



Etherley Lane Primary School  
Progression of Skills - Punctuation

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Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Introduction to: Capital letters full stops question marks exclamation marks	Capital letters full stops question marks exclamation marks          commas to separate items in a list	Revisit Capital letters full stops question marks exclamation marks       commas to separate items in a list	Revisit Capital letters full stops question marks exclamation marks       commas to separate items in a list	Revisit Capital letters full stops question marks exclamation marks use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity       brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis	Revisit Capital letters full stops question marks exclamation marks use of commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity    How hyphens can avoid ambiguity   commas to separate items in a list use of a colon to introduce a list semi-colons within   semi-colon, colon or dash to mark boundary between clauses
Capital letters for names of people, places, days of the week and for I					
	Apostrophes to mark contractions	Apostrophes to mark contractions	Apostrophes to mark contractions	Apostrophes to mark contractions	Apostrophes to mark contractions
	Apostrophes to mark singular possessions	Apostrophes to mark singular possessions	Apostrophes to mark singular possessions	Apostrophes to mark singular possessions	Apostrophes to mark singular possessions



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			Apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession	Apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession	Apostrophes to mark singular and plural possession
		Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech	Use of inverted commas in direct speech Other punctuation in direct speech: comma after reporting clause end punctuation within inverted commas The teacher shouted, "Sit down!"	Use of inverted commas in direct speech Other punctuation in direct speech: comma after reporting clause end punctuation within inverted commas The teacher shouted, "Sit down!"	Use of inverted commas in direct speech Other punctuation in direct speech: comma after reporting clause end punctuation within inverted commas The teacher shouted, "Sit down!"