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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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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