



Writing at Downview Foundation & KS1

What does writing look like in infant classrooms at Downview?

In Reception, Years 1 & 2 children are immersed in quality key texts and they develop their understanding of writing through shared guided writing modelled by the teacher. Teachers model how to gather language, phrases and vocabulary; this language is “magpie” and collected on working wall displays, class Magpie Books and /or in Word Boxes. The children are encouraged to talk before they write. When needed, children use “Talk Buttons” to support them to remember their sentences as they write. Children are encouraged to reread their writing aloud. A clear purpose and audience for writing tasks are explained to the children to inspire their writing. Children are encouraged to spell CE words that they have been taught previously correctly, these are displayed on word walls or in the back of books Yr 2 or on their tables. We aim to develop children who can write confidently and clearly.

Phonics and spelling :

Children have daily phonics lessons from a combined scheme of Jolly Phonics and Ruth Miskin. Each class has a phonic display. Children use a multi sensory approach to recognise the phonemes and digraphs and read and sort words containing different phonemes.

Children are encouraged to sound out and use phonics by using the “Sound Boards” to support them to make plausible attempts at unknown words.

Grammar & Punctuation:

In Year 1 teachers use CPG books to teach grammar and punctuation. Children in Year 2 have a discrete grammar and punctuation lesson taught weekly then followed up independently in CGP books.

Kung Fu punctuation is used to model and make punctuation interactive.

Events:

- * Writing competitions
- * World book Day/ Book week
- * Visiting authors

Spelling & Handwriting:

In Year 1 & 2 children are taught CEWs through a variety of strategies and L/C/Wr/Ch. . Yr 2 children spend Aut 1 consolidating the previous year 1 CEWs spellings. From Aut 2 onwards, they practise current year’s CEW. Spellings are regularly reviewed and a Spelling Log kept. There are weekly taught spelling patterns for each year group rules (Eng appendix 1)

Reception children are taught CEW at the beginning of the Summer term.

At Downview, we broadly follow the Nelson Handwriting Scheme with a few agreed adaptations and this is displayed in all classrooms. In Years 1 & 2 **handwriting sayings** to support