

## **Punctuation Strand**

### **Pupils should learn how to:**

#### **Year 1**

- Use correct grammatical terminology when discussing their writing
- Use full stops and capitals
- Use capital letters for people, places, days of the week and 'I'
- Use question marks
- Use exclamation marks

#### **Year 2**

- Use correct grammatical terminology when discussing their writing
- Explain what an apostrophe is
- Use apostrophes for simple contracted forms
- Use apostrophes for singular possession
- Avoid using conjunctions and full stops together
- Use commas for lists

#### **Year 3**

- Use correct grammatical terminology when discussing their writing
- Recognise direct speech and inverted commas
- Use direct speech and inverted commas
- Use inverted commas

#### **Year 4**

- Use correct grammatical terminology when discussing their writing
- Use inverted commas and other speech punctuation appropriately
- Use commas to mark off fronted adverbials
- Use apostrophes to show plural possession e.g. The boys' house
- Use commas for marking off subordinate clauses

#### **Year 5**

- Use correct grammatical terminology when discussing their writing
- Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity
- Understand what parenthesis is
- Recognise and identify brackets and dashes
- Use brackets, dashes or commas for parenthesis

#### **Year 6**

- Use correct grammatical terminology when discussing their writing
- Understand how colons are used
- Use colons appropriately
- Understand how to use punctuation with bullet points

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- Understand how semi-colons are used
- Use semi-colons appropriately
- Understand how dashes are used for marking the boundaries between independent clauses
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- Understand how hyphens are used
- Use hyphens appropriately
- Understand how ellipsis is used
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