



## SPAG Skills Progression Table – Abbey CE VA Primary School

| Year<br>Group | Word Structure & Spelling   | Grammar   | Punctuation   | Write Stuff Integration   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| EYFS          | <ul> <li>Use phonics knowledge to write words</li> <li>Write some irregular common words</li> <li>Spell phonically regular words</li> <li>Begin to write simple sentences</li> <li>Learn Phase 2-4 phonics</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Begin to use past, present and future tenses</li> <li>Use extended sentences with joining words</li> <li>Build vocabulary through play and experience</li> <li>Early sentence structure</li> </ul>                 | <ul> <li>Begin to use capital letters</li> <li>Begin to use full stops</li> <li>Finger spaces between words</li> <li>Understand sentence structure</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Early sentence stacking</li> <li>Oral rehearsal</li> <li>Experience days</li> <li>Vocabulary development through<br/>play</li> </ul>                             |
| Year 1        | <ul> <li>Regular plural noun suffixes: -s/-es</li> <li>Suffixes: -ing, -</li> <li>ed, -er</li> <li>Prefix 'un-'</li> <li>Compound words</li> <li>Common exception words Y1</li> </ul>                                 | <ul> <li>Combining words into sentences</li> <li>Joining words/clauses with 'and'</li> <li>Sequencing sentences</li> <li>Word separation with spaces</li> <li>Capital letters for names</li> </ul>                          | <ul> <li>Capital letters and full stops</li> <li>Question marks</li> <li>Exclamation marks</li> <li>Capitals for proper nouns and 'l'</li> </ul>              | <ul> <li>Basic sentence stacking</li> <li>Simple sentence types</li> <li>Oral rehearsal</li> <li>Experience days for vocabulary</li> </ul>                                |
| Year 2        | <ul> <li>Suffixes for nouns: -ness, -er</li> <li>Suffixes for adjectives: -ful, -less, -<br/>er, -est</li> <li>-ly for adverbs</li> <li>Compound words</li> <li>Common exception words Y2</li> </ul>                  | <ul> <li>Four sentence types</li> <li>Expanded noun phrases</li> <li>Present/past tense</li> <li>Progressive form of verbs</li> <li>Subordination (when, if, that, because)</li> <li>Coordination (or, and, but)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>All Y1 punctuation</li> <li>Commas in lists</li> <li>Apostrophes for: contraction,<br/>singular possession</li> </ul>                                | <ul> <li>Expanded sentence types</li> <li>Building descriptive phrases</li> <li>Tense consistency focus</li> <li>Experience days for grammar application</li> </ul>       |
| Year 3        | <ul> <li>Prefixes: super-, anti-, auto-</li> <li>Word families</li> <li>Homophones</li> <li>Common exception words Y3/4</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Express time, place, cause using:<br/>conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions</li> <li>Paragraphs</li> <li>Present perfect form</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Inverted commas for speech</li> <li>Previous years' punctuation</li> <li>Apostrophes for plural possession</li> </ul>                                | <ul> <li>Complex sentence structures</li> <li>Paragraph organisation</li> <li>Speech punctuation focus</li> <li>Vocabulary development through<br/>experiences</li> </ul> |
| Year 4        | <ul> <li>Prefixes: in-, im-, il-, ir-, sub-, inter-</li> <li>Suffixes: -ation, -ly, -ous</li> <li>Words ending: -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian</li> <li>Common exception words Y3/4</li> </ul>                           | <ul> <li>Extended noun phrases</li> <li>Fronted adverbials</li> <li>Pronoun/noun choices</li> <li>Standard English verbs</li> <li>Paragraphing</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Commas after fronted adverbials</li> <li>Plural possession apostrophes</li> <li>Speech punctuation</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Advanced sentence stacking</li> <li>Fronted adverbial focus</li> <li>Cohesive devices</li> <li>Independent application</li> </ul>                                |
| Year 5        | <ul> <li>Verb suffixes: -ate, -ise, -ify</li> <li>Prefixes: dis-, de-, mis-, over-, re-</li> <li>Silent letters</li> <li>Common exception words Y5/6</li> <li>Homophones</li> </ul>                                   | <ul> <li>Relative clauses</li> <li>Modal verbs</li> <li>Adverbs of possibility</li> <li>Cohesion devices</li> <li>Perfect form of verbs</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Brackets, dashes, commas for parenthesis</li> <li>Commas for clarity</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Complex sentence patterns</li> <li>Modal verb application</li> <li>Cohesion focus</li> <li>Writing style development</li> </ul>                                  |
| Year 6        | <ul> <li>Endings: -cious, -tious, -cial, -tial</li> <li>Advanced homophones</li> <li>Common exception words Y5/6</li> <li>Hyphens with prefixes</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Passive voice</li> <li>Complex noun phrases</li> <li>Formal/informal speech</li> <li>Advanced cohesive devices</li> <li>Subjunctive form</li> </ul>  | • Semi-colons<br>• Colons<br>• Dashes<br>• Bullet points<br>• Hyphens   | <ul> <li>Advanced writing techniques</li> <li>Formal/informal styles</li> <li>Independent editing</li> <li>Advanced vocabulary integration</li> </ul>                     |