Year 3	Year 4
<u>Spellings</u>	Spelling
Children will use these spelling rules:	Children will use the following prefixes:
 ch making the k phoneme (echo, chorus, scheme) 	in- (inactive, incorrect)
 ch making sh phoneme (chef, chalet, brochure) 	il- (illegal, illegible)
 gue making g phoneme (catalogue, league) 	im- (immature, imperfect, immortal)
 que making c phoneme (antique, unique) 	ir (irregular, irresponsible)
 sc making s phoneme (science, scene, fascinate) 	anti- (antiseptic, antisocial, anticlockwise)
 alternative ai graphemes - ei, eigh, ey 	auto- inter- (international, interact)
 y making i phoneme (myth, cygnet, mystery) 	Children will include the following suffixes:
 ou making u phoneme (trouble, country, touch) 	 ation (sensation, information, preparation)
Children can apply the following rules when adding suffixes:	ture (nature, furniture, adventure)
 Adding suffixes when consonant is doubled (running, swimmer, 	sure (treasure, pleasure, leisure)
forgetting)	cian (musician, electrician, magician)
 ly suffix using range of rules (change the y to an i, le change to ly, 	sion (extension, mansion)
Children will be able to use these prefixes:	tion (fraction, injection, motion)
 dis and mis (dislike, disagree, mistake, misspell, misbehave) 	 ssion (passion, mission, expression, discussion)
re (return rebuild, redo)	Children will use the plural possessive apostrophe (girls')
sub (submarine, subheading, submerge, subway)	Children will be able to spell the following homophones and near
super (supermarket, superhero, superstar)	homophones:
auto (automatic, autograph, autobiography)	peace/piece, main/mane, fair/fare, ball/bawl, scene/seen, mail/male,
Children will be able to spell the following homophones:	weather/whether, accept/except, affect/effect
brake/break, great/grate, ate/eight, weight/wait, sun/sun, heel/he'll/heal,	
plain/plane, grown/groan, reign/rain/rein, through/threw, whose/who's,	<u>Handwriting</u>
missed/mist, hear/here, berry/bury, meat/meet	Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting for
	example, by ensuring that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the
	ascenders and descenders do not touch.
Handwriting	Writing - composition and grammar
Increase the legibility, consistency of their handwriting for example, by	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s
ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant.	

Writing - composition and grammar

- Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, a rock, an open box]
- Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of]
- Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material (this may not always be consistent)
- Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation in non-narratives (this may not always be consistent)
- Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]
- Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech
- some awareness of settings, characters and plot evident in their writing
- proofreading work (own and others) for spelling, punctuation, vocabulary and grammar
- read their own writing aloud to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear

- Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done]
- Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
- Fronted adverbials [for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.] with a comma afterwards.
- Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme (this should now be more consistent)
- Plot, characters and setting develop throughout the piece of writing
- Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
- Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"]
- Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names] Use of commas after fronted adverbials
- Proofreading work (own and others) for spelling, punctuation, vocabulary and grammar
- Read their own writing aloud to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear