

# New National Curriculum

## KS2 Spelling Pathway

### Year 3 Statutory Requirements:

#### Pupils should be taught to:

- *Develop a range of personal strategies for learning new and irregular words*
- *Develop a range of personal strategies for spelling at the point of composition*
- *Develop a range of strategies for checking and proof reading spellings after writing*
- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1)
- spell further homophones
- spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1)
- place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's]
- use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far
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<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Common exception words from Year 2.</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Revise prefix un-. (<i>select from Support for Spelling Unit Y2 T3 i</i>) New prefixes: pre-, dis-, mis-, re-. Revise suffixes from Year 2: -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er. (<i>Spelling Bank p.4,6,7, 8, 18,23</i>) (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y2T1 ii and Unit Y3T3 ii</i>)</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey (ey - <b>they</b>, ei - <b>vein</b>, eigh - <b>eight</b>, aigh - <b>straight</b> i - in, y - <b>gym</b> (o - <b>women</b>, u - <b>busy</b>, ui - <b>build</b>, e - <b>pretty</b>) u - <b>up</b>, o - <b>son</b>, (ou - <b>young</b>, oe - <b>does</b>, oo - <b>blood</b>) Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que (French in origin) <b>Homophones:</b> brake/break, grate/great, eight/ate, weight/wait, son/sun (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y4 T1 i</i>) <b>Apostrophe:</b> Revise contractions from Year 2 eg can't, didn't. (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y4 T3 i and Spelling Bank p.15,19</i>) <b>Proof reading: Focus:</b> checking after writing spelling of KS1 common exception/ tricky words.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> (<i>Spelling Bank p.16</i>) Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y3/4 word list. Suggest an average of 5/6 a term of highlighted words. Group other words for cross curricular teaching.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y3/4 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Suffixes from Year 2:-ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly (with a consonant before it) (<i>Spelling Bank p14</i>)</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Prefixes: sub-, tele-, super-, auto-. (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y2 T2 ii and Unit Y4 T3 ii</i>)</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) eg chef. eg sh – <b>shop</b>, s – <b>sure</b>, ss – <b>mission</b> (t before ion – <b>mention</b>, ci – <b>special</b>, t before ial – <b>partial</b>, ch – <b>chef</b>, ce – <b>ocean</b>) Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) eg scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character <b>Homophones:</b> here/hear, knot/not, meat/meet, missed/mist. (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y4 T1 i</i>)</p> <p><b>Apostrophe:</b> Revise contractions from Year 2 eg hasn't, couldn't. (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y4 T3 i</i>) (<i>Spelling Bank p 15,19</i>)</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Using a dictionary to check spellings. First two letters.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> (<i>Spelling Bank p.16</i>) Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y3/4 word list. Suggest an average of 5/6 a term of highlighted words. <b>Teach: February</b> Group other words for cross curricular teaching.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y3/4 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Revise strategies for spelling at the point of writing.</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Suffix -ly straight on to root word eg sadly, unusually. (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y3 T2 ii Spelling Bank p13,14</i>)</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou eg young, touch. The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words eg gym, myth. <b>Homophones:</b> heel/heal/he'll, plain/plane, berry/bury, groan/grown, rain/rein/reign. Also homophones from Year 3/4 word list. heard/herd, through/threw, (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y4 T1 i</i>)</p> <p><b>Apostrophe:</b> Revise contractions from Year 2 eg it's, I'll. (<i>Support for Spelling Unit Y4 T3 i</i>) (<i>Spelling Bank p 15,19,37</i>)</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Proof read own writing for mis - spellings of personal spelling list words.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> (<i>Spelling Bank p.16</i>) Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y3/4 word list. Suggest an average of 5/6 a term of highlighted words. Group other words for cross curricular teaching.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y3/4 word list groups</b>.</p>

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<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Revise strategies at the point of writing.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Revise /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey, words with the /f/ sound spelt ch, The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou (all from Y3)</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ eg measure</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Prefixes in-, il-, im-. (<i>Spelling Bank p 57</i>) Suffixes: Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable –ing, -en, -er, -ed. (<i>Spelling Bank p 21</i>)</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> ,peace/piece, main/mane, affect/effect. (<i>Spelling Bank p22</i>)</p> <p><b>Apostrophe:</b> Possessive apostrophe with plural words eg girls', boys', babies'.</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Teach proof reading strategies eg Spuddy work; spelling buddies.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y3/4 word list. Suggest an average of 5/6 a term of highlighted words.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y3/4 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Y3 Rarer GPCs.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> From Y3/4 word list – guard, guide.</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ eg creature, furniture.</p> <p>Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian eg invention, comprehension, expression, magician. (<i>Spelling Bank p 29,36,51</i>)</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Prefixes: ir-, inter-, anti-. Suffixes: The suffix –ation eg sensation, preparation. (<i>Spelling Bank p 51</i>)</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> scene/seen, male/mail, bawl/ball. (<i>Spelling Bank p22</i>)</p> <p><b>Apostrophe:</b> Possessive apostrophe with singular proper nouns eg Cyprus's population.</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Using a dictionary to check spellings after writing –first two or three letters.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y3/4 word list. Suggest an average of 5/6 a term of highlighted words.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y3/4 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Revise prefixes from Y3: un-dis-, mis-, re-, pre-, sub-, tele-, super-, auto. Focus where needed.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin) eg science</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Endings which sound like /ʒən/ –sion eg division, confusion. (<i>Spelling Bank p36</i>)</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Suffixes: The suffix –ly. Teach the exceptions eg y changed to i, le ending changed to ly, ic ending changed to –ally. (<i>Spelling bank p25,35</i>) The suffix –ous eg poisonous, outrageous. (<i>Spelling Bank p 52 unstressed vowels</i>)</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> whether/weather, fair/fare, medal/meddle. (<i>Spelling Bank p22</i>)</p> <p><b>Apostrophe:</b> , Revise contractions from Y2 and plural apostrophe rules. (<i>Support for Spelling Y4T3i</i>)</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Check writing for mis-spelt words which are on the Y3/4 word list.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y3/4 word list. Suggest an average of 5/6 a term of highlighted words.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y3/4 word list groups</b>.</p>

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- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them
- spell some words with 'silent' letters ( rarer GPCs) [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]
- continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused
- use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1
- use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words
- use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary
- use a thesaurus
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<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Revise plurals eg adding -s, -es and -ies (<i>Spelling Bank p41</i>) Revise apostrophe for contraction.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) (<i>Support for Spelling Y5T1i p73</i>) Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c.eg receive, ceiling. (<i>Spelling Bank p 55</i>)</p> <p><b>Morphology/ Etymology:</b> Teach extension of base words using word matrices. Use knowledge taught so far.</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Words containing the letter-string -ough. (<i>Spelling Bank p 29,33,48</i>)</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Words ending in -able and -ably. (<i>Spelling Bank p 36</i>)</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> eg isle/aisle, aloud/allowed, affect/effect, herd/heard, past/passed. (<i>Spelling Bank p 49</i>)</p> <p><b>Hyphen:</b> Use of the hyphen eg co-ordinate, co-operate</p> <p><b>Dictionary:</b> Use dictionary to support teaching of word roots, derivations and spelling patterns eg sign, signature, significant.</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Focus on checking words from personal list.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Spellings</u></b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y5/6 word list. Suggest an average of 7 a term of highlighted words.</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y5/6 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Strategies at the point of writing. (<i>Support for Spelling Y6T1i and T3i</i>) Revise apostrophe for possession.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Teach words with rare GPCs from Y5/6 word list eg bruise, guarantee, queue, immediately, vehicle, yacht.</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Words ending in -ible and -ibly. (<i>Spelling Bank p 36</i>)</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> eg altar/alter, ascent/assent, bridle/bridal, led/lead, steal/steel. (<i>Spelling Bank p 49</i>)</p> <p><b>Morphology/ Etymology:</b> Use spelling logs to record helpful etymological notes on curious/difficult words</p> <p><b>Dictionary:</b> Use a dictionary to create collections of words with common roots (<i>Spelling Bank p 34</i>)</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Checking from another source after writing eg spell check if on screen, spelling log, environmental print, spuddy.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Spellings</u></b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y5/6 word list. Suggest an average of 7 a term of highlighted words</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y5/6 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> A range of strategies for learning words.</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> eg cereal/serial, father/farther, guessed/guest, morning/mourning, who's/whose. (<i>Spelling Bank p 49</i>)</p> <p><b>Dictionary:</b> Teach use of dictionary to check words referring to first three or four letters. (<i>Support for Spelling p114</i>)</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Check writing for mis – spelled words which are on the Y5/6 word list.</p> <p><b>Morphology/ Etymology:</b> Teach morphemic and etymological strategies to be used when learning specific words eg from Y5/6 word list.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Spellings</u></b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y5/6 word list. Suggest an average of 7 a term of highlighted words</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y5/6 word list groups</b>.</p>

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<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> -able, -ible. Revise use of hyphen from Y5.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Revise words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c.</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b> Suffixes: Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer.</p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt -cious or -tious eg precious, ambitious.</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Proof reading in smaller chunks. Sentences, paragraphs.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y5/6 word list. Suggest an average of 7 a term of highlighted words</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y5/6 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Words containing the letter-string -ough. Revise apostrophe for contraction and possession.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Revise words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b></p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Endings which sound like /ʃəl eg official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential.</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> compliment/complement, desert/dessert, principal/principle, profit/prophet, stationery/stationary.</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Proof reading someone else's writing. Note strategies which help in spelling journal/log..</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y5/6 word list. Suggest an average of 7 a term of highlighted words</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y5/6 word list groups</b>.</p>	<p><b>Revisit and Review:</b> Spelling strategies at the point of writing.</p> <p><b>Teaching rarer GPCs:</b> Revise words with rare GPCs from Y5/6 word list eg bruise, guarantee, queue, immediately, vehicle, yacht.</p> <p><b>Prefixes and Suffixes:</b></p> <p><b>Word endings:</b> Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency</p> <p><b>Homophones:</b> draft/draught, dissent/descent, precede/proceed.</p> <p><b>Proof reading:</b> Embedding proof reading strategies when reviewing own writing independently.</p> <p><b>Learning Spellings</b> Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn words taught in new knowledge this term.</li> <li>• Learn words from Y5/6 word list. Suggest an average of 7 a term of highlighted words</li> <li>• Learn words from personal list.</li> </ul> <p>Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from <b>Y5/6 word list groups</b>.</p>

\*All example words listed in this document are non -statutory, except where they are from the Y3/4 and Y5/6 word lists.