List of Grammar Objectives

Word				
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
To select nouns to be specific.	To recap definitions of proper, common,	To recap noun classes from year 4 and	To revise the different word classes:	
To form nouns using a range of prefixes,	collective nouns and introduce abstract	identify when a noun could be also be	nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives,	
such as: super-, anti-, auto-	nouns.	an adjective.	prepositions, pronouns etc	
To understand the difference between a	To understand and use the word 'tense'	To use pronouns accurately to what or	To recap modal and auxiliary verbs and	
proper and a common noun.	in relation to verbs by knowing that	whom they refer	know that a verbs infinitive is its bare	
To understand the term collective noun.	tense refers to time.	To identify more complex prepositions	root-word.	
To use the term pronoun appropriately	To extend knowledge and understanding	e.g. through, throughout, without, until,	Finite verbs	
and to understand the function of	of adverbs through identifying common	during, about.	Subjunctive verbs	
pronouns in sentences through seeing	adverbs with 'ly' suffixes and	To know the purpose and uses of modal	To understand and use the terms 'active'	
how they stand in place of nouns.	discussing their impact on the meaning	verbs and auxiliary verbs	and 'passive' when referring to verbs.	
To investigate how pronouns are used to	of a sentence.	To Indicate degrees of possibility by	To know that a verbs complement adds	
mark gender: he, she, they	To recap determiners to modify words:	identifying:	more information about the verbs subject	
To distinguish between personal	Identify the articles within a sentence -	Modal verbs (might, shall, would,	(or its object)	
pronouns (I, you, him, it) and possessive	a, an (indefinite), the (definite)	should, could, may, ought, will, can,	To identify whether a sentence is active	
pronouns (my, yours, hers)	To understand the use of expressive and	must) and Adverbs (perhaps, surely)	or passive by identifying the subject and	
To distinguish the 1st (I, me, we), 2nd	figurative language in stories and poetry	To indentify imperative verbs in	object	
(you), 3rd (she, her, them) person forms	through constructing adjectival	instructions and past tense in recounts	To understand the term 'impersonal'	
of pronouns	phrases; examining comparative and	To convert nouns or adjectives into	(formal) and 'personal' (informal) voice.	
To use the term "verb" appropriately	superlative adjectives; comparing	verbs using suffixes (-ate, -ise)	Understand the term 'conditionals' (if,	
and to understand the function of verbs	adjectives on a scale of intensity (hot,	To identify verb prefixes (dis-, de-, mis-,	then, might, could, would) by	
in sentences through: noticing that	warm, tepid etc)	over- and re-)	constructing sentences which express	
sentences can not make sense without	To use fronted adverbials/adverbial	To recap superlative and comparative	possibilities – to speculate cause (past)	
them; collecting and classifying	phrases to very sentence structure with	adjectives.	and review options and their outcomes	
examples of verbs.	appropriate punctuation	To identify the less obvious verbs in	(future)	
To use the perfect form of verbs	To know what a phrase is and identify	sentences e.g. is, are, has, have, am,	To identify phrases and clauses within a	
(continuous form) to mark relationships	phrases in sentences	went, go	sentence	
of time and cause (e.g. I have written it	To know what a clause is and identify	To begin to use 'conditionals'	To know that nouns, verbs and adverbs	
down so we can check what he said)	clauses in sentences	To know that adjectives are used to	can also characterise a noun (not just	
To use the term adjective appropriately	To use powerful verbs to add impact;	modify the noun. To be able to identify	adjectives)	
and to understand the function of	select adjectives and adverbs for variety	when these modifying words are other	To know determiners include articles,	
adjectives in sentences through:	and interest	word classes (not adjectives) e.g. the	demonstratives, possessives, quantifiers	
identifying them; discussing and	To identify more common prepositions	lamp glowed (is a verb)	an numerals Present and past participles	
defining what they have in common	e.g. before, after, during, because of	It was such a bright red! (is a noun)		

(words which qualify nouns);	To understand and use the term	To find alternative words with the same	
experimenting with deleting and	'synonym' to find alternative words	meaning (synonyms) and find the words	
substituting adjectives and seeing the	with the same/similar meaning	with the opposite meanings (antonyms)	
effect on meaning; collecting and		To recap year 4 determiners. To know	
classifying them (moods, colours etc)		other ways to modify the noun is using	
To understand the term 'adverb' and be		'demonstratives' and possessives	
able to identify simple adverbs e.g.			
slowly.			
To understand the term 'preposition'			
(spatial only e.g. next to, over, under)			
To use the determiners 'a' or 'an' to			
modify a word according to whether the			
next word begins with a consonant or a			
vowel (e.g. a rock, an open box)			
To extend knowledge and understanding			
of pluralisation through recognising the			
use of singular and plural forms in			
speech and through share writing;			
transforming sentences from singular to			
plural and vice versa; noticing which			
nouns can be pluralised and which can			
not (e.g. trousers, rain)			
To understand the differences between			
verbs in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person			
(e.g. I/we do, you do, he/she/does, they			
do) by noting the differences between			
the singular and plural persons.			
To understand the text type associated			
with the persons. E.g diaries and			
$personal\ letters = 1st\ person;$			
instructions and directions = 2nd			
person; narrative and recounts = 3rd			
person etc			
To identify vowels and consonants			

Sentence			
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To express time using conjunctions (after, while, before); adverbs (then, next soon) and prepositions (before, after, during) To express cause using conjunctions (when, so, because); adverbs (therefore) and prepositions (because of, in) To extend sentences to have more than one clause using a wider range of conjunctions, e.g. when, if, because, although, or, and, but To continue developing a mixture of simple and compound sentences To begin to experiment writing complex sentences using a subordinate clause either at the beginning or the end, using subordinating conjunctions (if, so, while, though, since, when) To revise sentence types (command, question, statement) and the associated punctuation which belongs to it (e.g. exclamation mark belongs to a command) Recap turning statements into questions and vice versa. To know that a statement ends with a full stop and a question ends in a question mark To identify and use noun phrases To identify and use alliteration and similes	To categorise connectives: time, cause, additional and oppositional To recap subordinating conjunctions used to add a subordinate clause (after, since, because, when, although) To know what a simple, compound, complex sentence is and explain why. To identify subordinate clauses and to understand that a subordinate clause can be placed at the beginning or end of the complex sentence To recognise how commas, connectives and full stops are used to join and separate clauses and how some are more effective than others. To change statements to questions; questions to commands; commands to statements and vice versa. To know that a statement ends in a fu stop; question in a question mark and command in a exclamation mark. To vary sentences, adding phrases to enhance meaning To use noun phrases (adjectival) and adverbial phrases To understand the importance of subject verb agreement and identify when it had been used incorrectly in a sentence. To identify and use Alliteration, smiles, metaphors and onomatopoeia. Examine its impact in a sentence.	To identify the differences between time, causal, additional, oppositional and logical connectives. To know that some connectives can also be prepositions, conjunctions or adverbs To understand the difference between subordinating and coordinating conjunctions To identify a main clause in a long sentence and in sentences which contain more than one clause To use complex sentences accurately by using a subordinate clause, using subordinating conjunctions To use relative pronouns (which, who, that, where, whose) to add an embedded clause/relative clause to a main clause to make a complex sentence. To use noun phrases, adverbial phrases and introduce prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases for clarity, detail and precision To re-order simple sentences, noting the changes which are required in word order and verb forms and discuss the effects of changes To construct sentences in different ways, while retaining meaning through combining 2 or more sentences; re-ordering them; deleting/substituting words etc. To recap subject-verb agreement. To be able to identify the subject and verb within a sentence and edit sentences to ensure the subject and verb agree. To identify and use literary features and discuss its impact and effect: alliteration, similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, idioms and proverbs	To transform a sentence from passive to active and vice versa. To change a personal sentence to an impersonal one and vice versa. To revise all connective categories: position (besides, nearby); sequence (firstly, secondly); logic (therefore, so) etc To identify connectives which have multiple purposes e.g. on, under, besides. To identify coordinating/contrasting conjunctions To write sentences appropriate/effective for text type, audience and purpose To identify, understand and form complesentences; identifying the main and subordinate clause within it. To understand how different clauses can be manipulated to achieve different effects. To recap using embedded clauses and using more than one subordinate clause using all appropriate punctuation. To revise work on contracting sentences by summarising, note-taking, editing etc To add an expanded noun phrase to a sentence or identify it within one. To use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely. To identify verb phrases within a sentence. To recap year 5 literary features and introduce personification

Text					
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To ensure grammatical agreement in speech and writing of pronouns and verbs. (E.g. I am; we are) in standard English. To be aware of concision — experiment with deleting words in sentences to see which are essential to retain meaning and which are not. Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material. To use headings and sub-headings to aid presentation To use 1st and 3rd person and tense consistently	To distinguish between standard and non-standard English. (Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms e.g. 'we were' instead of 'we was' or 'I did' instead of 'I done') and the avoidance of use of slang. To extend upon year 3 to use paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme To identify the use of 1st, 2nd and 3rd person To know the grammatical difference between plural and possessive/s To use appropriate choice of pronoun or noun across sentences To maintain consistent use of person, tense and pronouns	To understand the conventions of standard English and consider when and why standard English is used: agreement between nouns and verbs; avoidance of double negatives; avoidance of slang words and contractions; avoidance of similes, metaphors and idioms. To investigate word order by examining how far the order of words in sentences can be changed: which words are essential to meaning; which can be move to a different order etc (concision) To understand, use and identify devices to build cohesion within paragraphs (then, after that, this, firstly) Understand the terms semantic and grammatical cohesion. Using adverbials of time (e.g. later), place (e.g. nearby) and number (e.g. secondly) – also used for cohesion. To recap the purpose of using paragraphs (new location, time, change of event, etc) Use appropriate and consistent tense choices by investigating how different tenses are formed using auxiliary verbs (have, was, shall, will, be, do) Understanding the range of verb tenses to move between past, present and future To understand different styles of writing are associated with different text types e.g. formal writing for a letter of complaint, informal for a diary entry; and to adapt writing for different readers an purposes, e.g. simplifying for younger readers.	To revise the construction of standard and non-standard English by identifying when the subject and verb doesn't agree an in standard English using the 'I' and 'me' correctly (recap year 4 and 5) To be able to write in a formal style by understanding its features — imperative verbs, use of passive voice, use of the subjunctive 'reported' rather than 'said', official vocabulary e.g. those wishing to To revise language conventions and grammatical features of the different text types e.g. recounts — anecdotes, experiences; reports — factual; explanation — how and why etc To conduct language investigations — looking at how language has changed over time; dialect, proverbs etc To recap cohesive devices to link ideas across paragraph: semantic cohesion (repetition of a word or phrase); grammatical connections (use of adverbials) and elision To understand the purpose of layout devices such as sub-headings, columns, bullet points or tables to structure a text To vary choice of verbs (clambered, plodded) and adverbs (reasonably well behaved children) to show shades of meaning.		

Punctuation				
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To secure knowledge of question	To use full stops, capital letters,	To indicate parenthesis using	Revise all punctuation: commas, full	
marks and exclamation marks in	question marks and exclamation	brackets, dashes and commas (all	stps, capital letters, question,	
reading, understanding their	marks mostly accurately	have same purpose)	exclamation marks;	
purpose and use appropriately in	To use commas to mark	To revise use of commas from year	Parenthesis (commas, dashes and	
own writing.	grammatical boundaries within	4 and to clarify meaning or avoid	brackets)	
To use capital letters for a range	sentences (to separate phrases and	ambiguity; to embed phrases and	Colons, semi-colons, inverted	
of purposes including new lines in	clauses within a sentence, after	clauses within sentences; for a	commas, apostrophes etc	
poetry, proper nouns, after a full	fronted adverbials and in a list)	pause; to separate name of	To use and understand the	
stop, titles etc	To use apostrophes to mark	someone being addressed and for	punctuation of bullet points to list	
To demarcate sentences with	possession through identifying	dates and numbers.	information	
capital letters, full stops, question	possessive apostrophes and	Secure use of the apostrophe for	To understand how hyphens can be	
marks and exclamation marks.	understanding the basic rules for	possession and omission	used to avoid ambiguity (e.g. 'man	
To use the term comma	apostrophising singular nouns e.g.	Use of colon to signal a list	eating shark' versus 'man-eating	
appropriately and to understand	the man's hat; for plural nouns	Use of hyphen to join two words	shark'	
the function of commas in	ending in 's', e.g. the doctors' together		To understand the use of the semi-	
sentences to mark causes and for	surgery and for irregular plural	Use of semi-colon to join two	colon, colon and dash to indicate a	
lists.	nuns e.g. children's playground.	sentences together	stronger subdivision of a sentence	
To use apostrophes to mark	To distinguish between uses of the	Use of inverted commas to	than a comma	
omission (contraction) e.g.	apostrophe for contraction and demarcate direct speech or		To use dashes and brackets to	
wouldn't (would not)	possession	quotations and the use of commas	introduce explanations or examples	
To know the basic conventions of	To identify the common	before and within speech. To		
speech punctuation by identifying	punctuation marks	accurately use a new line for a new		
speech marks/inverted commas in	including commas, semi-colons,	speaker		
reading and beginning to use them	colons, dashes, hyphens, speech	To understand the difference		
in own writing using capital letters	marks and respond to them	between direct and reported		
to mark the start of direct speech.	appropriately when reading	speech; change reported speech to		
	To use speech marks accurately	direct speech and vice versa		
	and punctuate direct speech.			