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Spelling	*Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable *The /n/ (cup) sound spelt ou *More prefixes (un- / mis- / dis -) (Y1 word level: un-) *More prefixes (super- / auto-) *The suffix -ly (Y2 word level) *Words ending with the /g/ (gum) sound spelt -gue and the /k/ (cat, check, key, school) sound spelt -que (French in origin) *More prefixes (re- / sub-) *Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) *Words with the /j/ (she, chef) sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) *Words with the /er/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey *Homophones and near-homophones *The suffix -ation (Y3 word level) - not NNS *words from the statutory Y3/4 word list *apostrophes for contractions - recap *Use a dictionary *Dictation *proof-reading for spelling
Handwriting	*Revision of letter formation, size and clarity of ascenders and descenders *revision of diagonal join to letters without ascenders *revision of horizontal join to letters without ascenders *revision of horizontal join to letters without ascenders *revision of horizontal join to letters with ascenders
Composition (Introduced in Year3 & reinforced in Year 4)	*discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar *discussing and recording ideas *composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures *organising paragraphs around a theme *in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot *in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings] *assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements *proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences *proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors *read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear
Word Level (Vocab & Grammar)	 *Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes (Y3 spelling) *Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel *Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning *Know the five vowels (a, e, i, o, u) and that the rest of the alphabet are called consonants *Identify adjectives in a text and classify adjectives *introduce the terms synonym and antonym
Sentence Level (Vocab & Grammar)	*Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions *Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions, adverbs or prepositions *Simple and compound sentences *Identify main clauses and subordinate clauses in a complex sentence *Understand that words can move word classes; focus on nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions
Text Level (Vocab & Grammar)	*Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material *Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation *Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past
Punctuation	*Introduction to inverted commas (or 'speech marks') to punctuate direct speech
VGPS Terminology	preposition conjunction word family, prefix clause, subordinate clause direct speech consonant, consonant letter vowel, vowel letter inverted commas (or 'speech marks')