

**Whitchurch**  
Primary School & Nursery



## Spelling Overview Year 1

**Revision of Reception work:** The boundary between revision of work covered in Reception and the introduction of new work may vary according to the assessment needs of the pupils, but basic revision should include: all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent; consonant digraphs and the sounds which they represent; vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent; the process of segmenting words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds; words with adjacent consonants rules and guidelines which have been taught.

<b>The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck</b> off, well, miss, buzz, back
<b>The sound spelt n before k</b> bank, think, honk, sunk
<b>-tch</b> catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch
<b>The v sound at the end of words</b> have, live, give
<b>Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)</b> cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches
<b>Adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word</b> hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer, jumping, jumped, jumper
<b>Adding -er and -est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word</b> grander, grandest, fresher, freshest, quicker, quickest
<b><u>Vowel digraphs and trigraphs</u></b>
ai oi ain, wait, train, paid, afraid oil, join, coin, point, soil
ay oy day, play, say, way, stay boy, toy, enjoy, annoy
a-e/e-e /i-e /o-e/ u-e made, came, same, take, safe/ these, theme, complete/ five, ride, like, time, side /home, those, woke, hope, hole /June, rule, rude, use, tube, tune
ar/ee car, start, park, arm, garden/see, tree, green, meet, week
ea/ea sea, dream, meat, each, read (present tense) /head, bread, meant, instead, read (past tense)
er/er(stressed sound): her, term, verb, person/ (unstressed schwa sound): better, under, summer, winter, sister ir/ur girl, bird, shirt, first, third /turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday
oo/oo food, pool, moon, zoo, soon/ book, took, foot, wood, good
oa/oe/ou boat, coat, road, coach, goal/ toe, goes/ out, about, mouth, around, sound
ow/ow/ue/ew now, how, brown, down, town /own, blow, snow, grow, show/ blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday/ new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw
ie/ie lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried /chief, field, thief /igh high, night, light, bright, right
or/ore for, short, born, horse, morning /more, score, before, wore, shore
aw/au saw, draw, yawn, crawl/ author, August, dinosaur, astronaut

**air/ear/ea/ are** air, fair, pair, hair, chair /dear, hear, beard, near, year /bear, pear, wear /bare, dare, care, share, scared

**Words ending - y** very, happy, funny, party, family **New consonant spellings ph and wh** dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant when, where, which, wheel, while

**Using k for the k sound** sketch, kit, skin, frisky **Adding the prefix -un** unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock

**Compound words** football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry

**Common exception words** the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our



## Spelling Overview Year 2

<p><b>The sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y</b> badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge /age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village /gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust</p>
<p><b>The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y</b> race, ice, cell, city, fancy</p>
<p><b>The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words</b> knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw</p>
<p><b>The / / sound spelt wr at the beginning of words</b> write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap</p>
<p><b>The /l/ or /l/ sound spelt -le at the end of words</b> able, apple, bottle, little, middle</p>
<p><b>The /l/ or /l/ sound spelt -el at the end of words</b> camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel</p>
<p><b>The /l/ or /l/ sound spelt -al at the end of words</b> metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal</p>
<p><b>Words ending -il</b> pencil, fossil, nostril</p>
<p><b>The / / sound spelt -y at the end of words</b> cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July</p>
<p><b>Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y</b> flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries</p>
<p><b>Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it.</b> copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied ...<b>but</b> copying, crying, replying</p>
<p><b>Adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, - est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it</b> hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny</p>
<p><b>Adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter</b> patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt a before l and ll</b> all, ball, call, walk, talk, always</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt o</b> other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt -ey</b> key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt a after w and qu</b> want, watch, wander, quantity, squash</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt or after w</b> word, work, worm, world, worth</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt ar after w</b> war, warm, towards</p>
<p><b>The sound spelt s</b> television, treasure, usual</p>
<p><b>The suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, - less and '-ly'</b> enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly /merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily</p>
<p><b>Contractions</b> can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll</p>

**The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)** Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's

**Words ending in -tion** station, fiction, motion, national, section

**Homophones and near-homophones** there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight

**Common exception words** door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children\*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas – and/or others according to programme used.

Note: 'children' is not an exception to what has been taught so far but is included because of its relationship with 'child'.



## Spelling Overview Years 3 & 4

<b>Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable</b> forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred
<b>The / / sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words</b> – myth /gym/pyramid/mystery
<b>The / / sound spelt ou</b> - young, touch, double, trouble, country
<b>More prefixes dis-</b> , <b>mis-</b> : disappoint, disagree, disobey misbehave, mislead, misspell (mis + spell) <b>in-</b> : inactive, incorrect <b>illegal</b> , illegible - <b>im</b> -immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible <b>re-</b> : redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate <b>sub-</b> : subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge <b>inter-</b> : interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related) <b>super-</b> : supermarket, superman, superstar <b>anti-</b> : antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial <b>auto-</b> : autobiography, autograph
<b>The suffix -ation</b> - information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
<b>The suffix -ly</b> - sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly), comically (comical + ly) happily, angrily gently, simply, humbly, nobly basically, frantically, dramatically
<b>Words with endings sounding like use</b> – treasure /measure or creature/ furniture
<b>Endings which sound like sion-</b> confusion/division/invasion
<b>The suffix -ous</b> poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various tremendous, enormous, jealous /humorous, glamorous, vigorous courageous, outrageous /serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous
<b>Endings which sound like / /, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian</b> invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion /expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission expansion, extension, comprehension, tension /musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
<b>Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch</b> – character/scheme/ chorus
<b>Words with the /sh / sound spelt ch</b> – chalet/machine/brochure
<b>Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt - que (French in origin)</b> league, tongue, antique, unique
<b>Spelt sc (Latin in origin)</b> science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
<b>Words spelt ei, eigh, or ey</b> vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey
<b>Possessive apostrophe with plural words</b> girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's
<b>Homophones or near-homophones</b> accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's

**Word list :** accident(ally), actual(ly), address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy/business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain, circle, complete, consider, continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, disappear, early, earth, eight/eighth, **enough**, exercise, experience, experiment, extreme, famous, favourite, February, forward(s), fruit, grammar, group, guard, guide, heard, heart, height, history, imagine, increase, important, interest, island, knowledge, learn, length, library, material, medicine, mention, minute, natural, naughty, notice, occasion(ally), often, opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar, perhaps, popular, position, possess(ion), possible, potatoes, pressure, probably, promise, purpose, quarter, question, recent, regular, reign, remember, sentence, separate, special, straight, strange, strength, suppose, surprise, therefore, though/although, thought, through, various, weight, woman, women



## Spelling Overview 5& 6

<p><b>Endings spelt -cious or -tious</b> vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious</p>
<p><b>Endings spelt- cial/tial</b> official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential</p>
<p><b>Words ending in -ant, -ance/- ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency</b> 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</p>
<p><b>Words ending in -able and -ible</b> adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable</p>
<p><b>Words ending in -ably and -ibly</b> possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly</p>
<p><b>Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer</b> referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred, reference, referee, preference, transference</p>
<p><b>Use of the hyphen</b> co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own</p>
<p><b>Words with the I before e rule except after c</b> deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling</p>
<p><b>Words containing the letter- string ough</b> ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough, through, thorough, borough plough</p>
<p><b>Words with 'silent' letters</b> doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight</p>
<p><b>Homophones and other words that are often confused</b> advice/advise, device/devise, licence/license, practice/practise, prophecy/prophesy, farther/further/father, guessed/guest, heard/herd, led/lead, morning/mourning, past/passed, precede/proceed, principal/principle, profit/prophet, stationary/stationery, steal/steel, wary/weary, who's/whose</p>
<p><b>Word list :</b> accommodate, accompany, according, achieve, aggressive, amateur, ancient, apparent, appreciate, attached, available, average, awkward, bargain, bruise, category, cemetery, committee, communicate, community, competition, conscience*, conscious*, controversy, convenience, correspond, criticise, (critic + ise), curiosity, definite, desperate, determined, develop, dictionary, disastrous, embarrass, environment, equip (-ped, - ment), especially, exaggerate, excellent, existence, explanation, familiar, foreign, forty, frequently, government, guarantee, harass, hindrance, identity, immediate(ly), individual, interfere, interrupt, language, leisure, lightning, marvellous, mischievous, muscle, necessary, neighbour, nuisance, occupy, occur, opportunity, parliament, persuade, physical, prejudice, privilege, profession, programme, pronunciation, queue, recognise, recommend, relevant, restaurant, rhyme, rhythm, sacrifice, secretary, shoulder, signature, sincere(ly), soldier, stomach, sufficient, suggest, symbol, system, temperature, thorough, twelfth, variety, vegetable, vehicle, yacht</p>