

Text composition Y2-6

Year Group	Composition Time	Curriculum Focus	Main Text Types Across the Year	Expected Outcome
Year 2	15 mins	<u>Sentence → short composition</u> Focus on composing and organising ideas through linked sentences while maintaining emphasis on foundational skills.	Recount, Character Description, Simple Narrative, Setting Description, Instructions, Information Report, Patterned Poetry	5-8 linked sentences forming a short, purposeful piece of writing.
Year 3	25 mins	<u>Paragraph mastery</u> Build and sustain a high-quality paragraph for different purposes.	Narrative Paragraph, Description Paragraph, Recount Paragraph, Information Paragraph, Instructional Writing, Persuasive Paragraph, Descriptive Poetry	A coherent paragraph (80-120 words) with a clear focus and supporting detail.
Year 4	25 mins	<u>Linked paragraph mastery</u> Develop cohesion within and between paragraphs.	Narrative, Setting, Description, Explanation, Biography, Persuasion, Discussion, Narrative Poetry	Two or more linked paragraphs (120-180 words) with a clear structure and purpose.
Year 5	40 mins	<u>Whole-text composition</u> Secure control of structure, audience and purpose across complete texts.	Narrative, Suspense/Adventure Narrative, Newspaper Report, Explanation Text, Persuasive Letter/Speech, Information Report, Figurative Poetry	Sustained, well-organised multi-paragraph texts with appropriate style and structure.
Year 6	40 mins	<u>Sophisticated whole-text control</u> Refine authorial choices, formality and genre awareness.	Literary Narrative, Flashback Narrative, Discussion, Persuasive Speech, Formal Explanation, Independent Author Project, Performance Poetry	Mature, coherent and purposeful writing demonstrating control of audience, purpose and structure.

Whole-School Progression

Phase	Composition Focus
Year 2	Sentences → Short compositions
Year 3	High-quality paragraphs
Year 4	Linked paragraphs
Year 5	Complete texts
Year 6	Sophisticated, sustained texts

Genre Coverage by End of KS2

Genre Category	Text Types Covered	Primary Focus Years
Narrative	Simple Narrative, Adventure Narrative, Suspense Narrative, Literary Narrative, Flashback Narrative	Y2-Y6
Descriptive Writing	Character Description, Setting Description, Atmosphere	Y2-Y6
Recount	Personal Recount, Historical Recount, Newspaper Report	Y2-Y5
Information Writing	Information Report, Non-Chronological Report	Y2-Y5
Instructional Writing	Instructions, Procedural Texts	Y2-Y3
Explanation Writing	Scientific and Geographical Explanations, Cause-and-Effect Texts	Y4-Y6
Biography	Biography and Autobiographical Elements	Y4
Persuasive Writing	Persuasive Paragraphs, Letters, Speeches, Campaign Writing	Y3-Y6
Discussion Writing	Balanced Arguments, Discussions of Different Viewpoints	Y4-Y6
Poetry	Patterned Poetry, Descriptive Poetry, Narrative Poetry, Figurative Poetry, Performance Poetry	Y2-Y6

Assessment Model:

One assessed independent write per half term (6 per year) to provide regular TAF evidence while maintaining a strong focus on handwriting, spelling, sentence-level mastery and composition development.

Year Group	Whole-School Progression	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 2	Sentences → Short Compositions	Character Description Instruction (Assessed)	Recount Narrative (Assessed)	Informative Report (Assessed) Setting Description	Narrative (Assessed) <i>Identify Gap from Autumn</i>	Recount (Assessed) Character Description	Independent Application Narrative (Assessed)
Year 3	High-Quality Paragraphs	Character Description Paragraph Information Paragraph (Assessed)	Recount Paragraph Narrative Paragraph (Assessed)	Persuasive Paragraph (Assessed) Setting Description Paragraph	Descriptive Poetry Instructions (Assessed)	Narrative Paragraph Information Paragraph (Assessed)	Description Paragraph (Assessed) Independent Application (Identified gap)
Year 4	Linked Paragraphs	Biography (Assessed) Character Description	Narrative with Linked Paragraphs (Assessed) Explanation Paragraphs	Persuasive Writing Setting Description (Assessed)	Poetry Discussion with Linked Paragraphs (Assessed)	Narrative with Linked Paragraphs (Assessed) Recount	Information Report Explanation with Linked Paragraphs (Assessed)
Year 5	Complete Texts	Non-Chron Report Character Description (Assessed)	Newspaper Report Suspense Narrative (Assessed)	Explanation Text (Assessed) Setting Description	Figurative Poetry Persuasive Letter (Assessed)	Speech Writing Narrative (Assessed)	Discussion Text Information Report (Assessed)
Year 6	Sophisticated, Sustained Texts	Discussion Text Character Description (Assessed)	Newspaper Report (Assessed) Flashback Narrative	Formal Letter (Assessed) Atmosphere Description	Atmospheric Narrative Persuasive Speech (Assessed)	Balanced Argument Narrative (Assessed)	Independent Narrative (Assessed) Independent Application (Assessed) Performance Poetry