Year 3 Essential Knowledge

English: Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Composition

1. Types of sentences:

- simple sentences
- one main idea
- compound sentences
- two main ideas
- use co-ordinating conjunctions (FANBOYS)
- complex sentences
- one main idea and extra information
- use subordinating conjunctions (ISAWAWABUB)

2. The subordinate clause:

- what a complex sentence is
- what a subordinating conjunction is
- what a main idea and extra information is in a complex sentence
- extra information after a subordinating conjunction is the subordinate clause

3. 'A' and 'an':

- what words start with vowel sounds
- exceptions such as 'honest'
- what words start with consonant sounds
- 'a' and 'an' are before a noun
- how to use 'a' and 'an'

4. Adverbs for when, where and how:

- adverbs for when describe where the verb happened
- adverbs for where describe where the verb happened
- adverbs for how describe how the verb happened

5. Prepositions:

- what a preposition is
- why prepositions are used
- how they are different from adverbs

6. The present perfect and past perfect tense

- the verb 'to have' comes before the main verb
- 'has' for present tense
- 'had' for past tense
- the main verb is always in the simple past

Spellings:

- 1. Common exception words
- 2. Patterns
 - ch = c sound and y = i sound
 - eigh = ay sound
 - -tion and -ous endings
 - gue = g and que = qu sounds
 - ei, eigh, ey sounds
- 3. Add prefix
 - · dis-
- 4. Homophones

Composition:

- 1. Paragraph-like structures:
 - sentence types remain consistent
- 2. Inverted commas:
 - what speech is
 - what inverted commas are
 - why inverted commas are used
 - how to use inverted commas

Applied through:

- 1. Myths and Legends
- 2. Diary writing
- 3. Performance poetry narrative