Year 1 writing

Phonics/Spelling

In year 1, **phonics** continues to be the focus for writing and spelling words.

Children are expected to be able to spell common exception words (please speak to your child's teacher if you would like a list of these) correctly as well as days of the week.

Handwriting

The Kinetic letters scheme is used to teach children how to correctly form **lower case letters**, starting and finishing in the correct place. They also learn how to form **capital letters** and the **digits 0-9**. Children are taught which letters belong to which letter family.

Sentence Structure

In Year 1 children continue to be taught about how words are combined to make and write simple sentences.

They also learn to use joining words (conjunctions) to extend sentences, using 'and', 'but', 'because'.

In Year 1 children continue to practise and develop the

Punctuation

skills of using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.

They also begin to develop an awareness of **question marks** and **exclamation marks**.

Grammar

Children are taught to add prefixes (un, e.g. unfair) and suffixes (s and es e.g. dogs, wishes) to words



