

# TMS Writing Launchpad - 2023-2024

## Year 4

### Grammar in all writing:

- Use a variety of sentence types in all of our writing
  - **Simple, compound** and **complex** (with a variety of subordinating conjunctions and adverbial clauses).
- Use **expanded noun phrases** to describe (pre and post modification of the verb) - **DAN** (determiner, adjective, noun) and **prepositional phrases**.
- Make accurate use of **present** and **past** tense including simple, progressive and perfect forms.
- Write using standard English correctly.
- Express time, place, cause and enhance cohesion using **adverbs** and **adverbials**, sometimes fronted, including **prepositional phrases**.
- Use **pronouns** to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.



### Punctuation

- *Same as Year 3.*
- Use **commas** after **fronted adverbials** (phrases and clauses).
- Punctuate direct speech accurately using **inverted commas** and appropriate punctuation for reporting clauses.
- Use **apostrophes** correctly (contraction, singular and plural possession).



### Writing to entertain:

- Stories - based on real experiences and fiction
- Descriptions - character and setting
- Poetry

### Structure:

- Narratives to be organised with a clear **opening, build-up, climax** and **resolution**
- Show **cohesion** in all writing through the use of
  - **Paragraphing** where all information is clearly linked
  - Use of **pronouns** to avoid repetition
  - **Adverbials of time**
- Use **rule of 3**: short sentences and /or 3 events in the plot to create tension
- Start to use '**Show not tell**' to describe the characters' **reactions** to events
- Use **fronted adverbs** and **adverbial phrases** to emphasise detail
- Describe settings using the **senses** with a link to expanded noun phrases (DAN).