

By the end of Year 6, children will not only leave St. John Vianney school being able to write for a variety of purposes, but able to write in a real life situation, essential for the next step in their education. There are 4 types of writing that will be covered in the English curriculum: narrative - writing to entertain; and non-fiction - writing to inform, writing to persuade and writing to discuss. Children will also cover a variety of poetry forms, building up a repertoire.

Purpose of writing to entertain (narrative): The purpose of narrative can be defined simply as to tell a story. However, that does not convey the many purposes of stories and the way that they work at different levels. The purpose of a narrator is to make the listener or reader respond in a particular way. Stories are written or told to entertain and enthral an audience. Stories can make us sad, horrify us, make us laugh, make us excited. They create imaginative worlds that can help us understand ourselves and the things around us and take us beyond our own experience. From the earliest times, stories have been a part of the way that people have explained their world, passed on their beliefs and memories and entertained one another. Narrative is central to learning, especially for young children who develop their understanding through making up stories about what has happened and what might happen. Children use narrative to organise their ideas, structure their thinking and, ultimately, their writing. Telling and writing stories is not simply a set of skills for children to learn, but an essential means for them to express themselves in creative and imaginative ways.

Common forms of narrative text stories that use predictable and patterned language traditional / folk stories / fairy tales stories set in familiar settings modifying well-known stories (changing a character; amending the ending; changing the setting etc.) stories set in historical contexts myths and legends stories with flashbacks stories set in fantasy words / science fiction stories stories from different cultures adventure stories mystery stories scary stories narratives retold from another perspective (e.g. form the point of view of a different character) stories with morals or fables stories with dilemmas stories told as playscripts telling a story from a first-person narrative (e.g. diaries and letters)



| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Writing to entertain – generic text structure | simple narratives and retellings are told/ written in first or third person simple narratives are told/ written in past tense events are sequenced to create texts that make sense main participants are human or animal simple narratives use typical characters, settings and events whether imagined or real 'story language' (e.g. once upon a time, later that day etc.) may be used to create purposeful sounding writing | As Year 1, plus: they are simply developed as either good or bad characters language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns (turquoise instead of blue, jumper instead of top, policeman instead of man) etc. | narratives and retellings written in first or third person narratives and retellings written in past tense, and occasionally in the present tense events sequenced to create chronological plots through the use of adverbials and prepositions descriptions, including those of settings, are developed through the use of adverbials, e.g. in the deep dark woods dialogue begins to be used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward language choices help create | As Year 3, plus: dialogue is used to convey characters' thoughts and to move the narrative forward language choices help create realistic sounding narratives. e.g. adverbs, adjectives precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language etc. | As Year 4, plus: narratives are told sequentially and non-sequentially (e.g. flashbacks) through the use adverbials and preposition descriptions of characters, setting, and atmosphere are developed through precise vocabulary choices e.g. adverbs, adjectives, precise nouns, expressive verbs and figurative language | As Year 5, plus: • assured and conscious control is used to effectively and accurately convey meaning, particularly through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to achieve this |



| Writing to entertain – stories, including re-telling; character description; setting description | Retell and invent narrative concept of a sentence basic sequencing of sentences capital letters and end marks correct past tense form written in the third person conjunctions to join ideas | Simple narrative and description past tense and introduction to progressive past tense adverbs of time to sequence events adverbs for additional detail basic noun phrases singular possessive apostrophe apostrophe for contraction simple coordinating and subordinating conjunctions exclamation sentences comparable adjectives commas to separate items in a list verbs chosen for effect | realistic sounding narratives e.g. shouted/muttered instead of said etc. Developed narrative with focus on paragraphing Clear sections conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to sequence events or to mark changes in setting dialogue including direct speech past perfect tense prepositional phrases for settings noun phrases verbs and adverbs chosen for effect cohesion created, and repetition avoided through the use of nouns and pronouns | Developed narrative with focus on sequence sequence organised into paragraphs using fronted adverbials to indicate changes in time or place different orders of sequences fronted adverbials as single words, phrases and clauses to create cohesion expanded noun phrases dialogue including direct speech to show character develop characters through dialogue and action standard forms of verb inflections used instead of local spoken forms apostrophes for plural possession | Developed narrative with focus on cohesion cohesion through a variety of devices links within and between paragraphs with adverbials past perfect tense to link events action, dialogue and description used to move events forward relative clauses with commas and dashes used for additional detail including omitted relative pronouns modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility adverbs of possibility | Developed narrative with focus on atmosphere and shifts cohesion through a wider variety of devices (e.g. repetition of a word or phrase, ellipsis) sustained register with well-rounded ending atmosphere and mood created through effective word choice, sentence structure and literary devices shifts in formality past perfect tense to link events, including past perfect progressive action, dialogue and description used to move events forward subjunctive form to hypothesise colons, semi-colons and dashes used to |
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| were an organisii Commo Describi planets creature Compari Describi informat tourist g encyclog magazir | nd to help readers/listener ng or categorising inform n forms of report texts: ing aspects of daily life in ing the characteristics of a in the solar system, differ es) ing and describing localiti ing the characteristics of r tion leaflets guidebooks paedia entries ne articles | etailed information about rs understand what is bein ation. history (e.g. fashion, trans anything (e.g. particular ar rent rocks and materials; m es or geographical feature religious groups and their l | g described by port, buildings) nimals or plants; the nythological | sometimes followed by Latin name is) a description of whatev way to help the reader its qualities (like most b | articular order, non-chrono ey tend to group informatic ail and examples or elabor often a general classificatio a more detailed or technic ver is the subject of the rep make sense of the informa irds, sparrows have feathe ions (the beak is small and | ological reports usually on, often moving from rations. A common on (sparrows are birds) cal classification (their port organised in some tion. For example: ors.) |
| Writin | Fact-file Concept of a sentence Capital letters and end marks Word choices Iabels and captions | Basic non- chronological report • present tense • opening questions • concluding exclamatory sentence • subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to join information and give reasons • adverbs | Sectioned non- chronological report • planned into sections • headings • sub-headings • conjunctions to join information and giv reasons • present perfect tense | paragraphs organised into sections with appropriate headings and text | Biography cohesion through a variety of devices within and across paragraphs relative clauses with commas and brackets to add information structured paragraphs linked with adverbials | Detailed information texts cohesion through a wider variety of devices layout devices including headings, sub-headings, columns, bullets and tables to structure texts semi-colons for items in a list and |



| | word choices to match information texts | beginning to explore levels of formality and able to demonstrate this through word and sentence choices appropriate use of pronouns and nouns | indicate degrees of possibility using modal verbs and adverbs | colons to introduce lists sustained levels of formality demonstrated through sentence and word choices in difference pieces of different levels of formality the identification of different structures typical of informal and formal writing e.g. the use of the subjunctive and the use of question tags hyphens used to avoid ambiguity |
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| Purpose of recounts: To give details of an event that has happened Common forms of recount texts: Retelling events in English lessons and other curriculum areas such as RE Giving accounts of schoolwork, sporting events, science experiments and trips out Writing historical accounts letters and postcards diaries and journals newspaper reports magazine articles | | | | General text structure: orientation such as scene-setting or establishing context (It was the school holidays. I went to the park) an account of the events that took place, often in chronological order (The first person to arrive was) some additional detail about each event (He was surprised to see me) reorientation, e.g. a closing statement that may include elaboration. (I hope I can go to the park again next week. It was fun) Structure sometimes reorganises the chronology of events using techniques such as flashbacks, moving the focus backwards and forwards in time, but | | | |
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| obituar Writing to inform – recounts | ries Recount of event • concept of a sentence • capital letters and end marks • word choices • correct past tense form • written in the first person | Simple recount past tense progressive forms of verbs exclamatory sentences to make personal comments subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to join information and give reasons use of noun phrases | Sectioned recount planned in sections using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to sequence events word choices and developed sentence structures to match recount texts Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), | developed sequential language organised into paragraphs adverbs, adverbials and prepositions to sequence events word choices and | ften used in fiction recoun Journalistic writing focusing on journalistic vocab and sentence structures cohesion through choice of techniques within and across paragraphs structural features included in newspaper reports | ts Developed journalistic writing cohesion through a wider variety of devices passive voice shifts in formality control of vocabulary choices to match the language used in journalistic writing use of semi-colons, colons and dashes to mark boundaries | |



| effective Comme How to How to How to Writing How to timeta posters | Se of instructions / proced yely and/or correctly with a con forms of instructions / to design and make artefact cal manuals: how to opera to carry out science experim to play a game g rules for behaviour to cook and prepare food bles and route-finders s, notices and signs tions on packaging | a successful outcome for t proceduraltexts: is te computers, phones, dev | he participant/s vices | to make a board game an introductory senter list any material or equination of the order in which the goal diagrams or illustration some text (Diagram B) a final evaluative state | shifts in formality as writing extension use of the past perfect modal verbs can be used to indicate degrees of possibility gin by defining the goal or d ace or paragraph uipment needed, in order nstructions. If a process is to steps need to be followed to ns are often integral and matishows you how to connect to sent can be used to wrap ut our new game. Your beautif | b be undertaken, keep to to achieve the stated ay even take the place of the wires.) up the process. E.g. Now |
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| | Simple instructions | Developed instructions | Developed instructions | Developed instructions | Complex instructions | |
| < | concept of a sentence | developed | commas to | clearly sequenced | clearly sequenced | |
| Writing to inform instructions | basic sequencing of | sequencing with | separate items in | 0 | • parenthesis can be | |
| ting to infor instructions | sentencescapital letters and | subordinating and coordinating | list sequenced parts – title; | the use of nouns and pronouns | used to add additional advice | |
| to i | end marks | conjunctions to join | opening paragrap | | relative clauses to | |
| info | word choices | information and give | to introduce | | add further | |
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| | | adverbs of time to sequence and to add detail commas to separate items in a list | paragraph with 'top tip' headings and subheadings to aic presentation time, place and | 1 | possibility layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader | |
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| | | | cause expressed using conjunctions, adverbs or | , | | |
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| Purpose of explanation texts: To explain how or why, e.g. to explain the processes involved in natural/social phenomena or to explain a process, such as how a car is made. Common forms of explanatory text: Explaining electricity, forces, food chains etc. in science Explaining inventions such as the steam train, the causes of historic events such as wars and revolutions, explaining the role of the Nile in determining the seasons in Ancient Egypt Explaining phenomena such as the water cycle or how a volcano erupts in geography Explaining religious traditions and practices in RE encyclopaedia entries technical manuals question and answer articles and leaflets science write-ups | | | | Generic text structure: A general statement to introduce the topic being explained. E.g. In the winter some animals hibernate. the steps or phases in a process are explained logically, in order. E.g. When the nights get longer because the temperature begins to drop so the hedgehog looks for a safe place to hide. specific features that include written in the present tense, text arranged into numbered points, time conjunctions, diagrams with labels and pictures with captions | | |
| Writing to inform - | | Basic explanation consistent use of present tense questions used to form titles question marks used to denote questions (Y1) | Sectioned explanation Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material consistent use of present tense | paragraphs | Developed explanation text indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs and modal verbs layout devices to provide additional | Scientific writing/report • cohesion through a wider variety of devices • passive voice |



| | conjunctions e.g. sobecause to explain | express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions heading and subheadings used to aid presentation | | information and guide the reader cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials relative clauses used to add further information parenthesis to add to the clarification of technical words | appropriate levels of formality demonstrated features of explanation texts where appropriate advanced sequential and causal language |
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| to encourage the reade Common forms of exp Publicity materials such Writing editorials to ne Writing letters about to Creating posters and le substance abuse Creating posters, article work about teeth and r Writing book reviews for Book blurbs | as tourist brochures wspapers about controversial issues opics such as traffic on the high stre- aflets about issues such as bullying, es and leaflets promoting healthy liv nutrition or other pupils | seeing things. s et or deforestations stranger danger or | presented: Greentrees I good idea strategically organised i desired viewpoint: Vote been a school councillor a closing statement rep evidence shows that | thesis) that sums up the vie Hotel is the best in the wor Information presents and t for me because I am very three times and I have eats and reinforces the ori It's quite clear that Havin ubt that we are the best | rld. School uniform is a hen elaborates on the experienced. I have ginal thesis: All the |
| Applying for a job or a Writing to | bosition on the school council Basic persuasive text • written in present tense • rhetorical questions • effective use of noun phrases | Sectioned persuasive text • introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material • express time, place and cause using | Persuasive text with paragraphs • cohesion through choice of pronouns or nouns within and across sentences, avoiding repetition | Developed persuasive text evaluating the contrast between formal and informal persuasive texts cohesion through choice of techniques | Advanced persuasive text • adapting degrees of formality and informality, inc. vocabulary choices, to suit the form of the text • passive voice |



| | | conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions • use of present perfect form of verbs | p • p f(• n ir | xpanded noun hrases ersuasive writing eatures nodal verbs to ndicate degrees of ossibility | expanded noun phrases persuasive writing features modal verbs and adverbs to position the argument structured paragraphs linked with adverbials commas to avoid ambiguity | subjunctive form to hypothesise cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices including conjunctive adverbs persuasive writing features hyphens to avoid ambiguity | | | |
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| issue or controversial topic. Usua on an issue, each with elaboration Common forms of discussions t Non-fiction book on an 'issues' Write-up a debate Leaflet or article giving balanced | | | | | General text structure: The most common structure includes: a statement of the issues involved and a preview of the main arguments arguments for, with supporting evidence/examples arguments against or alternative views, with supporting evidence/examples Another common structure presents the arguments 'for' and 'against' alternatively. Discussion texts usually end with a summary and a statement of recommendation or conclusion. The summary may develop one particular viewpoint using reasoned judgements based on the evidence provided. | | | | |
| Writing to discuss – balanced arguments | | | Bas • • | sic discussion text consistent use of present tense – recap from Y2 present perfect form of verbs – recap from Y3 effective use of noun phrases paragraphs to | Advanced discussion text cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader | Complex discussion text cohesion through a wider variety of devices adverbials for cohesion modal verbs and adverbs to position the arguments | | | |



| | | | | organise ideas adverbials e.g. therefore, however heading and subheadings used to aid presentation – recap from Y3 | modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility | advanced language chosen to represent both arguments appropriate levels of formality applied well-structured arguments language involved with evaluation and viewpoints included use of semi-colons and colons to control sentence structure passive voice subjunctive form to hypothesise |
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| Poetry | Acrostics The first of last letter in each line spell out a word. Most commonly, it is the first letter that spells out the word The acrostic links to a given theme, e.g. winter Lines usually end with commas | Diamantes The poem is presented in the shape of a diamond The line structure is as follows: Line 1: Beginning subject Line 2: Two adjectives about line 1 Line 3: Three verbs or words ending '-ing' | Clerihews A clerihew is four lines in length, and includes rhyming couplets (AABB) The subject of the poem is typically a character who is named on one of the lines The mood of this type of poem is comic Mr Smith wears a wig, | Kennings A kenning is a two word phrase which describes an object Kenning poems are type of riddle Each line consists of one kenning. There is no set number of lines in each verse, although 8 lines and 1 verse is expected for this | Senryus The structure is identical to that of a haiku (see Y2) Each line starts with a capital letter Each line ends with appropriate punctuation Where senryus differ from haikus is their subject: senryus are about human nature or | Ottava Rima An Italian style of poetry It is eight lines in length; each line consists of eleven syllables The rhyme scheme is ABABABC Each line opens with a capital letter It is optional whether lines end |
| | calligrams | about line 1 | But for his head it's rather big, | age group The kennings | emotions | with commas or not |



| • | The poem usually | | Line 4: A short | In | windy weather he | | should be ordered | • | They can be | • | A poem may |
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| | describes an | | phrase about line | | , was careless, | | within the poem | | , serious or cynical | | consist of several |
| | object | | 1, a short phrase | No | w Mr Smith's head | | with | Fir | st day, new school | | versesfollowing |
| • | The poem is | | about line 7 | | is hairless. | | consideration of | | year, | | the structure |
| | presented in the | | Line 5: Three | | | | the impact on the | Ва | ckpack harbours a | | above, although |
| | shape of the | | verbs or words | | Limericks | | reader | | fossil: | | one verse is |
| | object which it is | | ending '-ing' | • | The poem is five | | Ball catcher | La | st June's cheese | | sufficient for this |
| | describing | | about line 7 | | lines in length and | ſ | Muddy scrambler | | sandwich. | | age group |
| • | The layout may | | Line 6: Two | | follows the rhyme | | Fast diver | | | • | The last line of the |
| | either be with the | | adjectivesabout | | scheme AABBA | | Long kicker | The | e death of a friend | | poem may end |
| | words inside a | | line 7 | • | The line structure | | Expert thrower | | Can leave one | | with a question |
| | shape or around | | Line 7: End | | is as follows: | | Ace defender | | devastated. | | mark or a full stop |
| | the outline of a | | subject | | Line 1: 7-10 | | Goal saver | Fa | ate is often cruel. | Q | uickly did the tiger |
| | shape | • | Precise verbs and | | syllables | | Game winner | | | | egin his fast run, |
| | | | adjectivesare | | Line 2: 7-10 | | | | | | er hilly ground you |
| | | | used in the | | syllables | | | | | | e him fly and leap, |
| | | | relevantlines | | Line 3: 5-7 | | Tetractys | | | | The passive prey |
| | Riddles | | indicated above | | syllables | • | The poem is five | | Renga | la | ying grazing in the |
| • | The poem | | | | Line 4: 5-7 | | lines in length | • | Renga poems are | | sun, |
| | describes a noun, | | | | syllables | • | The line structure | | written by more | | iddenly its life that |
| | usually an object, | | | | Line 5: 7-10 | | is as follows: | | than one poet | it | wanted to keep, |
| | but does not | | | | syllables | | Line 1: 1 syllable | • | Poet A would | | Tiger pounces, |
| | name it, e.g. it | | | • | The first line | | Line 2: 2 syllables | | write three lines | q | uickly getting the |
| | might describe a | | | | usually begins | | Line 3: 3 syllables | | followingthe | | job done, |
| | tiger as striped | | | | with 'There was | | Line 4: 4 syllables | | structure below. | | e prey collapsing in |
| | and furry | | | | a' and ends with | | Line 5: 10 | | Poet B would then | | a really big heap, |
| • | The last line | | | | the name of a | | syllables | | write the last two | | ger sleeps as night |
| | usually directly | | | | person or place | • | There is no set | | lines of the verse | ta | kes over from the |
| | addresses the | | | • | The last line | | rhyme scheme | | followingthe | | day, |
| | reader and uses a | | | | should be rather | • | Each line starts | | given structure. | | ill we ever see the |
| | | | | | | | with a capital | | This is repeated | nu | nter become prey? |



| | question: What is | Each line starts | unusual or far- | letter and only | within a pair or | |
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| | it? or Who am I? | with a capital | fetched | the last line ends | small group until | lambic Pentameter |
| • | The mood of the | letter; commas | Each line starts | with a full stop | the poem is | Unlike other |
| | poemislight | are used between | with a capital | · · · | complete | taught styles, |
| | hearted | verbs and | letter | Am four | The line structure | lambic |
| | | adjectives; no | Lines often end | And I go | is as follows: | pentameter refers |
| | | punctuation at | with a comma | To big school | Line 1: 5 syllables | to the way in |
| | | the end of lines | The mood of this | where | Line 2: 7 syllables | which individual |
| | | C ¹ | type of poem is | I learn to read and | Line 3: 5 syllables | lines are |
| | | Bike Shiny, quiet, | comic, and it can | write and spell my | Line 4: 7 syllables | constructed |
| | | Pedalling, spinning, weaving | even be nonsense | name. | Line 5: 7 syllables | • There are no |
| | | Whizzing round corners, zooming along roads | An ambitious young | | • There is no set | particular rules |
| | | Racing, roaring, speeding Fast, loud, | fellow named Matt, | Free verse | rhyme scheme | about verse |
| | | Car | Tried to parachute | Free verse does | • The themes | length |
| | | | using his hat, | not follow a set | within a verse | • It is a sequence of |
| | | Haikus | Folks below looked so | syllable pattern or | need to be | ten alternately |
| | | • The mood of a | small, | rhyme scheme | consistent | unstressed and |
| | | haiku is generally | As he started to fall, | It may be written | Each line starts | stressed syllables |
| | | serious and is | Then got bigger and | on a range of | with a capital | Children should |
| | | usually about | bigger and SPLAT! | themes | letter and the last | be encouraged to |
| | | nature | | Refer to the KS2 | line of each verse | hear the effect of |
| | | There is no | Free verse | key objectives and | ends with a full | lines being |
| | | rhyming structure | Free verse does | writing curriculum | stop | constructed in |
| | | The line structure | not follow a set | content for Year 4 | The final leaf falls | this style |
| | | is as follows: | syllable pattern or | | The tree branches are | Two households, |
| | | Line 1: 5 syllables | rhyme scheme | | so bare | both alike in dignity, |
| | | Line 2: 7 syllables | It may be written | | Autumn has arrived | In fair Verona, where |
| | | Line 3: 5 syllables | on a range of | | Remember summer's | we lay our scene, |
| | | Each line starts | themes | | warm kiss | From ancient grudge |
| | | with a capital | Refer to the KS2 | | So gentle, it will be | break to new mutiny, |
| | | letter | key objectives and | | missed. | Where civil blood |



| | | Free verse | writing curriculum | | | makes civil hands |
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| | | Free verse does not follow a set syllable pattern or rhyme scheme It may be written on a range of themes Refer to the KS1 key objectives and writing curriculum content for Year 2 | content for Year 3 | | Free verse Free verse does not follow a set syllable pattern or rhyme scheme It may be written on a range of themes Refer to the KS2 key objectives and writing curriculum content for Year 5 | Indikes civil hands unclean. From forth the fatal loins of these two foes A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life. Free verse Free verse does not follow a set syllable pattern or rhyme scheme It may be written on a range of themes Refer to the KS2 key objectives and writing curriculum content for Year 6 |
| Expectations for each year group | See Year 1 Reading and Writing Map | See Year 2 Reading and Writing Map | See Year 3 Reading and Writing Map | See Year 4 Reading and Writing Map | See Year 5 Reading and Writing Map | See Year 6 Reading and Writing Map |