



Year 1 Writing Ladder

2026

Name: _____		Au1	Au2	Sp1	Sp2	Su1	Su2
Spelling	I can use my phonics (44+ phonemes already taught) to sound out and make plausible attempts.						
	I can spell words containing the graphemes k, ff, ll, ss, zz, ck, nk, ph, wh and tch.						
	I can spell words with more than one syllable.						
	I can spell words with the /v/ sound at the end of them e.g. have, give.						
	I can add the suffix 's' and 'es' to the end of words.						
	I can add the suffix -ing -ed, -er and -est to the end of words.						
	I can add the prefix 'un-' to the beginning of words (verbs e.g. kind, unkind)						
	I can spell compound words. E.g- football, playground						
	I can spell words ending in -y e.g. very, happy, funny.						
	I can spell the Year 1 common exception words.						
	I can spell the days of the week correctly.						
	I can name the letters of the alphabet in order.						
	I can use letter names to distinguish alternative spellings of the same sound. E.g- igh, ie and i						
	I can write sentences dictated by my teacher. Using GPCs and CEWs taught so far.						
	Handwriting	I can sit correctly at a table.					
I can hold a pencil comfortably and correctly.							
I can form lower-case letter correctly. Starting and finishing in the right place.							
I can recognise letters that belong to the same handwriting 'families'.							
I can form letters with increasing automaticity so that handwriting does not interrupt my thinking.							
I can form capital letters.							
I can form digits 0-9.							
Composition	I can show awareness of who I am writing for and why.						
	I can say out loud what I am going to write about.						
	I can create writing from my own ideas.						
	I can say every sentence before writing it. (Composing orally)						
	I can understand what a sentence is.						
	I can write simple sentences on my own.						
	I can write compound sentences on my own.						
	I can sequence sentences to form short narratives.						
	I can discuss my writing with my teacher or friends.						
	I can re-read every sentence to check it makes sense.						
	I can read out loud my writing clearly enough to be heard by my friends and teacher.						
Vocab, Grammar & Punc.	I can use capital letters at the beginning of each sentence on my own.						
	I can put full stops at the end of sentences on my own.						
	I can leave spaces between my words.						
	I can begin to use a question mark.						



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I can begin to use an exclamation mark.						
I can join clauses using 'and'.						
I can use a capital letter for the names of people.						
I can use the capital letter for the names of places.						
I can use capital letters for the days of the week.						
I can use a capital letter for the pronoun 'I'.						