

EYFS and KS1 Spelling Progression

Term	Week	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
Autumn	1	During this period, children will be taught the auditory training skills that will be required for reading and spellings.	Review auditory training and initial assessments.	The sounds 'f' and 's' spelt 'ff' and 'ss'	Common exception word list	
	2			The sounds 'l', 'z' and 'k' spelt 'll' 'zz' and 'ck'		Homophones sea/see be/ bee blue/blew to/too/two here/hear one/ won, sun/son
	3	Children will identify initial sounds as well as learn to spell and write their own names.		Digraphs 'ai' and 'oi' The digraphs ai and oi are never used at the end of English words. rain, wait, train, paid, afraid oil, join, coin, point, soil	Spelt 'i' in common exception words (find, kind, mind, behind, child, wild, climb)	
	4	In the first part of Summer 2, children will begin to learn the first 8 sounds from the RWI program – but earlier for the children who are ready.		Digraphs 'ay' and 'oy' ay and oy are used for those sounds at the end of words and at the end of syllables. day, play, say, way, stay boy, toy, enjoy, annoy	Words from statutory word lists	
	5	<i>m/a/s/d/t/i/n/p</i>		Children will learn to spell words that contain the first 8 sounds taught in RWI for the rest of the Summer term. (<i>m/a/s/d/t/i/n/p</i>) Words with 'am' E.g. am, sam, dam, pam,	Adding the endings –ing, to verbs where no change is needed to the root word. E.g. hunting, buzzing, jumping	Contractions In contractions, the apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full (e.g. can't – cannot). It's means it is (e.g. It's raining) or sometimes it has (e.g. It's been raining), but it's is never used for the possessive. <i>can't, didn't, hasn't, it's, couldn't, I'll, they're</i>
	6			Words with 'ad' E.g. add, mad, sad, dad	Split vowel digraphs 'a-e' and 'e-e' made, came, same, take, safe these, theme, complete	Common exception word list

7	Words with 'at' E.g. at, mat, sat, pat	Split vowel digraphs 'i-e' and 'o-e' five, ride, like, time, side home, those, woke, hope, hole	Sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' at the beginning of words (The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of years ago.) knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
8	Irregular (Red) words E.g: a, I, me, my	Digraph 'ee' see, tree, green, meet, week	Words from statutory word lists
9	Words with 'it' E.g. It, sit, pit,	Trigraph 'igh' high, night, light, bright, right	Sound spelt as 'ge' and 'dge' at the end of words, and sometimes as 'g' elsewhere in words before 'e', 'i' and 'y' badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
10	Words with 'in' E.g. in, sin, pin, din, tin	Digraph 'ar' car, start, park, arm, garden	Sound spelt 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y' race, ice, cell, city, fancy
11	Words with 'an' E.g. an, man, dan, tan, nan, pan	Adding the endings -ed to verbs where no change is needed to the root word. hunted, buzzed, jumped,	Sound spelt 'y' (This is by far the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words.) cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July
12	Irregular (Red) words E.g: the, you, go, no, was	/n/ sound spelt n before k Think, bank...	Adding endings '-ing', '-ed', '-er', '-est' to words ending in 'e' with a consonant before it The -e at the end of the root word is dropped before -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -y or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter is added. The exception is being. hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny
13	Words with 'ap' E.g. map, sap, tap, nap	The sound 'oa' spelt with diagraphs 'oa' 'ow' 'oe' boat, coat, road, coach, goal own, blow, snow, grow, show toe, goes	Spelt 'a' after 'w' and 'qu' (a is the most common spelling for the short o sound after w and qu.) want, watch, wander, quantity, squash
14	Words with 'id' E.g. did, mid, sid,	Digraphs 'ir' and 'ur' girl, bird, shirt, first, third turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday	Common exception word list
15	Review and Revisit	Days of the week Common	Review and revisit

			Exception words	
Spring	1	Words with 'ap' <i>E.g. map, sap, tap, nap</i>	The 'v' sound at the end of words spelt 've' have, live, give	Words from statutory word lists
	2	Words with 'c' <i>E.g. can, cap, cat, cod, cot</i>	Digraphs 'ow' and 'ou' now, how, brown. Down, town out, about, mouth, around, sound	Sound spelt 'wr' write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap
	3	Words with 'ed' <i>E.g. bed, fed, led, tred, sled</i>	Trigraphs 'air' and 'are' air, fair, pair, hair, chair bare, dare, care, share, scared	Sound spelt 'ey' The plural of these words is formed by the addition of -s key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley
	4	Irregular (Red) words <i>E.g: said, see, he, she, to</i>	Digraph 'ie' making the 'igh' and 'ee' sounds lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried chief, field, thief	Sound spelt '-le' at the end of words and following a consonant table, apple, bottle, little, middle
	5	Words with 'ig' <i>E.g. big, dig, fig, pig, rig</i>	Digraphs 'aw' and 'au' saw, draw, yawn, crawl author, August, dinosaur, astronaut	Homophones there, their, they're new/knew bare/bear, night/knight
	6	Words with 'en' <i>E.g. den, hen, men, pen, ten</i>	Common exception words	Common exception word list
	7	Words with 'et' <i>E.g. bet, get, let, met, net pet, set</i>	Adding s and es to words cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches	Common exception word list
	8	Words with 'id' <i>E.g. bid, did, hid, kid, lid, rid</i>	Trigraph 'ear' dear, hear, beard, near, year	Words ending '-tion' station, fiction, motion, national, section
	9	Words with 'ip' <i>E.g. dip, lip, hip, nip, zip, trip, drip</i>	Word ending with the 'ee' sound, spelt with 'y' very, happy, funny, party, family	Sound spelt '-el' at the end of words (The -el spelling is much less common than -le. The -el spelling is used after m, n, r, s, v, w and more often than not after s.) camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
	10	Irregular (Red) words <i>E.g: do, put, we, they</i>	The 'yoo' and 'oo' sounds spelt with split digraph 'u-e' June, rule, rude, use, tube, tune	Adding '-ing', '-ed', '-er', '-est' and '-y' to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant after a single vowel The last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep the short vowel sound Exception: The letter 'x' is never doubled: mixing, mixed, boxer, sixes

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	11		<p>Words with 'od' E.g. cod, nod, pod, rod,</p>	<p>The 'yoo' and 'oo' sounds spelt with digraphs 'ue' and 'ew' blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw</p>	<p>Adding '-es' to nouns and verbs ending in 'y' The y is changed to i before -es is added.</p> <p>flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries</p>
	12		<p>Words with 'og' E.g. dog, fog, hog, log, jog</p>	<p>Review and revisit</p>	<p>Review and revisit</p>
Summer	1		<p>Words with 'ot' E.g. cot, dot, got, pot, slot,</p>	<p>Adding -est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word Grandest, freshest, quickest</p>	<p>Words from statutory word lists</p>
	2		<p>Words with 'sh' E.g. ship, shut, shop, shed, shin</p>	<p>Digraph 'or' and trigraph 'ore' for, short, born, horse, morning more, score, before, wore, shore</p>	<p>Adding suffixes '-ful', '-less' and '-ly' If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words. Exception: Root words ending in -y with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable.</p> <p>enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily</p>
	3		<p>Words with 'th' E.g. thin, think, thick, thank</p>	<p>Using k for the 'k' sound The 'k' sound is spelt as k rather than as c before e, i and y. Kent, sketch, kit, skin</p>	<p>Adding suffixes '-ful', '-less' and '-ly' If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words. Exception: Root words ending in -y with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable.</p> <p>enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily</p>
	4		<p>Irregular (Red) words E.g: be, have saw, to, by</p>	<p>New consonant spelling 'ph' and 'wh' dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant when, where, which, wheel, while</p>	<p>Adding endings '-ing', '-ed', '-er', and '-est' to words ending in '-y' The y is changed to i before -ed, -er and -est are added, but not before -ing as this would result in ii. The only ordinary words with ii are</p>

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5		Words with 'ng' E.g. thing, sing, bring, ring	The sound 'ch' spelt 'tch' The 'ch' sound is usually spelt as tch if it comes straight after a single vowel letter. Exceptions: rich, which, much, such E.g.: catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch	Adding endings '-ing', '-ed', '-er', and '-est' to words ending in '-y' The y is changed to i before -ed, -er and -est are added, but not before -ing as this would result in ii. The only ordinary words with ii are skiing and taxiing. copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied ...but copying, crying, replying	
6		Words with 'ch' E.g. chin, chip, chop, chat	Adding the prefix -un without any change to the spelling of the root word unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock	Sound spelt '-al' at the end of words Not many nouns end in -al, but many adjectives do. metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal	
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9	Words with 'ad' E.g. Add, mad, sad, dad	Words with 'ee' E.g. feet, sheep, bee, deep, been	Adding the endings -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word. hunter, buzzer, jumper	Sounds spelt 'il' at the end of words pencil, fossil, nostril	
10	Words with 'at' E.g.	Irregular (Red) words	Stressed and unstressed digraph 'er'	The 'or' sound spelt 'a' before 'l' and 'll'	

		<i>At, mat, sat, pat</i>	<i>E.g: come, some...</i>	<u>Stressed:</u> her, term, verb, person <u>Unstressed:</u> better, under, summer, winter, sister	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
11		Words with 'it' <i>E.g. It, sit, pit,</i>	Words with 'igh' <i>E.g. high, fight, right, night, bright</i>	Compound words Compound words are two words joined together. Each part of the longer word is spelt, as it would be if it were on its own. football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry	Sound spelt 'or' or 'ar' after 'w' word, work, worm, world, worth war, warm, towards
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