



Walford Nursery & Primary School



FLUENCY in WRITING

By focusing on these key skills at each developmental stage, pupils can develop a strong foundation in writing, developing effective communication and expression as they progress through primary school.

Age 2 years – 5 years (EYFS – Nursery & Reception)	Age 5 years – 7 years (KS1 – Year 1 & Year 2)	Age 7 years – 11 years (KS2 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)
Fine Motor Skills - Develop fine motor skills through activities like drawing, painting and using playdough. - Practice holding writing tools, such as crayons and pencils, to build hand strength. Pre-Writing Skills - Introduce pre-writing skills, such as tracing lines and shapes. - Foster hand-eye coordination through activities that involve controlled movements. Emergent Writing - Encourage emergent writing through scribbling and drawing to convey meaning. - Introduce the concept of representing thoughts and ideas through symbols. Listening and Speaking - Develop listening and speaking skills to enhance communication. - Encourage verbal expression of ideas before attempting to write.	Letter Formation - Introduce letter formation using a consistent handwriting style. - Practise writing individual letters and simple words. Phonics and Spelling - Introduce phonics skills to build decoding and spelling abilities. - Encourage sounding out and blending sounds in words. Sentence Construction - Develop sentence construction skills, starting with simple sentences. - Introduce basic punctuation, such as full stops and capital letters. Creative Writing: - Foster creativity in writing through storytelling and imaginative activities. - Encourage pupils to express their ideas and feelings in written form.	Grammar and Punctuation - Introduce more advanced grammar concepts, including parts of speech and sentence structure. - Explore punctuation rules and usage in different contexts. Vocabulary Expansion - Expand vocabulary through reading and exposure to diverse texts. - Encourage the use of varied and precise language in writing. Narrative and Descriptive Writing - Develop skills in writing narratives and descriptive passages. - Encourage the use of vivid language to create images in the reader's mind. Informational Writing - Introduce informational writing skills, including research and organising information. - Teach the structure of non-fiction texts, such as headings and subheadings. Editing and Revising - Teach the importance of editing and revising written work. - Encourage self-editing and peer feedback. Handwriting Fluency - Promote handwriting fluency through regular practice. - Focus on maintaining a consistent handwriting style. Genre Awareness - Explore different genres of writing, such as poetry, persuasive writing, and reports. - Teach the conventions and features of each genre.

Independent Writing

- Foster independence in writing by providing opportunities for self-selected topics.
- Encourage students to express their own voice and style.

Digital Writing Skills

- Introduce basic digital writing skills, such as word processing and online communication.
- Explore writing in a digital context.

Author's Craft

- Analyse the craft of authors in literature to inspire and inform writing.
- Explore how authors use literary devices and techniques.

