

Progression in Punctuation: Apostrophes

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5/6
Key Learning	<p><u>Reading</u> Read words with contractions, e.g. <i>I'm, I'll, we'll</i> and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter.</p> <p>Tricky words and high frequency words in phonics programme, e.g. <i>it's, we're, let's</i>.</p>	<p><u>Writing</u> Use apostrophes for contracted forms, e.g. <i>don't, can't, wouldn't, you're, I'll</i>.</p> <p>Use apostrophes for singular possession in nouns, e.g. <i>the girl's name</i>.</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Learn to spell more words with contracted forms, e.g. <i>can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll</i>.</p> <p>Learn the possessive apostrophe (singular), e.g. <i>the girl's book</i>.</p>	<p><u>Writing</u> Revisit and embed apostrophes for contracted forms in spelling and writing.</p> <p>Revisit and embed apostrophes for singular possession in spelling and writing.</p>	<p><u>Writing</u> Use apostrophes for singular possession, e.g. <i>the dog's bone</i>.</p> <p>Use apostrophes for plural possession, e.g. <i>the dogs' bones</i>.</p>	<p><u>Writing</u> Revisit and embed a range of words with apostrophes for contracted forms in spelling and writing.</p> <p>Revisit and embed a range of words with singular and plural possession in spelling and writing.</p>
Statutory Terminology		apostrophe		singular possession plural possession	

Please note: The statements in red are not taken directly from the Key Learning but have been added to provide opportunity to embed key skills.