## Navigation Primary School

## English Curriculum

Year 2<br>Guidance Document

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## Year 2-Objectives

Year 2 pupils will be taught the following objectives throughout the academic year. On some occasions, these objectives may be covered on more than one occasion if the teacher feels it necessary. Throughout each theme, (E.g. Instructions), objectives from several areas of study may be covered over a short term.

| Areas | Objectives |
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| Spoken Word | Pupils will be taught to: <br> - listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers <br> - ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge <br> - use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary <br> - articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions <br> - give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings <br> - maintain attention and participate actively in group conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments <br> - use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas <br> - speak with an increasing command of Standard English <br> - participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates <br> - gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s) <br> - consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others <br> - to select and use appropriate language for effective communication. |
| Word Reading | Pupils will be taught to: |


|  | - continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the way to decode words until automatic decoding is regularly used and reading is fluent <br> - read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes <br> - read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above <br> - read words containing common suffixes <br> - read further common exception words (words which do not follow a general spelling rule), noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word <br> - read most words quickly and accurately, without obvious sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered <br> - read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without much hesitation <br> - re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. |
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| Comprehension | Pupils will be taught to: <br> - develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by: <br> - listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and nonfiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently <br> - discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related <br> - becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales <br> - being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways <br> - recognising simple recurring language in stories and poetry <br> - discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary <br> - discussing their favourite words and phrases <br> - continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some <br> - understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by: |


|  | - drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary <br> - checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading <br> - making predictions and discussing the meanings of actions on the basis of what is being said and done <br> - answering and asking questions <br> - predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far <br> - participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say <br> - explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves. |
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| Writing transcription | Spelling (see the last section of this document) <br> Pupils will be taught to spell by: <br> - segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly <br> - learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones <br> - learning to spell common exception words <br> - learning to spell more words with contracted forms ( $I$ am = I'm) <br> - learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book] <br> - distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones <br> - add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly <br> - apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in the last section of this document |


|  | - write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words where there is a relationship between the letter and the sound (GPC words), common exception words and punctuation taught so far. |
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| Writing Handwriting | Pupils will be taught to: <br> - form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another <br> - start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined <br> - write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters <br> - use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters. |
| Writing Composition | Pupils will be taught to: <br> - develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by: <br> - writing narrative pieces of work about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) <br> - writing about real events <br> - writing poetry <br> - writing for different purposes <br> - consider what they are going to write before beginning by: <br> - planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about <br> - writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary <br> - encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence <br> - make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: <br> - evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils <br> - re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form <br> - proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated |


|  | correctly] <br> - read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear. |
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| Writing - Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation | Pupils will be taught to: <br> - develop their understanding of the concepts set out in the Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation section of this document: <br> - learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular) <br> - learn how to use: <br> - sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command <br> - expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly] <br> - the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form <br> - subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but) <br> - the grammar for year 2 in the Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation section of this document <br> - some features of written Standard English <br> - use and understand the grammatical terminology in the Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation section of this document in discussing their writing. |

## Year 2 - Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

This section shows the grammar, vocabulary and punctuation which Year 2 pupils will be taught in their English lessons this year. This will be done throughout the year, and will support the development of their writing.

| Year 2 | Formation of nouns using suffixes such as -ness, -er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] <br> Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less <br> Use of the suffixes -er, -est in adjectives and the use of -ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs |
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| Sentence | Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but) <br> Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon] <br> How the grammar in a sentence indicates its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command |
| Text | Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing <br> Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was <br> shouting] |
| Punctuation | Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences <br> Commas to separate items in a list <br> Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the gir/'s name] |
| Terminology for <br> pupils | noun, noun phrase <br> statement, question, exclamation, command <br> compound, suffix <br> adjective, adverb, verb <br> tense (past, present) <br> apostrophe, comma |

## Year 2 - Spelling

This section shows the statutory spelling requirements which Year 2 pupils will be taught.

## Revision of work from year I

As words with new spellings are introduced, many previously-taught spelings can be revised at the same time as these words will usually contain them.

New work for year 2
\(\left.\begin{array}{l}Statutory requirements <br>
The / d_{3} / sound spelt as <br>
ge and dge at the end of <br>
words, and sometimes <br>
spelt as g elsewhere in <br>

words before e, i and y\end{array}\right]\)| The $/ s /$ sound spelt $c$ |
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| before e, i and $y$ |
| The $/ \mathrm{n} /$ sound spelt kn |
| and (less often) gn at |


| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) |
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| The letter $j$ is never used for the $/ d_{3} /$ sound at the end of English words. At the end of a word, the $/ d_{3} /$ sound is spelt -dge straight after the $/ œ /$, $/ \varepsilon /, / \mathrm{I} /, / \mathrm{p} /, / \Lambda /$ and $/ v /$ sounds (sometimes called 'short' vowels). <br> After all other sounds, whether vowels or consonants, the $/ d_{3} /$ sound is spelt as -ge at the end of a word. <br> In other positions in words, the $/ d_{3} /$ sound is often (but not always) spelt as $g$ before $e, i$, and $y$. The $/ d_{3} /$ sound is always spelt as $j$ before $a$, $o$ and $u$. |
| The ' $k$ ' and ' $g$ ' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of years ago. |

Example words (non-statutory)
badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge
age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village
gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
race, ice, cell, city, fancy
knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw

| Statutory requirements |
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| the beginning of words |
| The $/ r /$ sound spelt wr <br> at the beginning of <br> words |
| The $/ I /$ or /al/ sound <br> spelt -le at the end of <br> words |


| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| This spelling probably also reflects an old pronunciation. | write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap |
| The -le spelling is the most common spelling for this sound at the end of <br> words. | table, apple, bottle, little, middle |


| Statutory requirements |
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| The /I/ or /al/ sound <br> spelt -el at the end of <br> words |
| The /I/ or /al/ sound <br> spelt -al at the end of <br> words |
| Words ending -il |
| The /aI/ sound spelt -y <br> at the end of words |
| Adding -es to nouns and <br> verbs ending in <br> $-y$ |
| Adding -ed, -ing, -er and |

## Rules and guidance (non-statutory)

The -el spelling is much less common than -le.
The -el spelling is used after $m, n, r, s, v, w$ and more often than not after $s$.
Not many nouns end in -al, but many adjectives do.

| There are not many of these words. |
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| This is by far the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words. |
| The $y$ is changed to $i$ before -es is added. |
| The $y$ is changed to $i$ before -ed, -er and -est are added, but not before -ing |

## Example words (non-statutory)

camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal
pencil, fossil, nostril
cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July
flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries
copied, copier, happier, happiest,

Statutory requirements
-est to a root word
ending in -y with a consonant before it

Adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it

Adding -ing, -ed,
-er, -est and -y to words
of one syllable ending in
a single consonant letter
after a single vowel
letter
The /o:/ sound spelt a
before I and II
The $/ \Lambda /$ sound spelt o

| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| as this would result in ii. The only ordinary words with ii are skiing and taxiing. | cried, replied ..but copying, crying, replying |
| The -e at the end of the root word is dropped before -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -y or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter is added. Exception: being. | hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny |
| The last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep the $/ \propto /, / \varepsilon /$, $/ \mathrm{I} / \mathrm{I} / \mathrm{p} /$ and $/ \Lambda /$ sound (i.e. to keep the vowel 'short'). <br> Exception: The letter ' $x$ ' is never doubled: mixing, mixed, boxer, sixes. | patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny |
| The /o:/ sound ('or') is usually spelt as a before I and II. | all, ball, call, walk, talk, always |
|  | other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday |

## Statutory requirements

The /i:/ sound spelt
-ey
The / $\mathrm{p} /$ sound spelt a
after $w$ and qu

## Rules and guidance (non-statutory)

The plural of these words is formed by the addition of -s (donkeys, monkeys, etc.).
$\mathbf{a}$ is the most common spelling for the /p/ ('hot') sound after $\mathbf{w}$ and $q u$.

## Example words (non-statutory)

key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley
want, watch, wander, quantity, squash

| Statutory requirements |
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| The $/ 3: /$ sound spelt or <br> after $w$ |
| The $/ \mathrm{s}: /$ sound spelt ar <br> after $w$ |
| The /3/ sound spelt s |
| The suffixes -ment, |
| -ness, -ful, -less and -ly |
| Contractions |
| The possessive <br> apostrophe (singular <br> nouns) |
| Words ending in -tion |


| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| There are not many of these words. | word, work, worm, world, worth |
| There are not many of these words. | war, warm, towards |
| If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most <br> root words without any change to the last letter of those words. <br> Exceptions: <br> (1) argument <br> (2) root words ending in -y with a consonant before it but only if the root <br> word has more than one syllable. | enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, <br> hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), <br> badly |
| In contractions, the apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if <br> the words were written in full (e.g. can't-cannot). <br> It's means it is (e.g. It's raining) or sometimes it has (e.g. It's been raining), <br> but it's is never used for the possessive. | can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll <br> penniless, happily |
|  | Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, <br> the man's |


| Statutory requirements |
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| Homophones and near- <br> homophones |
| Common exception words |
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## Rules and guidance (non-statutory)

It is important to know the difference in meaning between homophones.

Some words are exceptions in some accents but not in others - e.g. past, last, fast, path and bath are not exceptions in accents where the a in these words is pronounced / /e/, as in cat.

Great, break and steak are the only common words where the /ei/ sound is spelt ea.

Example words (non-statutory)
there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight
door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas - and/or others according to programme used.
Note: 'children' is not an exception to what has been taught so far but is included because of its relationship with 'child'.

