

Key Learning in Writing



What is *Key Learning in Writing*?

The *Key Learning in Writing* statements relate to the age appropriate skills, knowledge and understanding for each year group. These key pieces of learning will support pupils in becoming effective and reflective independent writers.

Where have they come from?

The *Key Learning* statements have been identified primarily from the National Curriculum 2014 programmes of study. Other key documents cross referenced in their preparation include the Early Years Foundation Stage documents and Lancashire *Assessment and Progression in Writing*.

How might *Key Learning in Writing* be useful?

The *Key Learning* statements should help to focus, and be exemplified during, whole class teaching. Taught in the context of lively, engaging and creative units of work, they help to ensure that pupils make progress as writers. Teaching should ensure that skills are modelled and scaffolded and that pupils are given opportunities to apply them in a range of different contexts. Regular teaching of skills would normally take place through a combination of lively 'warm up' sessions (particularly during the earlier phases of the teaching sequence), shared writing and guided writing. Pupils will practise applying their learning during independent and guided writing and have regular opportunities to reflect on how well they have done. To consolidate, children should be encouraged to apply their learning in their cross curricular writing.

Why are the *Key Learning in Writing* statements not levelled?

The *Key Learning* statements are age appropriate and are therefore particularly suited to supporting whole class teaching. Levelled statements, useful for supporting next steps teaching for groups (including guided writing) can be found in Lancashire's *Assessment and Progression in Writing*, and *Children's Targets for Writing*.