Year 3 Writing Progression Map

Composition	Punctuation	Grammar	Spelling	Handwriting
 I write a non-narrative using simple organisational devices such as headings and subheadings. In narrative writing, I develop resolutions and endings. I make improvements by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency. (The accurate use of pronouns in sentences/ tenses) I look at and discuss different models of writing, taking account of purpose and audience. I plan my writing by discussing and recording ideas. (timeline, flowchart, spider diagram, jottings) I write a narrative with a clear structure, setting, characters and plot. I suggest improvement to my writing through assessing the writing with peers and through self-assessment. I identify structure, grammatical features and use of vocabulary for effect in texts. I compose sentences using a wider range of structures linked to the grammar objectives. (e.g. tenses – including present perfect/subordinate clauses/ coordinating conjunctions. I begin to organise paragraphs around a theme. (Supported by planning then moving to independence) 	 I begin to use inverted commas for some direct speech punctuation. I use apostrophes for possession with increasing accuracy including plural possession. Commas are sometimes used to mark clauses and phrases. 	 I use a range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions in my writing. (when, if, because, although) I recognise and use determiners 'a', 'an' and 'the' appropriately. (an apple; a house; the yellow car /the an a) I use the perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past. (I have written it down so we can check what he said) (he has worked hard) I understand the purpose of adverbs. I use adverbs effectively in my writing. I use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause. (the next thing, next, soon, so, before, after, during, in, because of) Word choices are adventurous and carefully selected to add detail and to engage the reader. Detail is added by the expansion of noun phrases before and after the noun and with the use of adverbials. 	 I use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary. I spell words with additional prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them to root words. (from nouns using super, anti, auto) I spell correctly word families based on common words. (solve, solution, solver) I identify the root word in longer words. I recognise and spell additional homophones. (he'll/heel/heal) I make comparisons from a word already known to apply to an unfamiliar word. I spell some identified commonly misspelt words from the Year 3 and 4-word list. 	 I increase the legibility, consistency and quality of my handwriting. I use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters.