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**St Mary`s Writing Unit Overviews: Year 1 to Year 6**

**Whole school cycle 1 ( 2024/25 ) overview**

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| **Year group** | **Autumn term** | | **Spring term** | | **Summer term** | |
| **1** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival** | **Katie in London by James Mayhew** | **Grandpa’s Gift by Fiona Lumbers** | **Beegu by Alexis Deacon** | **Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts** | **Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson** |
| **2** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Look Up! By Nathan Bryon** | **The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams** | **Grandad’s Camper by Harry Woodgate** | **My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner** | **Tidy by Emily Gravett** | **Usborne Illustrated Stories from Shakespeare (The Tempest) Adapted by Rosie Dickens** |
| **3** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman** | **Winter’s Child by Graham Baker-Smith, Ice Palace by Robert Swindells** | **Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura** | **Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies, This Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo** | **Journey by Aaron Becker, Tilly Mint Tales by Berlie Doherty** | **Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr** |
| **4** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Gorilla by Anthony Browne** | **Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith, Oz the Great and Powerful (2013 film)** | **Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit** | **Amazing Islands by Sabrina Weiss, Koji’s Island by The Literacy Company** | **Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker, Jungle Explorer by The Literacy Company** | **Blue John by Berlie Doherty** |
| **5** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo** | **Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo** | **Kai and the Monkey King by Joe Todd-Stanton** | **Malala’s Magic Pencil**  **by Malala Yousafzai, For the Right to Learn by Rebecca Langston-George** | **The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner, Coral Reefs by Jason Chin** | **Bold and Brave Women from Shakespeare by Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories by Angela McAllister** |
| **6** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt, Erika’s Story by Ruth Vander Zee** | **Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins** | **The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde & Ritva Voutila** | **Island by Jason Chin, Jemmy Button by** [**Alix Barzelay**](https://www.google.co.uk/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=inauthor:%22Alix+Barzelay%22) | **Manfish by Jennifer Berne, Great Adventurers by Alastair Humphreys** | **Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll** |

**Year 1 Texts and Outcomes**

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| **Set 1** | **Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival** | **Katie in London by James Mayhew** | **Grandpa’s Gift by Fiona Lumbers** | **Beegu by Alexis Deacon** | **Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts and Hannah Peck** | **Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson** |
| **Outcome**  Recount: write a diary entry in first person  **Greater Depth**  Include character feelings | **Outcome**  Non-fiction: write a non-chronological report  **Greater Depth**  Include a fun fact | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a story about a character  **Greater Depth**  Change both characters and the setting | **Outcome**  Fiction: write own version of the story  **Greater Depth**  Write the story in first person | **Outcome**  Non-fiction: write information about sea animals  **Greater Depth**  Includes sections on how to protect them | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a traditional story with a new character  **Greater Depth**  Change the character/ setting  **Extension:** Non-chron. report |
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| **Set 2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Year 1 Mastery Keys**

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| **Year 1** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Word** | **Word**  Use plural noun suffixes -s and -es | **Word**  Add suffixes where no change is needed to the root of the word e.g. -ed, -ing, -er, -est  Some accurate use of the prefix un- | **Word**  Add suffixes where no change is needed to the root of the word e.g. -ed, -ing, -er, -est | **Word**  Add suffixes where no change is needed to the root of the word e.g. -ed, -ing, -er, -est  Change the meaning of verbs/adjectives by adding prefix un- | **Word** |
| **Word**  Throughout each unit of *Pathways to Write* there will be opportunities to teach and apply word skills:  Spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught and spell common exception words | | | | | |
| **Sentence**  Combine words to make sentences | **Sentence**  Join words using *and* | **Sentence**  Join words and clauses using *and* | **Sentence**  Join words and clauses using *and* | **Sentence**  Join words and clauses using *and* | **Sentence**  Join words and clauses using *and* |
| **Text** | **Text**  Sequence sentences (link ideas or events by pronoun) | **Text** | **Text** | **Text** | **Text**  Sequence sentences to form short narratives (link ideas or events by pronouns) |
| **Punctuation**  Leave spaces between words  Begin to use capital letters and full stops  Use a capital letter for names of people and the personal pronoun ‘I’ | **Punctuation**  Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop  Use capital letters for names of people and places | **Punctuation**  Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, some question marks and exclamation marks | **Punctuation**  Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark | **Punctuation**  Punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark | **Punctuation**  Use capital letter for names of people and places  Punctuate sentences using a capital letter, full stop, question mark or exclamation marks |

**Year 2 Texts and Outcomes**

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| **Set 1** | **Look Up! By Nathan Bryon** | **The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams** | **Grandad’s Camper by Harry Woodgate** | **My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner** | **Tidy by Emily Gravett** | **Usborne Illustrated Stories from Shakespeare (The Tempest) Adapted by Rosie Dickens** |
| **Outcome**  Recount: write a diary entry  **Greater Depth**  Draw on wider reading to inform vocabulary choices | **Outcome**  Non-fiction: write a fact sheet  **Greater Depth**  Greater choice in how to represent the information | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a story using own ideas for characters and locations  **Greater Depth**  Use a range of sentence forms to show character feelings and viewpoints | **Outcome**  Recount: write a recount of events from character’s point of view  **Greater Depth**  Include how the other characters felt | **Outcome**  Persuasion: write a letter in role  **Greater Depth**  Write a persuasive letter in role as another animal  Include inference | **Outcome**  Fiction: retell an abridged and adapted version  **Greater Depth**  Include other characters’ thoughts and feelings |
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**Year 2 Mastery Keys**

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| **Year 2** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Word** | **Word**  Add -ly to turn adjectives into adverbs | **Word** | **Word** | **Word**  Add -er and -est to adjectives  Use homophones and near homophones | **Word**  Add suffixes to spell longer words (e.g -ment,- ful) |
| **Word**  Throughout each unit of *Pathways to Write* there will be opportunities to apply word skills:  Spell many words correctly by segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes and spell common exception words. | | | | | |
| **Sentence**  Use subordination (because) and co-ordination (and)  Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify | **Sentence**  Use co-ordination (but, or) | **Sentence**  Write sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command  Use subordination (apply *because*, introduce *when*) | **Sentence**  Use subordination (apply *because, when*; introduce *that*) | **Sentence**  Use subordination (*if*, *that*) | **Sentence**  Use subordination (when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (or, and, but)  Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify |
| **Text** | **Text** | **Text**  Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently (some progressive) | **Text**  Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently  Use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense | **Text** | **Text**  Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form |
| **Punctuation**  Use punctuation correctly -full stops, capital letters | **Punctuation**  Use commas to separate items in a list | **Punctuation**  Use punctuation correctly - exclamation marks, question marks | **Punctuation**  Use punctuation correctly – introduce apostrophe for the possessive (singular) | **Punctuation**  Use punctuation correctly – apostrophes for contracted forms | **Punctuation** |

**Year 3 Texts and Outcomes**

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|  | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Set 1** | **Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman** | **Winter’s Child by Angela McAllister, Ice Palace by Robert Swindells** | **Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura** | **Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies, This Morning I Met a Whale by Michael Morpurgo** | **Journey by Aaron Becker, Tilly Mint Tales by Berlie Doherty** | **Zeraffa Giraffa**  **by Dianne Hofmeyr** |
| **Outcome**  Recount: write a letter in role recounting events of the story  **Greater Depth**  Write a letter from Grandad in response to one of his grandson’s letters | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a fantasy story based on a fable  **Greater Depth**  Narrative from a different point of view | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a historical narrative set in the Stone Age  **Greater Depth**  Write from the point of view of a person from the Stone Age | **Outcome**  Persuasion: write an informative article persuading for the protection of the blue whale  **Greater Depth**  Include a fact file about other endangered sea creatures | **Outcome**  Fiction: write an adventure story based on *Journey* using the language of Berlie Doherty  **Greater Depth**  Include a new setting route to lead from one place into another | **Outcome**  Persuasion: write a tourism leaflet for the *Jardin des Plantes* in Paris  **Greater Depth**  Include a section of a researched Paris landmark |
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**Year 3 Mastery Keys**

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| **Year 3** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | | Spring 2 | | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Word** | **Word**  Use a or an according to whether the next word begins with a vowel or consonant | **Word**  Form nouns with a range of prefixes |  | **Word** | **Word**  Form nouns with a range of prefixes | **Word**  Use a or an according to whether the next word begins with a vowel or consonant | **Word** |
| **Sentence**  Use prepositions to express time, place and cause. | **Sentence**  Use conjunctions and adverbs to express, time, place and cause | **Sentence** | **Sentence**  Build an increasing range of sentence structures  Use adverbs to express time, place and cause | **Sentence**  Build an increasing range of sentence structures  Use adverbs to express time, place and cause | **Sentence** | **Sentence**  Use prepositions, conjunctions and adverbs to express time, place and cause | **Sentence**  Build an increasing range of sentence structures |
| **Text**  Group related ideas into paragraphs  *Build a varied and rich vocabulary* | **Text**  In narratives, create characters, settings and plot | **Text**  Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive and present perfect forms  *Build a varied and rich vocabulary* | **Text**  Use headings and sub-  headings to aid presentation *Assess the effectiveness of own and others’ writing* | **Text**  Use headings and sub-  headings to aid presentation *Assess the effectiveness of own and others’ writing* | **Text**  Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive and present perfect forms  *Build a varied and rich vocabulary* | **Text**  Group related ideas into paragraphs  Use the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense | **Text**  Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form and the present perfect form  In non-narrative material, use simple organisational devices including headings and sub-headings to aid presentation |
| **Punctuation**  Introduce inverted commas to punctuate direct speech | **Punctuation**  Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech | **Punctuation**  Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech | **Punctuation** | **Punctuation** | **Punctuation**  Use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech | **Punctuation** | **Punctuation** |

**\*Set 1** **\*Set 2** *\*Please note that spring 1 and spring 2 mastery keys have been swapped in set 1 and set 2 Pathways to Write*

*\*Objectives in italics are writing composition objectives*

**Year 4 Texts and Outcomes**

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| **Set 1** | **Gorilla by Anthony Browne** | **Leon and the Place Between by Graham Baker-Smith, Oz the Great and Powerful (2013 film)** | **Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit** | **Amazing Islands**  **by Sabrina Weiss, Koji’s Island by The Literacy Company** | **Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker, Jungle Explorer by The Literacy Company** | **Blue John by Berlie Doherty** |
| **Outcome**  Fiction: write a fantasy story based on *Gorilla*  **Greater Depth**  Re-tell the story from the animal’s viewpoint and include speech | **Outcome**  Recount: write a diary from Leon’s point of view  **Greater Depth**  Write from Abdul Kazam’s point of view | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a historical narrative from character’s point of view  **Greater Depth**  Write from the point of view of the captain | **Outcome**  Fiction: write an adventure story from point of view of the boy  **Greater Depth**  Write from the point of view of the God | **Outcome**  Non-chronological report: write an information board for a rainforest exhibit  **Greater Depth**  Include an interactive element | **Outcome**  Explanation: write a letter in role as a caving expert, including an explanation  **Greater Depth**  Include a persuasive section about Treak Cliff Caverns |
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**Year 4 Mastery Keys**

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| **Year 4** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Word** | **Word**  Use Standard English forms for verb inflections  Recognise the grammatical difference between plural and possessive ‘s’ | **Word**  Use Standard English forms for verb inflections | **Word** | **Word**  Recognise the grammatical difference between plural and possessive ‘s’ | **Word** |
| **Sentence**  Expand noun phrases by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases  Use fronted adverbials | **Sentence**  Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions including when, if, because, although | **Sentence** | **Sentence**  Expand noun phrases by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases | **Sentence** | **Sentence**  Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions including when, if, because, although |
| **Text**  Organise paragraphs around a theme (to organise and sequence more extended narrative structures)  Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition | **Text**  Build a varied and rich vocabulary | **Text**  Organise paragraphs around a theme (using fronted adverbials to introduce or connect paragraphs)  Variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently including the progressive and the present perfect forms | **Text**  Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition | **Text**  Build a varied and rich vocabulary  Organise paragraphs around a theme  *Propose changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences* | **Text**  Build a varied and rich vocabulary  Organise paragraphs around a theme  Variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently including the progressive and the present perfect forms |
| **Punctuation**  Use commas after fronted adverbials  Recap: Use inverted commas for direct speech | **Punctuation**  Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns | **Punctuation**  Use and punctuate direct speech (using dialogue to show the relationship between characters) | **Punctuation**  Use inverted commas and other punctuation to punctuate direct speech  Use commas after fronted adverbials | **Punctuation**  Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns. | **Punctuation** |

**Year 5 Texts and Outcomes**

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|  | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Set 1** | **Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg, Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli & Francesca Cavallo** | **Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo** | **Kai and the Monkey King by Joe Todd-Stanton** | **Malala’s Magic Pencil**  **by Malala Yousafzai, For the Right to Learn by Rebecca Langston-George** | **The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner, Coral Reefs by Jason Chin** | **Bold and Brave Women from Shakespeare by Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories by Angela McAllister** |
| **Outcome**  Recount: write a series of diary entries  **Greater Depth**  Series of diary entries including her viewpoint on other characters | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a further adventure  **Greater Depth**  Invent their own monster and include motives and viewpoint | **Outcome**  Fiction: write a myth, creating characters and settings  **Greater Depth**  Write from the character’s viewpoint | **Outcome**  Recount: write an autobiography  **Greater Depth**  Include a first-person recount from another point of view | **Outcome**  Persuasion/information: write an information leaflet  **Greater Depth**  Authorial choices on sections of text and layout | **Outcome**  Recount: write and perform a soliloquy  **Greater Depth**  Choose the form of the text |
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**Year 5 Mastery Keys**

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| **Year 5** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Word** | **Word** | **Word** | **Word** | **Word** | **Word** |
| **Sentence** | **Sentence**  Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely | **Sentence**  Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely  Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or an omitted relative pronoun | **Sentence**  Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions | **Sentence**  Use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility | **Sentence**  Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or an omitted relative pronoun  Use adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility |
| **Text**  *Identify the audience for and purpose of writing*  Organise paragraphs around a theme with a focus on more complex narrative structures | **Text**  *Describe settings, characters and atmosphere*  *Integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action* | **Text**  Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials | **Text**  Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials and tense choices  Recap: Variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently | **Text**  Use devices to build cohesion within a paragraph  *Choose the appropriate register*  *Enhance meaning through selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary* | **Text**  Use a wider range of devices to build cohesion across paragraphs  Link ideas using tense choices |
| **Punctuation**  Use commas after fronted adverbials (Y4)  Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing | **Punctuation**  Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to punctuate direct speech (Y4) | **Punctuation**  Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing | **Punctuation**  Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing  Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis | **Punctuation**  Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis | **Punctuation** |

**Year 6 Texts and Outcomes**

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|  | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Set 1** | **Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt, Erika’s Story by Ruth Vander Zee** | **Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins** | **The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde & Ritva Voutila** | **Island by Jason Chin, Jemmy Button by** [**Alix Barzelay**](https://www.google.co.uk/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=inauthor:%22Alix+Barzelay%22) | **Manfish by Jennifer Berne, Great Adventurers by Alastair Humphreys** | **Sky Chasers by Emma Carroll** |
| **Outcome**  Fiction: write a flashback story & non-chronological report  **Greater Depth**  To write a narrative with a flashback including a section in recount genre *e.g. diary, letter, eye-witness account* | **Outcome**  Information/explanation/ persuasion: write a hybrid booklet about an amazing animal & Recount: diary  **Greater Depth**  Write a Newsround TV style report about the tiger crisis | **Outcome**  Fiction: retell a classic narrative from a character’s point of view &  Explanation  **Greater Depth**  Write the narrative from the viewpoint of the special tree | **Outcome**  Recount: write a journalistic report (hybrid text) about Charles Darwin’s discoveries & Discussion  **Greater Depth**  Include extracts from another genre *e.g., diary, interview, information* | **Outcome**  Recount: write a biography of Jacques Cousteau & Fiction: adventure story  **Greater Depth**  Include a section entitled ‘How Jacques Cousteau inspired me’ | **Outcome**  Fiction: write an adventure story from two different viewpoints & Recount: autobiography  **Greater Depth**  Include a section written from the viewpoint of another person |
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**Year 6 Mastery Keys**

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| **Year 6** | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| **Word** | **Word** | **Word** | **Word** | **Word** | **Word** |
| **Sentence**  Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely  Use passive verbs | **Sentence**  Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility (Y5) | **Sentence**  Recognise structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms  Use passive verbs | **Sentence**  Use passive verbs | **Sentence**  Use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or an omitted relative pronoun (Y5) | **Sentence**  Recognise vocabulary and structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms |
| **Text**  Link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices  *Integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action* | **Text**  *Enhance meaning through selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary* | **Text**  *Distinguish between the language of speech and writing*  *Integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action* | **Text**  Use a wider range of devices to build cohesion  Use organisational and presentational devices to structure text  Variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently (progressive present perfect forms) | **Text**  Use a wider range of devices to build cohesion | **Text**  *Identify the audience for and purpose of writing*  *Choose the appropriate register* |
| **Punctuation**  Punctuate bullet points consistently | **Punctuation**  Use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis (Y5) | **Punctuation**  Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses | **Punctuation**  Use colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses | **Punctuation**  Use a colon to introduce a list and use of semi-colons within lists  Use hyphens to avoid ambiguity | **Punctuation**  Use semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses |

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