

Spelling Progression Overview



	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	Revision of previous year group following dialogue with previous teacher.	Revision of previous year group following dialogue with previous teacher.	Revision of previous year group following dialogue with previous teacher.	Revision of previous year group following dialogue with previous teacher.
	Prefixes Dis – disappoint, dislike, disagree, disobey etc. Mis – misbehave, mislead, misunderstand etc. re – redo, reappear, refresh etc. Auto – autograph, automatic etc. Super – superman, supermarket, supervise etc. sub – submarine, subheading etc. Year 3 words	Prefixes in and il— inactive, incorrect, illegal etc. im — immature, impatient, impossible etc. ir — irregular, irresponsible etc. inter- interaction, intercity, international etc. Anti — anticlockwise, antiseptic, antisocial etc. Year 4 words	Endings which sound like Jas spelt –cious or –tious Examples: vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious, ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious. Exception: anxious Year 5 words Government, Soldier, Sacrifice, Bruise, Parliament Forty, Twelfth, Excellent, Secretary	Words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, –ence/–ency Examples: observant, observance, (observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance (toleration), substance (substantial) innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence (confidential) assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence
	Appear, Disappear, Bicycle, Learn, History, Often, Build, Eight/Eighth	Important, Centre, Century, Certain, Circle, Recent, Knowledge, Interest		Year 6 words Stomach, Muscle, Conscience, Conscious, Explanation, Necessary, Shoulder, Sufficient, Nuisance, Hindrance, Convenience
Autumn 2	The suffix –ly including root words which end in le and ic Examples: gently, simply, basically, frantically The suffix – ation Examples: information, sensation, decoration, donation Year 3 words Fruit, Extreme, Group, Library, Purpose, Address, Earth, Natural, Actual(ly), Accident(ally), Probably	Words with endings sounding like 39 or t/9 (sure or ture) Examples: measure, treasure, creature nature etc. Endings which sound like 39n (sion) Examples: television, division, invasion etc. Year 4 words Occasion(ally), Calendar, Early, Enough, Sentence, Remember, Pressure, Grammar	Endings which sound like [al spelt —cial or —tial Examples: official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential. Exceptions include: initial, financial, commercial, provincial (the spelling of the last three is clearly related to finance, commerce and province). Year 5 words Especially, Accommodate, According, Communicate, Community, Equipped, Equipment, Symbol, System	Words ending in –able and –ible and in –ably and –ibly Examples: adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly Year 6 words Available, Vehicle, Leisure, Accompany, Variety, Privilege Achieve, Aggressive, Amateur, Occupy, Occur
Spring 1	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable Examples: forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred, gardener, gardening, limiting,	The suffix –ous Examples: famous, dangerous, courageous, glamorous, serious obvious etc.	Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Examples: doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight	Use of the hyphen Examples: co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own
	limitation Year 3 words February, Breath, Breathe, Ordinary, Regular, Strange, Peculiar, Opposite,	Words with the /et/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey Examples: vein, weigh, eight, obey Year 4 words Various, Famous, Notice, Naughty, Promise, Imagine, Increase, Favourite, Weight	Year 5 words Sincere, Sincerely, Signature, Temperature, Vegetable, Identity, Individual, Immediate, Immediately	Year 6 words Rhythm, Rhyme, Queue, Determined, Disastrous, Embarrass, Harass, Guarantee, Prejudice, Pronunciation,
Spring 2	The 1 sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words Examples: myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery The /n/ sound spelt ou Examples: young, touch, double, trouble, country	Endings which sound like Jan (tion, sion, ssion, cian) Examples: invention, action, expression, tension, magician etc. Year 4 words Question, Position, Mention, Different, Difficult, Consider,	Words containing the letter-string ough Examples: ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough through, thorough, borough, plough, bough	Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c Examples deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize Year 6 words
	Year 3 words Quarter, Length, Straight, Heard, Heart, Height, Guard, Guide	Continue, Reign,	Year 5 words Thorough, Ancient, Language, Competition, Attached, Average, Bargain, Physical	Controversy, Correspond, Criticise, Exaggerate, Existence, Interrupt, Curiosity, Awkward, Cemetery, Committee
Summer 1	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch Examples: scheme, chorus, echo etc. Words with the ∫ sound spelt ch	Words ending with the g sound spelt gue and the k sound spelt que Examples: tongue, league, antique, unique etc.	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer Examples: referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred	Homophones and other words that are often confused
	Examples: chef, machine, brochure etc. Year 3 words Minute, Experiment, Answer, Arrive, Believe, Popular, Perhaps, Busy, Business	Words with the s sound spelt sc Example: science, scene, crescent etc. Year 4 words Material, Particular, Possible, Forward, Regular, Strength, Suppose, Surprise	reference, referee, preference, transference Year 5 words Category, Frequently, Marvellous, Neighbour, Desperate, Dictionary, Definite, Develop, Suggest	Year 6 words Yacht, Environment, Lightning, Foreign, Opportunity, Appreciate, Apparent, Recommend, Mischievous



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Summer 2	Possessive apostrophes in plural words Examples: girls', boys', babies' etc.	Homophones and near homophones	Homophones and other words that are often confused	Consolidation of all spelling rules covered within Year 6 and secure application within writing.
		Year 4 words	Year 5 words	
	Year 3 words		Familiar, Interfere, Persuade, Profession, Programme,	
	Possession, Caught, Though, Although, Through,	Medicine, Experience, Island, Separate	Recognise, Relevant, Restaurant	
	Thought, Therefore, Potatoes	Exercise, Special, Woman/Women,		