Year 1

Writing Unit Plan:

## Week 4 and 5 Autumn 1

Year 1 Unit Plan : Town Mouse and Country Mouse – Wk 4 / 5

Aims	Learn how to - To write clear sentences to describe a house / Story setting - To select the correct vocabulary - To ask/ write a question - To write a letter						
	SPAG/game	Text – outcomes Cohesion/ Purpose and Audience What is the effect we are aiming to achieve today?	Modelled: Grammar teaching/sentence writing (Short Burst Writing)	Activity	Review of learning		
Wk 4 Day 1 1 <sup>st</sup> session	Book: Town Mouse and Country Mouse.	LO I can describe my favourite house. Children will write sentences about the house that they like. We will talk about our favourite houses and what we like about it to gather ideas for our sentence writing before starting. We will need to describe the houses clearly so that we know which house it is on the poster that you like best. We will revisit the vocabulary learnt in last week's Geography lesson around different types of homes.	Teacher to model orally saying I like this house best because Teacher to model describing a house with simple sentences. Think of the sentence. Say it. Then write it. Model finger spaces and writing on the lines.	2 groups at a time. Children to look at the houses from 'You choose' poster and orally describe it and give reasons for their favourite house. They will then draw their favourite house and write clear sentences to describe it.	Can children read their sentence to their group? Can they remember to use finger spaces? Are the words on the lines?		
Day 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> session	What am I ? Teacher thinking of a house on the poster. Describe it. Then repeat with another home. Can the children work out which one it is by asking questions? TA models first.	We will be introduced to a question mark. We will learn that a question needs an answer. We are going to look at different words that can be used to start questions.	What is a question? Think about the 'What am I ?' game. What words start questions? Display some question words on the working wall.				

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Day 2 1 <sup>st</sup> session	Watch a clip from a village, in 1 minute what words can we use to describe it? Repeat with clip from a town. Introduce Victor Vocab (Viper)	Today we will think about the main two characters and what it is like where they live. We are using words and phrases from our 1 minute task that are useful to describe the country or town. We will identify and choose the correct words to describe the city and village. We will say our sentence and then write it, putting a full stop at the end of our sentence.	Teacher to model writing sentences about what it is like where we live in West Bridgford. Refer to words created in 1 minute task. Model saying the sentence before writing it and putting a full stop at the end of each sentence.	2 groups at a time Write at least 1 sentence from each mouse saying what is is like where they live. Refer to language on the working wall. Draw a picture and talk about the features to their partner.	Can the children read their own sentences back? Do they make sense? Have they chosen the correct vocabulary? Can they use the correct vocabulary to describe their picture to their partner?
Day 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> session	Read another version of Town Mouse – discuss similarities / differences.	Victor Vocab – We will think about interesting words we can use in our writing.	Gather new descriptive words from the book. Do we know what they all mean? Look at a descriptive sentence from the book. Model writing it. Read it together. Is it describing the town or village? How do we know?		
Wk 5 Day 1 1 <sup>st</sup> session	Read another version of Town Mouse – discuss similarities / differences.	We will describe a city using words from the working wall so that we can spell lots of the words correctly. We will say our sentence, write it and put a full stop at the end of it. We will write a question putting a question mark at the end of the sentence. The question words are on the wall to help. We will write who the letter is to and who it is from.	Read a letter written to Mummy Pig by a child last week. What type of writing is this? How do we know? Model writing a letter from the town mouse to the country mouse – using words from working wall/ Include a question. Read it together.	2 groups at a time Children to write a thank you letter from the <b>country mouse to the</b> <b>town mouse.</b> Include: A thank you Explain what you didn't like A question	Can the children read their own sentences back? Do they make sense? Is there a ? Are the words on the line? Is the letter from the Country mouse and not you?
Day 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> session	Question or sentence?	We are using the prompt cards on our classroom wall to remind us of everything we need to remember when writing.	Look at a good example from 1 <sup>st</sup> session. Enlarge it and read it together. What makes it a good example? Is there a way we could make it even better?		

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Day 2	Thumbs up /	We will recap on features of a village	Look at 2 pictures and decide if it	2 groups at a time	Can the children read
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thumbs down –	and city.	is a village or city.	Children to write sentences to	their own sentences
session	Sort city / village	We will describe our view through the	With a talk partner say words to	describe what the mouse can see	back? Do they make
	words	window to our partner in the group.	describe a city and then a village	through its window. (Picture drawn	sense? Have they
		Have they got any other words you	– Verbal tennis.	earlier in the week)	chosen the correct
		could magpie?	Model writing a sentence –	Look at key spellings / letter	vocabulary? Can they
		We will focus on finger spaces and	Capital / full stop. On the lines.	formations arising from previous	remember to use finger
		writing on the lines.	Finger spaces. – Make mistakes	lessons (Focus on the letters taught	spaces? Are the words
		We will think of our sentence, write it,	for the children to spot (Pick up	in handwriting sessions).	on the lines?
		check it for missing words and put a	mistakes arisen from work during		
		full stop at the end of our sentence.	the week too eg b/d reversals, K		
			not k.)		
Day 2	All versions of	We will talk about what we like and	Carpet session – Share the books.		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Town Mouse &	dislike about the versions we have	Look at illustrations – Same /		
session	Country Mouse –	looked at over the past 2 weeks.	diff/ preferred/ why?		
	, Which did you	We will understand that it is ok to	Compare Town Mouse trad Tale		
	like best? Least?	have same / different opinions to	to 3 little pigs.		
	Why?	others.	Share love of books – link to		
			other books in the classroom.		