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| **Year 3 Writing Key Skills Overview** | |
| Composition | * I can plan my writing by discussing it and recording ideas. * I can say a sentence out loud before I write it. * I can use paragraphs in my writing. * I can set the scene by describing characters, the setting and building up a plot. * I can edit my work to make it better and amend spelling and punctuation errors. |
| Grammar & Vocabulary | * I can use the present and past tense correctly. * I can choose nouns or pro-nouns appropriately to avoid repetition in my writing. * I can use fronted adverbials to sequence my writing (first, next, then, after etc.) * I know what a noun, adjective, verb and adverb is and can use them in my writing. |
| Punctuation | * I can use capital letters and full stops correctly. * I can use question marks and exclamation marks correctly. * I can use commas in a list. * I can use commas to separate clauses. * I can punctuate speech correctly. * I can use apostrophes in contractions such as don’t etc. * I can indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe. |
| Handwriting | * I can sit the letters on the lines in my book. * I can position ascenders and descenders appropriately. * I can ensure my letters are of a consistent size. * I can make choices about which letters to join. |
| Spelling | * I can spell high frequency words correctly (the 100 most common words e.g. the, when, there etc.). * I can spell most words correctly from the Year 3 spelling list. * I can spell words from my weekly spelling tests correctly when using them in my written work. |
| Vocabulary | * I can use exciting words to make my writing more interesting e.g. huge or colossal instead of big. * I can create my own similes e.g. as slow as a lazy snail. * I can create alliteration e.g. super Sammy sipped her soup. |