Working at the Expected Standard at the end of Year 4	
Text outcomes	Evidence dates
 write for a range of narratives and non-fiction pieces using a consistent and appropriate structure (including genre specific layout devices) 	
 to persistently organise their writing into paragraphs around a theme 	
 To write narratives with a clear beginning, middle and end, with a coherent plot. 	
 describing settings, character and plot to consciously engage the reader 	
 begin to proof-read work confidently and amend their own and others' writing eg adding nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition and recognising lapses in tense and where subjects and verbs do not agree 	
Sentence level skills	
 regularly choose nouns or pronouns appropriately to aid cohesion and avoid repetition eg he, she, they, it, within and across the paragraph. 	
 Expand noun phrases regularly with the addition of modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases eg the strict teacher with curly hair 	
 Use fronted adverbials eg quick as a flash, last weekend – usually demarcated with commas 	
 Use standard verb inflections accurately, eg we were rather than we was, I did rather than 'I done' 	
Maintain an accurate tense throughout a piece of writing	
use commas to mark phrases	
Accurately punctuate direct speech	
Spelling	
spell all words from the Year 3/4 spelling list correctly	
 spell words with prefixes correctly eg irrelevant, autograph, incorrect 	
 spell many words with suffixes correctly eg usually, poisonous, incorrect, disobey 	
 spell common homophones correctly eg which, witch 	
 Use apostrophes for singular and plural possession including irregular plurals 	
 Know the grammatical difference between plural and possessive -s 	
Handwriting	
 Use the diagonal strokes needed to join letters 	
Consistently use a neat, joined handwriting style	