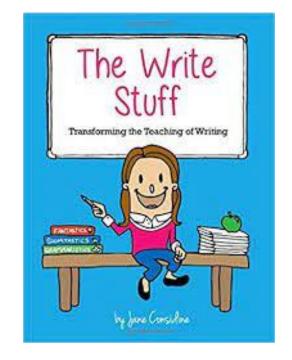
English Writing

At St Andrew's





Vision for Writing

- Continue to use engaging stimuli such as books, novels, picture books and animations to inspire our children to write, allowing them to be drenched in rich language, successful sentences and effective grammatical structures.
- The *modelling* of effective sentences and vocabulary are at the heart of what we do.
- Grammar and punctuation are taught and modelled in context, so children can see concepts, and their effectiveness, <u>in action</u>.
- We teach a range of genres that build on from previous exposure so that our children can be effective writers for a range of purposes.

Rationale

Data

The pandemic has had a significant impact on children's progress and attainment in both writing and GPS, both in our school and nationally. This could be as a result of the parent's/carer's confidence with grammatical knowledge, or/and the engagement of the children. Moving forward, this approach will allow the children to make good progress in both their writing and grammar knowledge. Grammar is taught in context and children will be able to see grammar content taught in the moment, live. Research highlights this as an effective way for children to learn.

Progression of skills and genres

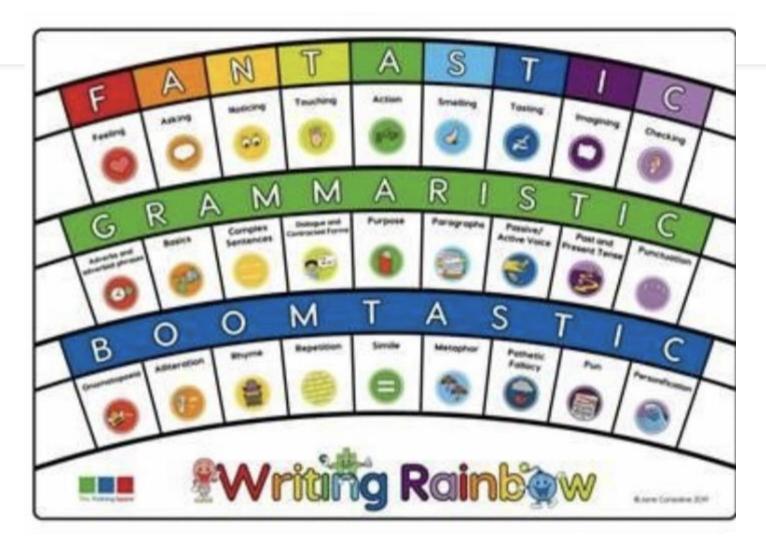
This approach will allow a progression of language, grammar knowledge and writer's techniques. As a school, this approach allows teachers (and Tas) to have one vision: a consistent approach that allows children to understand how writing is taught through effective modelling using The Writing Rainbow; how they structure independent pieces in both fiction and non-fiction, to ultimately produce successful pieces.

Key Benefits



- Consistent approach/vision throughout the school.
- Allows for children to build on from previous learning: genre progression, grammatical and sentence structures and the techniques of writing.
- Lesson structure is designed to be pacy and engaging, being delivered in three chunks/short bursts. This is to avoid overloading a pupil's working memory that could happen within a two-part lesson.
- The Writing Rainbow acts as a colourful and concrete representation of writing strategies that can be deployed by pupils, while being a unique reference point as the children move up the school.
- This approach has modelling at the heart. The teacher/TA are the expert: modelling the desired outcomes/success criteria in action; therefore, improving sentence structure.
- Grammar is taught in context, delivered through worked examples (as above, and similar to maths), allowing
 for greater retention (transferring knowledge from working memory to long term memory) for the concepts
 that have been taught and regularly revisited/modelled.
- Unit plans are available that are linked to award winning books/novels to support teachers, reduce workload and ensure curriculum and genre coverage.

'The Writing Rainbow'





- Visual representations
- A focal point for both teachers and pupils
- Allows for poetic devices to be taught and modelled.
- NC grammar is central to the rainbow.
- Children will leave primary school with a full range of techniques at their disposal

What does it look like?

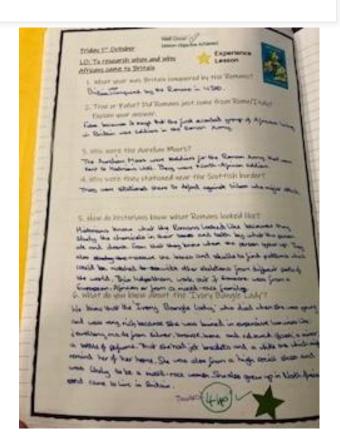




Knowledge for non-fiction

Experience Days

Vocabulary for fiction



Sentence Stacking Lessons



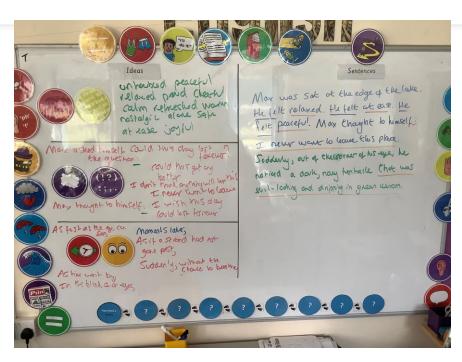
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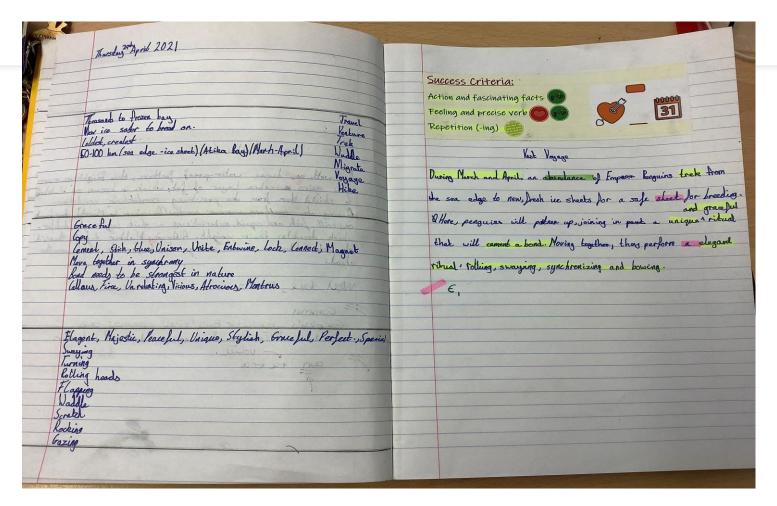
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This approach is based on *deliberate* practice: helping children to embed what is learned.

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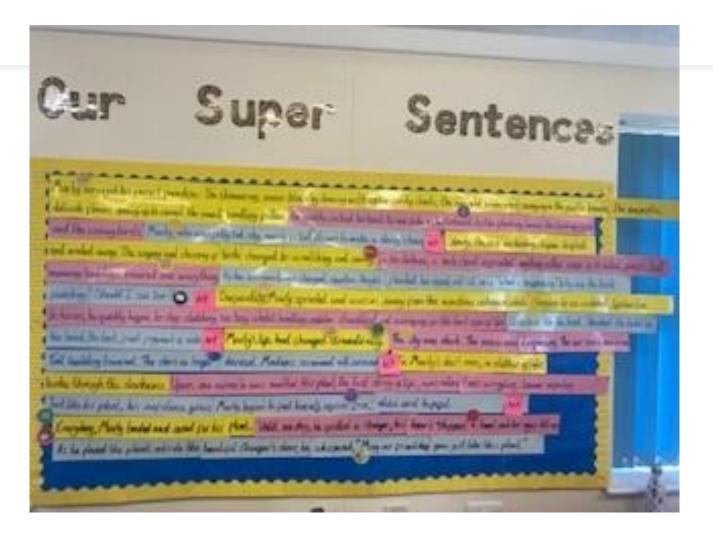


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Sentences

Sentence Stacking Lessons

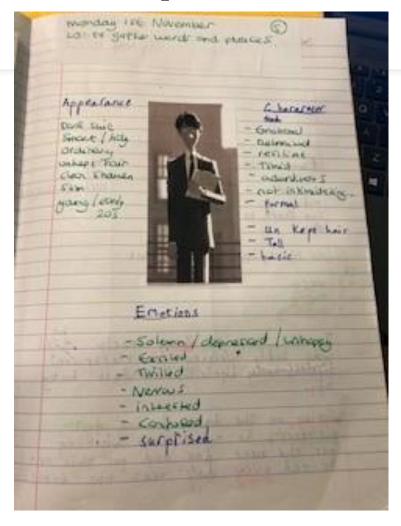


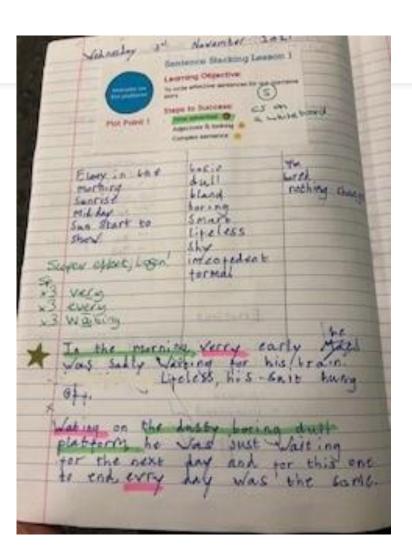


 Modelled examples accessible for all children for when they do their independent write.

 Celebrating sentences for all children.

SEND/LA

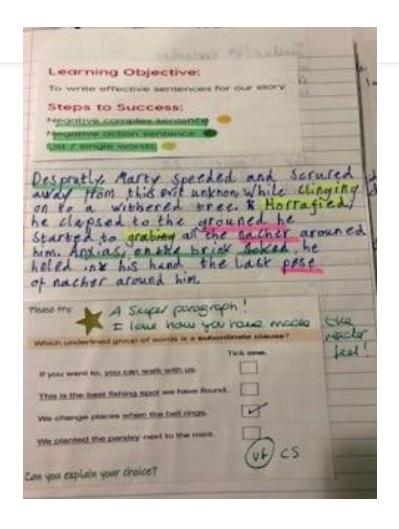


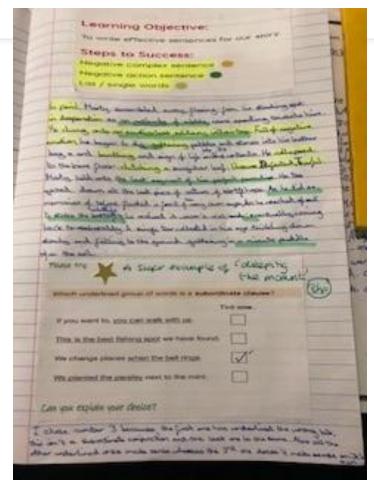




- Lessons are designed to be accessible for all children
- Techniques, such as vocabulary cards, can be used to support children within the lesson
- The lesson structure supports SEND children as its scaffolded and built around 'small steps'.

'Deeping the Moment'





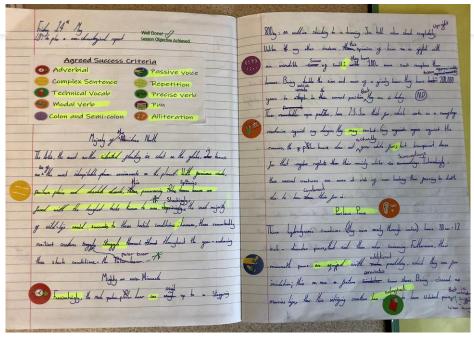


- SEND/LA can be supported through a variety of methods: scribing, vocabulary in envelopes.
- HA are taught to 'deepen the moment'. A strategy were children have 'The Writing Rainbow' at their disposal, ensuring the plot is maintained and not pushed. They can also move away from the 'model' as long as the success criteria is achieved.

'Independent Writing'







Independent writing begins when children can use the success criteria that the teacher (and children) have agreed upon. After this, the children can populate their planning grid with successful sentences that have the success criterion within it. They can then mould the paragraph around the successful sentence.

'Early Impact in GPS'



Year 6

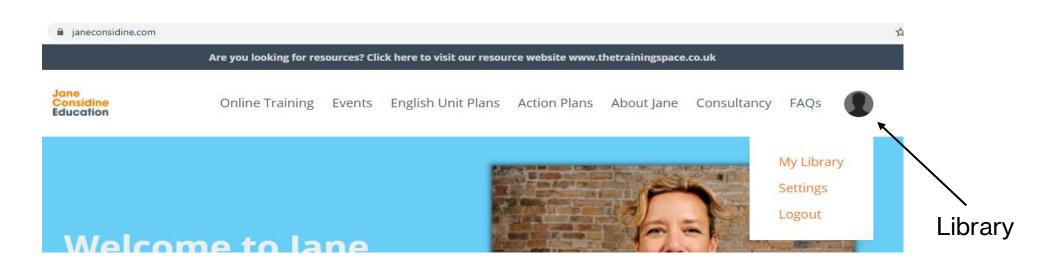
| September '21 | November '21 |
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| Average SS in GPS: 99.3 | Average SS in GPS: 104.9 |
| 37.5% EXP/GDS 9% GDS | 75% EXP/GDS 34% GDS |

Any Questions?

'The Write Stuff' Approach



- CPD is delivered in 5 days (1 day = 1 hour approx.) online
- EYFS have separate training as their training is bespoke for early years.
- TAs will have an afternoon with me throughout the year.
- Day 1 The Unit of Work. Pan-out view of the whole writing process/structure
- Day 2 The Three Zones of Writing (The Writing Rainbow)
- Day 3 The Lesson
- Day 4 The Classroom
- Day 5 Independent Writing
- Day 2 and 3 to be completed by October half term
- Day 4 to be completed on/by the October training day
- Day 5 to be completed before moderation (mid-November)
- Advice Days to be completed in quick succession, so that previous day's training has not been forgotten/needed to be refreshed.

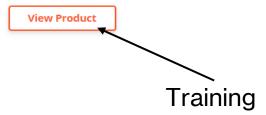


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