- 22. I can say what I'm going to write and then compose a sentence orally before writing it.

Editing

- 23. I can re-read what I have written to check that it makes sense (with an adult if needed).
- 24. I can discuss and read aloud what I have written.
- 25. I can identify two sentences that are 'squashed', knowing they need to be separated (full stops, ! or ?) or joined (conjunctions).

Purpose and organisation

- Sequence a short story or series of events related to learning in science, history and geography
- Start a narrative by introducing a character
- ∀Organise writing so that the purpose is clear