



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School



English Targets

Year 3



*“Working together the
possibilities are endless...”*

The English Curriculum

- A stronger emphasis on **vocabulary development, grammar, punctuation and**
- **Handwriting** is expected to be fluent, legible and speedy
- **Spoken English** has a greater emphasis, with children to be taught debating and presenting skills

We assess the children against the "Age Related Expectations".

Children will now be assessed as working as:

Working Towards ARE

Working at ARE

Able to apply ARE independently

English is split into three main areas these are **Speaking, Reading** and **Writing**. This booklet aims to provide you information to show what your child is expected to achieve in each of these three areas by the end of Year 3. It clearly shows the Learning Objectives we will be assessing against throughout the year.

We hope you find this information useful and as always please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further advice.

Targets in Spoken Language

A Year 3 Speaker

- Sequence and communicate ideas in an organised and logical way in complete sentences as required
- Vary the amount of detail and choice of vocabulary dependent on the purpose and audience
- Participate fully in paired and group discussions
- Show understanding of the main points in a discussion
- Start to show awareness of how and when standard English is used
- Retell a story using narrative language and added relevant detail
- Show they have listened carefully through making relevant comments
- Formally present ideas or information to an audience
- Recognise that meaning can be expressed in different ways dependent on the context
- Perform poems from memory adapting expression and tone as appropriate



A Year 3 Reader - Word Reading

- Apply knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word
- Attempt pronunciation of unfamiliar words drawing on prior knowledge of similar looking words

A Year 3 Reader - Comprehension

- Experience and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks
- Know that non-fiction books are structured in different ways and be able to use them effectively
- Begin to understand that narrative books are structured in different ways, for example, quest stories and stories with dilemmas
- Ask questions to improve understanding of a text
- Predict what might happen from details stated
- Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions
- Use dictionaries to check the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Identify main idea of a text
- Identify how structure, and presentation contribute to the meaning of texts
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- Discuss books, poems and other works that are read aloud and independently, taking turns and listening to others' opinions
- Explain and discuss understanding of books, poems and other material, both those read aloud and those read independently
- Prepare poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action



Targets in Writing

A Year 3 Writer - Transcription

- Spell words with additional prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them to root words, for example - form nouns using super, anti, auto
- Recognise and spell additional homophones, for example - he'll, heel, heal
- Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- Spell correctly word families based on common words, for example - solve, solution, solver
- Spell identified commonly misspelt words from Year 3 and 4 word list
- Make analogies from a word already known to apply to an unfamiliar word
- Identify the root in longer words
- Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters
- Understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined
- Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting



A Year 3 Writer - Composition

- Look at and discuss models of writing of the text type, purpose and audience to be written, noting: structure; grammatical features and use of vocabulary
- Compose sentences using a wider range of structures linked to the grammar objectives
- Write a narrative with a clear structure, setting, characters and plot
- Write a non-narrative using simple organisational devices such as headings and sub-headings
- Suggest improvement to writing through assessing writing with peers and self assess
- Make improvements by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, e.g. the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
- Use a range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, e.g. *when, if, because, although*
- Use the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause
- Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
- Proof-read to check for errors in spelling and punctuation errors

