## Stage 4

## 'Grammar Hammer'

1. (W4:1, Sp 4:1) Prefixes can be added to root words to change their meaning ( ie appear- <b>dis</b> appear)				2. (W4:1, Sp 4:18) .Suffixes can be added to verbs to form a noun (ie count – counter) and to change the tense ( ie walk-walked-walking)						
sub	<u>int</u>	<u>er</u>	anti		walk	ing			er	
3-4. (W4:2, Sp 4:20) Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and different spellings.										
The ( tire / <b><u>tyre</u> )</b> had a puncture.				Keep off the building ( sight / <u>site</u> ).						
5. (W4:1,3. Sp 4:8) If there is a long 'ee' sound before the suffix 'ous' it is usually spelt as an 'i' (obvious, serious)				6. (W4:1,3. Sp 4:10) Many 'sion' words are formed from verbs ending in 'd' or 'de' (explode-explosion, divide-division)						
<u>obvious</u>	obvious obvios		obvius		<u>division</u>	divishun		hun	divition	
7-8. (W4:4) To put in alphabetical order you may need to use the first, second or third letter of the word.										
grape	1	(	great	2	grind		3	g	round	4

9. (W4:9, 14) Learning synonyms for simple words helps build a varied vocabulary to make your writing far more interesting.							
run	<u>sprint</u>	<u>hurry</u>	<u>race</u>	walk			
10-11. (W4:17, 19) A noun extra information (red car,	is a person, place or thing. ( tiny mouse).	cat, river, table). An adjectiv	ve is a describing word. They	are added to nouns for			
	The hot, sun	nmer) <u>sun</u> rose up o	over the <u>hill.</u>				

12-13. (W4:17) A wider rainteresting.	ange of c	onnectives is essentic	ıl in order to vary sent	ence st	ructure for effect and	l make yo	ur writing far more	
<u>unlike</u>	all	of a sudden	<u>however</u>		happily		secretly	
14-15. (W4:18) <b>Pronouns</b> stand for or refer to nouns that have already been mentioned thereby avoiding repetition in writing. Running for the bus, ( <u>David</u> / he ) realised ( <u>he</u> / David ) had left ( <u>his</u> / David's ) school bag at home.								
16-17. (W4:17,19) <b>Fronted adverbials</b> are adverbs (words, phrases or clauses) that start a sentence and describe the verb in the sentence. They tell us more about when, how or where the action happened. They help structure texts, linking sentences and events between paragraphs.								
Unfortunately,		<u>Conseque</u>	ently,	Perhaps,		<u>For this reason,</u>		
18-19. (W4:14,20) Past progressive form (was/were + verb+'ing') Present perfect form (have/has + the past participle of the verb) Perfect modal form (modal verb + have + past participle of the verb) NB modal verbs are a Stage 5 expectation.								
I have ( <u>written</u> / wrote ) to you. They ( <u>were</u> / was ) playing together.								
20-21. (W4:17,21) A comma is used after a fronted adverbial. It is also used to separate items in a list. It is not used before the last item which has 'and' in front of it. It tells the reader to pause, but not for as long as a full stop.								
Un	fortur	natelv for him	, the police ha	d see	en what he w	as doil	na.	

22-23. (W4:22. Sp 4:15, 4:16) **Apostrophes** mark possession. To show possession with a **singular** noun, add an apostrophe before the letter s (e.g. the girl's name). To show **plural** possession with regular nouns add an apostrophe after the letter s (e.g. those girls' names).

The fairy's dress was beautiful.

The fairies' wings were silver.

24-25. (W4:23) **Inverted commas** (speech marks ".") are used to show the actual words spoken by a character. They are used at the beginning and end of the actual words spoken. Note the position of the question mark and comma.

<u>"Do you want to play tennis?"</u> asked Jake.

<u>"Not really</u>," replied Jo. <u>"</u>I'm too tired."