**Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation Glossary**

This glossary builds on the terminology used in previous years.

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| Grammar Term | *What does it mean?* |
| a or an | Use a when the first letter of a word starts with a consonant or consonant sound. *E.g. – a* ***h****ouse* ***a u****nique painting*  Use an when the first letter of a word starts with a vowel or vowel sound. *E.g. – an* ***u****mbrella* ***an*** *honest mistake* |
| Consonant | All letters apart from A E I O U are consonants. |
| Consonant letter vowel | A consonant that makes the vowel sound.  *E.g. -The letter* ***y*** *makes a consonant sound when at the beginning of a word like* ***y****ellow but a vowel sound when at the end of a word such as sunn****y*** |
| Clause | A group of words in a sentence that can be used as a sentence. |
| Direct speech | **Direct speech**is a sentence in which**the exact words spoken have an inverted comma at the beginning of the sentence and at the end.**  ***E.g. – “You'll never guess what I've just seen!"*** *said Sam, excitedly.* |
| Inverted Commas (speech marks) | Used to punctuate direct speech  *E.g. – “****Come over here!”*** *shouted Paul.* |
| Paragraph | A way to group related material. |
| Prefix | A prefix is a group of letters that can be added to the beginning of a root word.  *E.g. natural –* ***super****natural*  *biography -* ***auto****biography* |
| Preposition | A preposition is a word which shows the relationship between one thing and another.  *E.g. - The gentle, brown dog slept* ***beside*** *the fluffy white rabbit.* |
| Present perfect Tense | Use present perfect tense, *e.g. He has gone out to play instead of simple past tense – He went out to play.* |
| Subordinate Clause | A subordinate clause helps to give more meaning to the main clause. It cannot exist on its own. |
| Tense | A tense is a form of verb that shows the time when an action takes place. |
| Time, place and cause | How to express time, place and cause using conjunctions – (e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because), adverbs (e.g. then, next, soon, therefore), or prepositions (e.g. before, after, during, in, because of). |
| Vowel letter | A E I O U are vowels. |