



Year 1 Writing Overview 2026



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Core Question	How can we protect the oceans?	What impact can we have on our school?	How am I making history and what positive changes can I bring?
Writing Stimuli	The Colour Monster Goes to School Anna Llenas Poles Apart! Jeanne Willis	The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark Jill Tomlinson	A Child's Garden – A Story of Hope Michael Foreman
SPAG Focus	Simple past tense	Co-ordinating conjunction: and Adjectives	First Person Present Tense Nouns including plural nouns with suffixes -s/-es
Recap:	Capital letters (including I), full stops, finger spaces	Simple past tense	Co-ordinating conjunction: and Adjectives
Writing Opportunity	Recount the trip to Peak Wildlife Genre: Recount Audience: Reception children Purpose: to inform Effect on the Reader: they will understand what happened on the trip	Retell 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark' Genre: Narrative Retell Audience: Grandma Veronica Purpose: to entertain Effect on the Reader: to be entertained	Describe a war-torn environment Genre: Setting Description Audience: Global community Purpose: To inform others of Dmytro's history.



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			Effect on the Reader: to visualise a war-torn environment
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	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Core Question	Where does our food come from?	What is a monarch?	How have explorers changed the world?
Writing Stimuli	Supertato Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra	The King's Pants Nicholas Allen	The Land of Neverbelieve Norman Messenger
SPAG Focus	Verbs including suffixes where the root word stays the same ing, ed suffixes er/est suffixes exclamation marks	Coordinating conjunction: 'but' Subordinating conjunction: 'so' Capital letters for names and places	Prefix: un Subordinating conjunction: 'because' Question marks
Recap:		Adjectives, verbs, nouns Coordinating conjunction: 'and'	Capital letters for names and places
Writing Opportunity	Tell the story of the St Luke's pea invasion Genre: Narrative	Retell 'The King's Pants' with a new ending Genre: Narrative	Write a letter to Irene Conn Genre: Letter Audience: Irene Conn Purpose: to inform



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	Audience: Our St Luke's family Purpose: to entertain Effect on the Reader: To understand the events of the pea invasion.	Audience: Officer Knickerless Purpose: to entertain Effect on the Reader: To cheer him up	Effect on the Reader: To tell her about the importance of the island to the animals and indigenous people.
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