



Key English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Facts Year 4 – Term 3

Possessive Apostrophes

A **possessive apostrophe** is an apostrophe that shows who or what, has or owns something. The apostrophe is placed after the name of the owner.

*Examples: My brother's shirt is red.
Jane's cat is fat!*



If a noun is plural (that means there is more than one) and ends in an s just add an apostrophe. If the plural does not end in s add an apostrophe and an s.

Examples;

The boys' shoes.

This means the shoes belonged to more than one boy

The boy's shoes.

This means the shoes belong to one boy.

The child's toy.

This means a child owns the toy.

The children's toys.

This means the children own more than one toy.

Can you include a possessive apostrophe in your writing? How do you know you have shown possession? Can you think of a rhyme, song or acronym to help you remember the rules?

If you would like more ideas please speak to your class teacher.