Appalachians Writing Assessment

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Appalachians writers have experience of writing several genres and have a portfolio of work by May of each year. They use description throughout their writing to enhance the experience of the reader. The words chosen are specific and create imagery. Writing makes sense and is structured into paragraphs. Paragraphs are linked well and signpost the reader effectively. Pupils at this standard can write at length and shorter pieces are highly descriptive. They are beginning to show assuredness but have yet to manipulate grammar and punctuation to achieve this.											
<u>Composition</u> Write well for a variety of purposes selecting language that is descriptive and adds to the atmosphere, describes the characters and the setting.											
Writing shows awareness of the reader e.g. first person for a diary and direct address in instructions or persuasion.											
Builds cohesion/links using a range of devices within and across paragraphs e.g. adverbials, adverbs, conjunctions etc			 								
Use of MAPS throughout writing to create imagery.											
Select specific and descriptive vocabulary.											
Select the appropriate form for each type of writing e.g. contractions for dialogue in stories, passive verbs (passive voice) for formality and modal verbs for possibility.											
Integrate dialogue in narratives to create character and to advance the action.											
Use of some Exciting Sentences for effect.											
Sentence Structure (Grammar and Punctuation)  Uses sentence punctuation (capitals, full stops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks, apostrophes) mostly correctly including inverted commas for direct speech.											
Use of descriptive adjectives and adverbs in sentences.											
Use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout writing.											
Spellings  Can spell most of the Year 5 and 6 spellings correctly. Use of a dictionary to spell new words.											
Often spells words correctly in a series of dictated sentence.											
Handwriting  Maintain legibility in handwriting when writing at speed. Cursive, joined, neat handwriting.											