



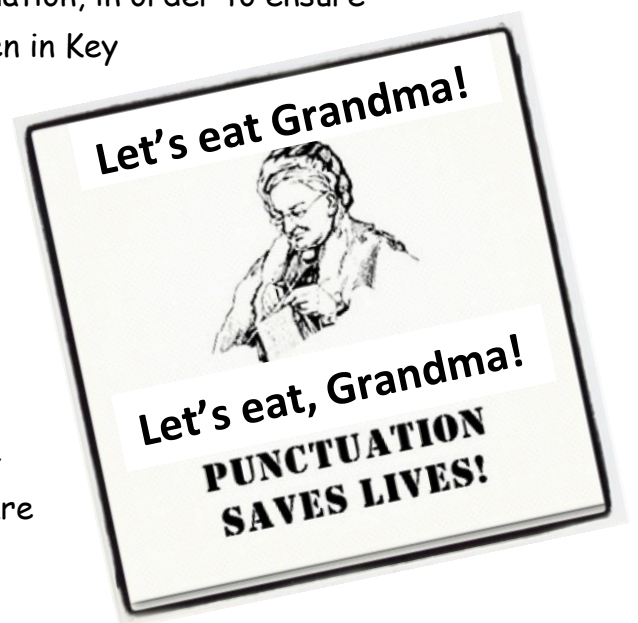
Grammar at Riccall Community Primary School






You may have heard of *GPS* (sometimes known as 'SPaG'). This stands for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'grammar' as 'the way in which words are put together to form proper sentences' and therefore grammar underpins everything we do in

English at primary level. Indeed, it may seem that there is a far greater emphasis on grammar in the National Curriculum than there has ever been before, with children expected to know the technical terms for different features such as the progressive and perfect tenses, and passive and active voices, as well as confidently using colons and semi colons to mark clauses! Although previous generations were not expected to know these terms, the building blocks of our language have not changed, and we have seen that when children are able to talk about the devices they are using, they become more confident writers, making greater use of a range of tools at their disposal.

In Riccall, we weave grammar teaching points into our writing sessions as well as teaching and assessing discretely at other points. All children are monitored each half term on their understanding of grammar and punctuation, in order to ensure that their writing is the best that it can be. Children in Key Stage 2 may also receive homework on www.spag.com.

The following games and videos may be helpful if you wish to practice different skills and become more confident with the terminology of different features of grammar and punctuation. They have been chosen as games which closely match the 2014 National Curriculum and therefore match what we are learning in school.



Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
 <p>Punctuation www.funenglishgames.com/grammar/games/punctuation.html</p>	<p>In Year 3, continue to play the KS1 games as well as the ones below, in order to revise punctuation, conjunctions, apostrophes, adjectives, nouns and verbs!</p>	<p>In Year 5, continue to play the lower Key Stage 2 games as well as the ones below, in order to revise adjectives, adverbs, nouns, verbs, prepositions, full stops, commas, exclamation marks, questions marks and more!</p>
 <p>Conjunctions www.funenglishgames.com/grammar/games/conjunction.html</p>	 <p>Parts of a sentence / Word Classes (please be aware – ‘articles’ are now called determiners) www.funenglishgames.com/grammar/games/verbnounadjective.html</p>	 <p>Active and passive https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/passive-voice-quiz.htm</p>
 <p>Apostrophes for contractions http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/apostrophes_contract/eng/Introduction/activity.htm</p>	 <p>Parts of a sentence / Word Classes (click on advanced) https://www.funbrain.com/games/grammar-gorillas</p>	 <p>Semi colons, colons and commas http://mrnuessbaum.com/semicolonwars1/semicolon_wars.swf</p>
 <p>Nouns and verbs (click on beginner) https://www.funbrain.com/games/grammar-gorillas</p>	 <p>Nouns and adjectives / Punctuation / Sentences / Verbs and adverbs http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/</p>	 <p>Modal verbs https://www.turtlediary.com/game/modal-verbs.html</p>
 <p>Adjectives https://www.turtlediary.com/game/identifying-adjectives.html</p>	 <p>Punctuation (These pages include videos you can watch in order to help revise ALL punctuation types) http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zvwxnbn</p>	