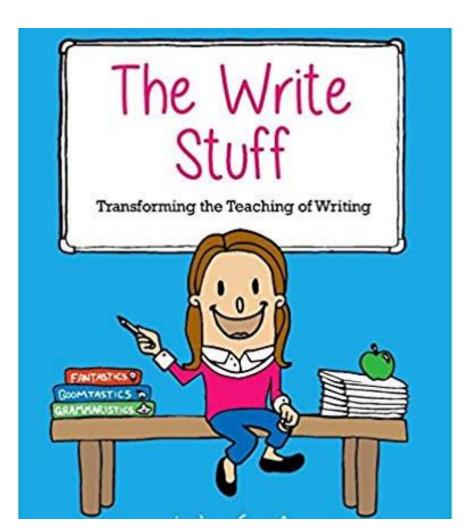


Writing at Paddox



Paddox Our intent for writing

- Develop spoken language, composition and grammar
- Text-rich curriculum instead of all topic links
- A big emphasis on the development of vocabulary
- Collaborative, whole-class writing leads children to confidently write an independent piece

Paddox Our intent for writing

- Develop stamina for writing and resilience
- Children see the relationship between accurate grammar and successful writing
- Focus on development of spelling rules, not just a list of spellings to be learnt

• ... a desire to see children flourish as writers and to develop a love of writing!

Why choose The Write Stuff?

- Research shows that pupils who enjoy writing are good writers we need to encourage enjoyment of writing.
- Using The Write Stuff means that the writing process is taught **explicitly** and **deliberately** to pupils by teachers.





Weaknesses in Primary Age Writing

- 1. Sentence Structures
- 2. Completed piece 'The Whole'
- 3. Textual Cohesion



Vocabulary development Paddox

- Once children are ready to start writing, it is important to think about how to expand their vocabulary.
- As children get older and progress through the school, the language they use will become more precise and sophisticated.



• KS1 children might write a sentence such as:

The big dog with the red bow.

• KS2 children might then develop their vocabulary to write:

Straining frantically, the gigantic dusky grey dog pulled against the suffocating scarlet bow, wanting to pull it off completely.

Paddox Vocabulary development

- The children are also being exposed to a 'Word of the Week' (WOW Words).
- The purpose of this is to encourage and developing a wider range of vocabulary in writing through the explicit teaching of new words.

Definition: happy and lively; spirited

Similar words: bubbly, effervescent, bouncy, animated

Example: My grandmother is so vivacious; she never stops talking and laughing!

In order to develop vocabulary, we provide different experiences for pupils.

Giving children **experiences** that **lead up to their writing** should help **build** their vocabulary **naturally**.



 Some lessons might involve moments when children are able to explore and play around with their thoughts and ideas about a subject.

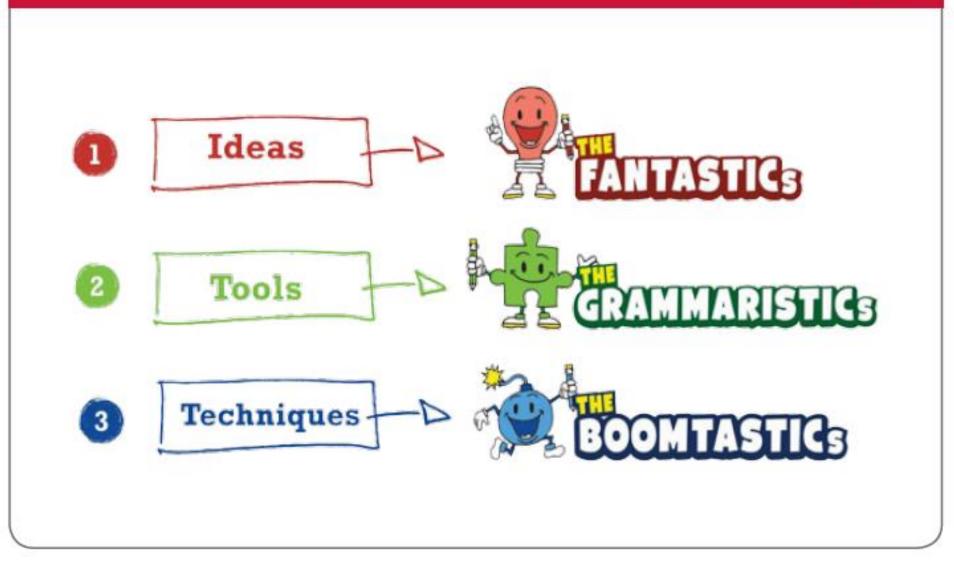
• They might also be able to play around with language and see what fits.



- Films
- Images
- Development of word banks
- A trip outside of the classroom/drama
- Reading real-life accounts
- Talking to children in different year groups
- Research
- Following instructions



The Three Zones Of Writing







Explore the forest using:



Mossy green roots Dappled sunlight through the trees Trees that are so tall they brush the sky

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Fragrant flowers dancing in the wind The scent of damp bark underfoot Trees with a sweet smell of fresh pine

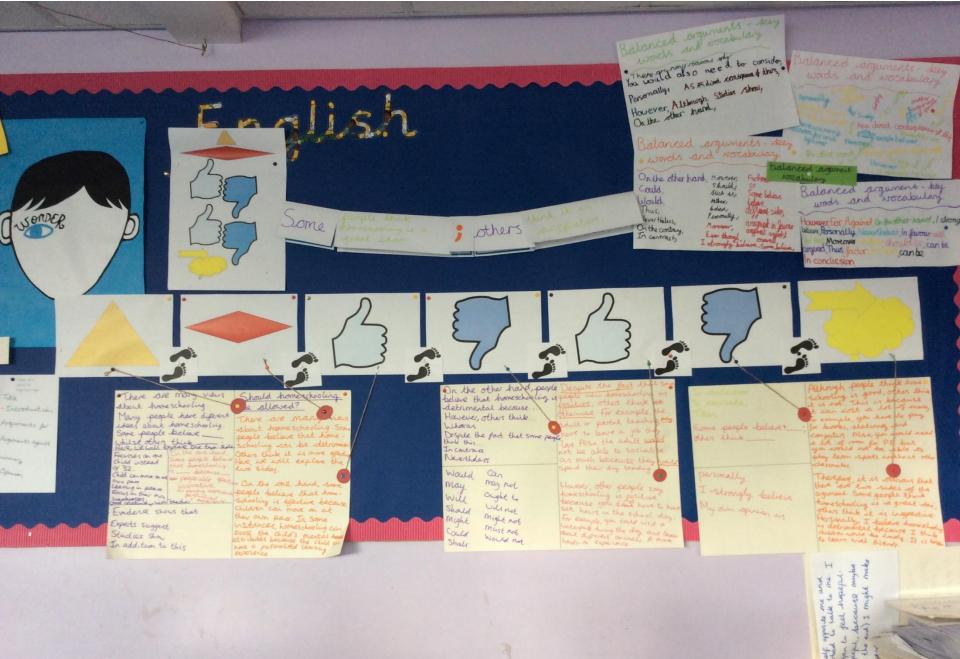


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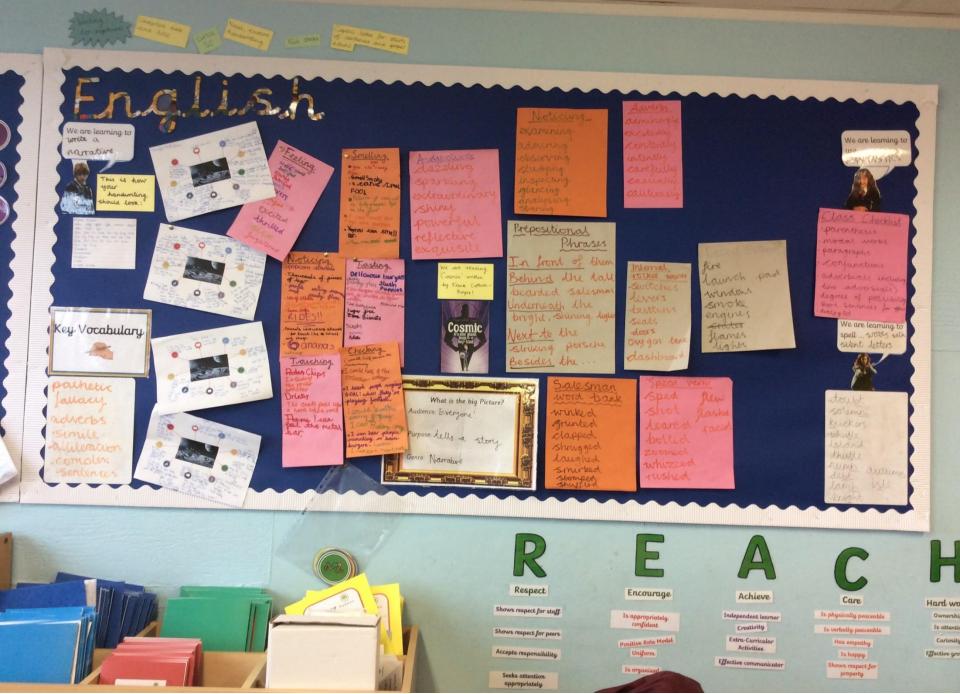
• All year groups help children to develop their vocabulary and have it displayed on the wall for pupils to use in later lessons.

• It helps to reinforce new vocabulary and to show how it can be used in sentences.

















• Understanding the **fundamentals** of **grammar** is important for new writers, who need to understand the basics of grammar before they can begin to manipulate sentence constructions for effect.





• Poor grammar creates poor sentences.

• Children need to understand the structures of writing.





• Through our lessons at Paddox, grammar will be woven within a writing lesson, rather than a standalone lesson.

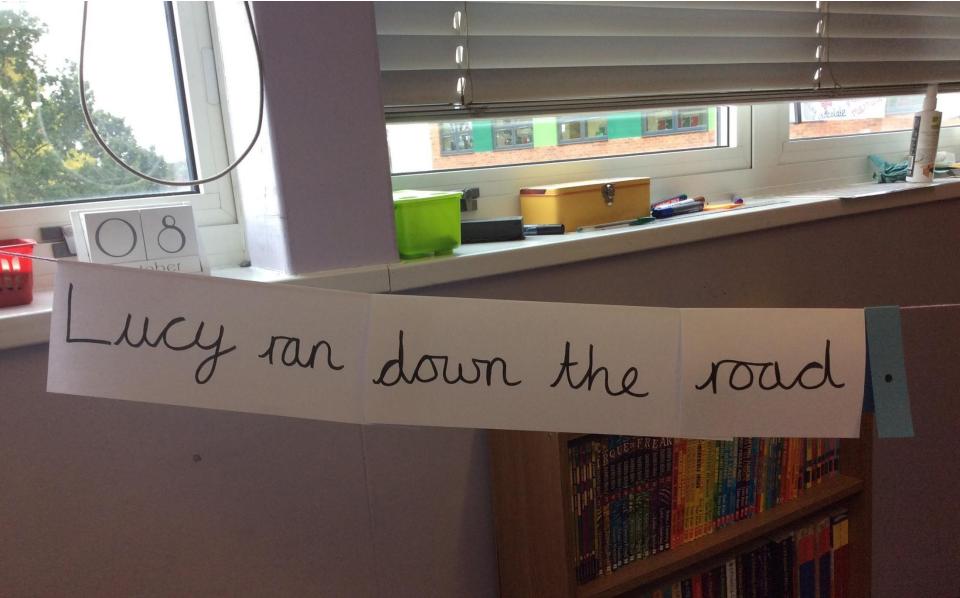
• The benefit is that children will see the grammar working 'in action', rather than separately.

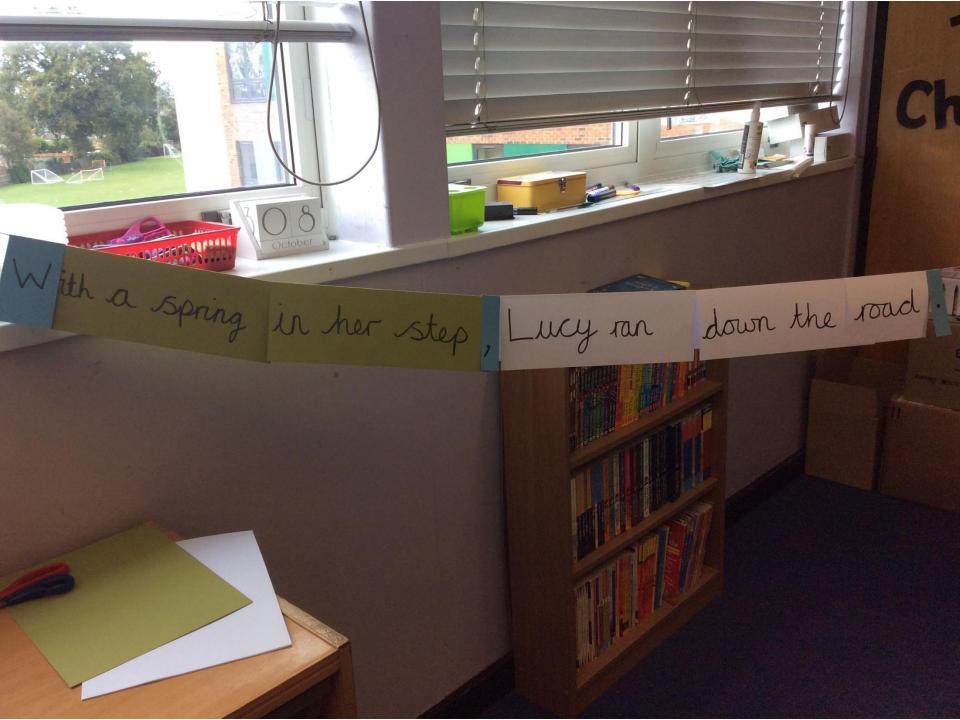
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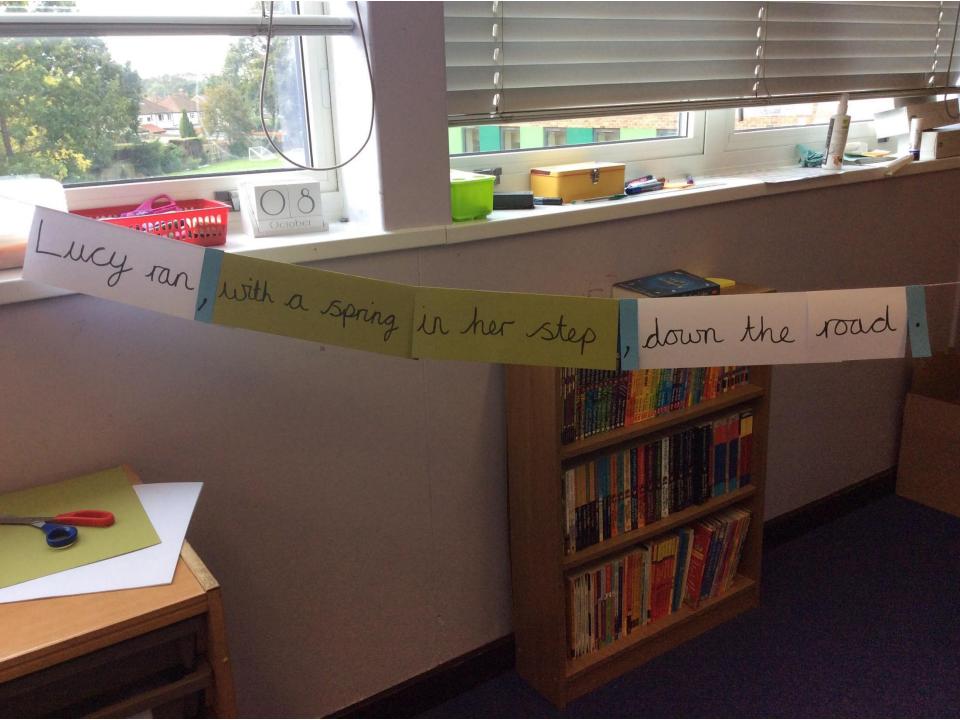


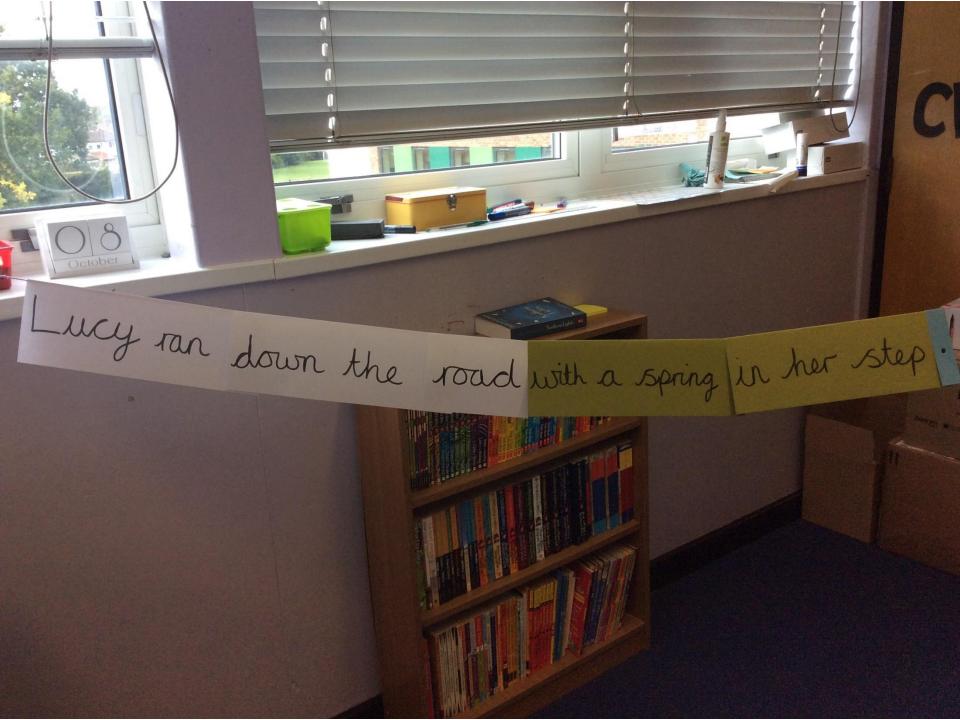
• One way to show grammar manipulation is through use of a washing line.

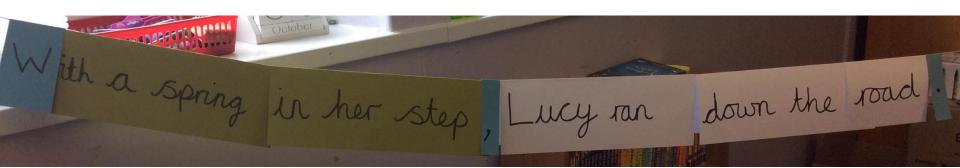


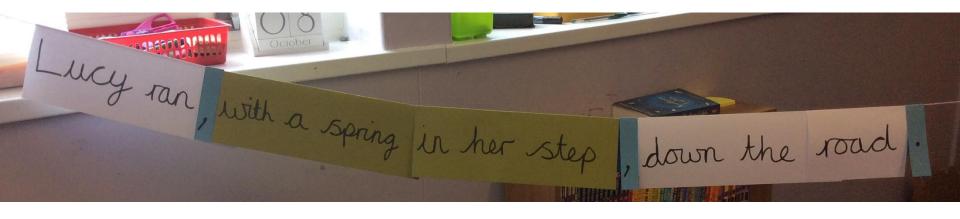




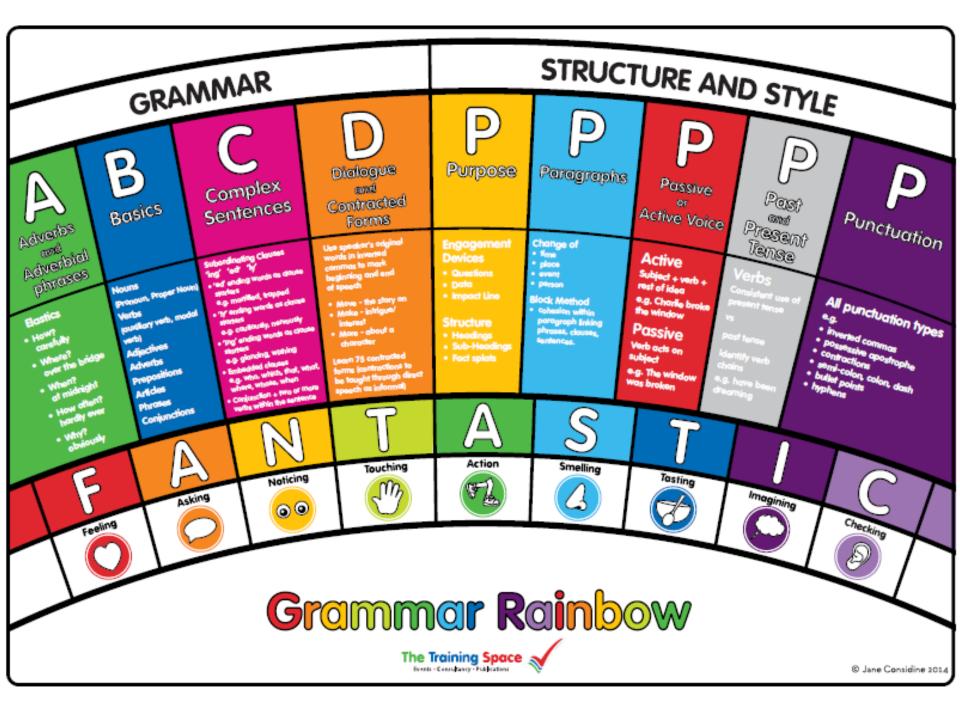








Lucy ran down the road with a spring in her step!







- Children need to see **lots** of good writing from published authors.
- They need to learn about the things they do and what works well in order to be able to spot how they achieve their aims in their writing.
- Children can then start to replicate and mimic their styles before branching out on their own.

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 Authors try to use vivid and precise words and phrases that appeal to the senses.

 Pupils need to be encouraged to use their imaginations to form 'mental images' from authors' work so they can do this themselves later on.

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• When children understand the repertoire of devices at their disposal, and are able to use them in a skilled way, they can become competent, confident writers.

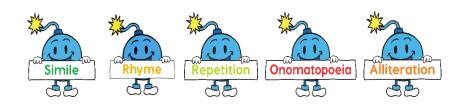
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- Key Stage Two:

- Onomatopoeia
- Alliteration
- Rhyme
- Repetition
- Simile



- Onomatopoeia
- Alliteration
- Rhyme
- Repetition
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Pathetic fallacy
- Pun
- Personification
- Symbolism



<u>Writing in EYFS – Fantastic</u> <u>Foundations</u>

Fantastic Foundations - The Write Stuff in the Early Years, allows children's language to be nurtured through developing ideas, strengthening talk and widening writing opportunities.

Fantastic Foundations is based on three guiding principles:

Understanding of the uniqueness of each child
Nurturing deep talk and developing listening
Providing a rich repertoire of real and imagined experiences to ignite writing

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Types of writing at Paddox

• We write a range of genres at Paddox.

• They will be fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Types of writing at Paddox Paddox

Fiction	Non-fiction	Poetry
Story writing	Letters	Free verse
Diary entry	Biography	Structured poems
Play scripts	Autobiography	Visual poems
Myths and legends	Balanced arguments	
Fairy tales	Persuasive writing	
Fables	Newspapers (years 5 and 6 only)	
Traditional tales	Explanation texts	
	Instructional texts	
	Non-chronological reports	
	Recounts	

How to support your child

• When working at home, try to use the language of the Write Stuff:

- FANTASTICs
- Grammaristics
- Boomtastics



How to support your child

• When out and about, ask your child to describe their setting, using different FANTASTICs

e.g. in the supermarket: I can see people eagerly stretching up to reach the top shelves.





How to support your child

- When reading, ask which **grammaristics** have been used in different sentences.
- If you notice a **boomtastic**, such as a simile, ask if your child has spotted it too.
- Do authors have a favourite **boomtastic**?





• You could build up a bank of vocabulary that you have gathered together as a family.



<u>Assessing Writing at Paddox</u>

- HNM has not met expected standard
- WTS working towards expected standard
- EXS working at expected standard
- GDS working at greater depth
- The children will be assessed using the national curriculum objectives/expectations.
- Tests as well as children's work in books will be used to assess.