

English in Year 1

Writing Skills

- Hold a pen or pencil in the correct and comfortable way
 - Name the letters of the alphabet in order
- Write lower-case letters starting and ending in the right place
 - Write capital letters, and the digits 0 to 9
 - Spell simple words containing the main sounds they've learned in reading
 - Spell the days of the week
- Learn to write words with common endings, such as -ed, -ing, -er and -est
 - Plan out sentences aloud before writing them
- Write simple sentences, and those using joining words such as 'and'
- Begin to use full stops and capital letters for sentences
- Combine some sentences to make short descriptions or stories



Speaking and Listening

The Spoken Language objectives are set out for the whole of primary school, and teachers will cover many of them every year as children's spoken language skills develop. In Year 1, some focuses may include:

- Listen and respond to adults and other children
 - Ask questions to extend their understanding
- Learn new vocabulary related to topics or daily life