Writing Implementation



Whole class writing lessons are planned around a high-quality model text. The topic for writing is carefully considered so that it is engaging, age and interest appropriate, can be linked if needed to foundation work, the genre can be applied in context.

An inspiring 'hook' or stimulus is used to engage and enthuse the children and immerse them in the topic.

Dear Mrs Brown

I am just writing to inform you of a strange happening in your school grounds last week. It all started one cold, dark night last week.

was while waiting for him, that I became aware of some strange noises. They were terrible noises. was write wanning nor finit, finit, i became aware of some strange indees. Firey were ten one nor really do not know how to describe them, but I managed to record them on my phone. I have enclosed a memory strik, so that you can have a listen for yourself and see what you make of it. If this was not had enough, I had the shock of my life when I peeped through the fence the next In one was not one stronger, they are shown of ity me when i people anonger one remember and memory morning. Sitting on one of those old straw bales, was a rabbit. A funny looking one, who seemed to

have one car a bit darker than the other. It was as though it had a false end attached to it or

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I know that you must think I'm quite mad, but luckily I managed to grab my phone again ar it on camera. As you can see, they are deep in conversation. I was going to ring the newspaper, but I couldn't bear the thought of all those reporters trampling all

over my garden and terrifying my little dog. He's already traumatised enough as it is.

Do you think that your children might have any idea why a fox and a rabbit would be chatting? It

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs P. Corbett

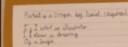


There is a strong focus on vocabulary with pre-teaching, a daily vocab focus, higher level word choice, links to Yr3/4 word lists and spellings, a consideration of vocabulary tiers and visual resources such as word mats etc. SPaG is taught within units as well as discreetly. Writing is completed from a plan and teacher modelling of good practise is used to demonstrate how to innovate from the original text. Children edit and improve their writing within each unit through 'sentence doctor' starters or designated editing days and daily live marking.



The outcome of each unit is carefully considered to ensure that the children have a clear end goal and are writing for a purpose.

A published result is celebrated and shared.



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Handwriting lessons are taught discreetly in the lower school and as intervention in the upper school.

At Northmead, we use the Oxford Read Write Inc. spelling programme to teach spelling. It covers the spelling requirements of the 2014 National Curriculum and uses a proven approach underpinned by phonics, which includes preparation for the statutory spelling assessments in England. Each child works within their spelling group at their appropriate level, as identified by their teacher. Spelling rules and concepts are introduced by aliens from an exciting online spelling planet, and children take part in a range of fun spelling activities. As well as learning spelling rules, there are also statutory lists of words for year 3&4 and year 5&6 to learn.

Little Wandle phonics interventions are in place.

Children take home spellings to learn on a weekly basis. In addition, children take a half termly test. this follows the style of the statutory spelling assessment, which they will take in year six.