Year 1 Writing (Transcription) Meeting Expectations

- Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- Begin to form lower case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- Form capital letters and the digits 0-9
- Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these
- Identify known phonemes in unfamiliar words
- Use syllables to divide words when spelling
- Use knowledge of alternative phonemes to narrow down possibilities for accurate spelling
- Use the spelling rule for adding s or es for verbs in 3rd person singular
- Name the letters of the alphabet in order
- Use letter names to show alternative spellings of the same phoneme

Year 1 Writing (Composition) Meeting Expectations

- Compose a sentence orally before writing it
- Sequence sentences to form short narratives
- Sequence sentences in chronological order to recount an event or an experience
- · Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense
- Leave spaces between words
- Begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'l'
- Use 'and' to join sentences together
- Know how the prefix 'un' can be added to words to change meaning
- Use the suffixes: s, es, ed, er and ing within their writing

Year 1 Writing Securing Expectations

- Write short stories about something personal to them
- Sequence a short story or series of events related to learning in science, history and geography
- Writing makes sense to the reader without additional explanation
- Confident in changing the way sentences start
- Make sentences longer and use words other than 'and' and 'then' to join ideas together
- Use new vocabulary for the first time in story or explanations and is excited about experimenting with new vocabulary
- Know which letters sit below the line and which are tall letters
- Consistent in use of lower case and capital letters
- Sound out spelling when not sure and come up with phonetically plausible attempts at spelling unfamiliar words
- Spell almost all words in the Year 1 and 2 list accurately.