SPAG Year Expectations and Progression

Year 1

Vocabulary and grammar	Punctuation
Leave spaces between words.	Capital letter
Joining words and clauses with the conjunction	Full stop
and.	Finger space
Begin to punctuate sentences with full stop,	Question mark
capital letter, question mark and exclamation	Exclamation mark
mark.	Capital letter for – names of people, places, days of the week (Proper
Prepositions, e.g. up, down, in, into, out, to, onto,	nouns)
inside.	Personal pronoun <i>I, me, my</i>
Adjectives, e.g. old, little, big.	
Alliteration – big, blue bubbles bouncing	
Speech bubble	
Bullet points	
Singular	
Plural	

Year 2

Vocabulary & grammar	Punctuation
Statements	Full stops
Questions	Capital letters
Exclamations	Exclamation marks
Commands	Question marks
Present and past tenses.	Commas for lists
Verbs	Apostrophes for contracted/omission forms and the
Nouns	possessive singular.
Adjectives	Speech bubbles – speech marks/inverted commas for
Adverbs	direct speech.

Expanded noun phrases, the blue butterfly.

Subordination – when, if, that, because

Co-ordination – *or, and, but*

Prepositions

Alliteration

e.g. wicked witch, slimy slugs

Suffixes and prefixes added to make new words

Years 3 and 4

Vocabulary and grammar	Punctuation
Extend the range of sentences with more than 1 clause. Use a wider use of conjunctions, when, if, because, although. Understand subordinate clauses. Explore direct speech and inverted commas. Choose nouns and pronouns for clarity and cohesion as well as to avoid repetition and ambiguity. Use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause. Use fronted adverbials. Use the present perfect form of verbs. To understand determiners, e.g. the, a, my, your, this, that, his, her, their, some, all, lots, those, these (year 4) To understand determiners a, or an if the next word begins with a vowel, e.g. a rock, an apple. Conditionals (Y4) could, would, should (modal verbs)	Use commas after fronted adverbials., e.g. Later that day, I heard the bad news. Indicate possession by using the possessive apostrophe with singular (Y3) and plural nouns (Y4). Use and punctuate direct speech with inverted commas.
Comparative and superlative, e.g. small, smaller, smallest	

Years 5 and 6

Vocabulary and Grammar	Punctuation
Use the active and passive voices.	Use commas to clarify meaning.
Use expanded noun phrases.	Use hyphens.
Use modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility.	Use brackets and dashes to indicate parenthesis.
Use relative clauses with who, which, where, why, whose, that.	Use semi-colons and colons.

Modal verbs.

Relative pronouns.

Subject and object

Rhetorical questions

Phrases and clauses

Articles - an, the, a

End of Key Stage 2 Test Requirements

Verbs, adjectives

Root words/Prefixes

Past tense

Was/were

Pronouns

Relative clauses

Prepositions/Prepositional phrase

Main clause/subordinate clause

Noun phrase

Modal verbs

Conjunctions – subordinating and co-ordinating

Synonyms/Autonym

Subjects/Objects

Active/passive

Past progressive

Commands

Subjunctive forms of verbs

Determiners

Punctuate bullet points consistently.

Use ellipsis.

Apostrophe for possession and contraction – singular and plural.

Question marks

Apostrophe for contraction

Apostrophe for plural and singular possession

Direct speech/inverted commas

Brackets

Commas for clauses

Hyphen Colon

Semi-colon