



Spelling Curriculum 2023-2024 - Overview

10-15 minutes daily

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Introduce words. Chn identify the sound. Chn categorise words on thinking frame. Explore any conventions.	Partner test. Chn speed spell words not yet able to spell correctly.	Chn speed spell words not yet able to spell correctly.	Chn speed spell words not yet able to spell correctly.	Teacher dictation using given words in context.

Assessment weeks throughout year to be used to review, revise and assess as needed.

Additional words can be found here if needed: [additional spelling words sorted by phoneme.xlsx](#)

Wk	Phoneme	Graphemes as previous years plus:				Building on KS1 knowledge	NC – Appendix 1 (Spelling conventions to be taught)
		Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
1	Review GPCs from KS1 (no new graphemes for these phonemes at KS2): d /d/ - d as in did, dd as in sudden v /v/ - v as in van, vv as in skivvy, f as in of l /l/ - l as in lot, ll as in bell x /ks/ - x as in fox h /h/ - h as in hit, wh as in who p /p/ - p as in pin, pp as in puppy th /θ/ - th as in thin th /ð/ - th as in the b /b/ - b as in bob, bb as in rubber z /z/ - z as in zip, zz as in buzz, s as in his All revising GPCs as above using wordlists below. Each year group to focus on own wordlist.						
	lid sudden very of	cold hidden everybody fall	difficult address believe savvy	describe muddle favourite revved	Phonemes with no new grapheme		

		pull zip box his who puppy thin the buzz rubber	boxes webbed whole happier path father frozen buzzing	finally poxy heard whose appear earth although bubbles zealous puzzling existence	complex illegal wholehearted opposite through therefore business squabbles enzyme quizzical excellent	correspondence in KS2	
2		Direct teach using GPCs/words from week 1 – children to apply this learning in independent work.					NC for English
		NC for English Y3/4 p27 use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	NC for English Y3/4 p27 use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.	NC for English Y5/6 p36 use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary use a thesaurus	NC for English Y5/6 p36 use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary use a thesaurus.		
3	a /æ/	Review GPC from KS1.	au as in laugh	ai as in plait i as in timbre	ah as in cheetah al as in salmon	a as in cat	
		after fast past class grass plant bath sadly mature adventure	accident material actually answer immature action natural address laugh draught	frantic average category harass explanation laughter ambitious programme timbre plait	dramatically exaggerate guarantee language sacrifice yacht meringue plaid salmon cheetah		

4	uh /ə/ l /əl/	ure as in picture ul as in careful re as in centre	o as in vision a as in musician ar as in irregular ou as in cautious	e as in confident our as in neighbour ough as in borough al as in special ol as in symbol	Appendix 1 Year 5/6 page 18 Words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, –ence/–ency	er as in farmer le as in little el as in tunnel il as in pencil	Y3/4 p12 The suffix –ation Y3/4 p13 Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ Y3/4 p13 The suffix –ous Y3/4 p14 Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –sion, –sion, –sion Y5/6 p18 Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious Y5/6 p18 Endings which sound like /ʃəl/
		answer treasure creature pressure centre careful playful beautiful difficult	quarter enclosure furniture occasion mention sugar popular separate famous various	leisure signature temperature familiar confident neighbour thorough muscle vegetable vehicle	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 page 18.		
5		table tunnel pedal fossil little squirrel capital nostril	bicycle circle material meddle medal natural possible musician permission	disastrous conscious individual physical symbol bridle bridal cereal serial principle principal			
6	t	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p11 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p11 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters	pt as in receipt bt as in doubt	cht as in yacht th as in Thomas ct as in indict	t as in tip tt as in butter	Y5/6 p20 Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)

		to words of more than one syllable	to words of more than one syllable				
		Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p11.	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p11.	definite restaurant twelfth determined palette attached committee receipt doubt debt	desperate identity variety pipette pterodactyl subtle yacht Thomas thyme indict		
7	n /n/	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p11 prefixes dis, mis,	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p11 prefixes in, ill, irr	mn as in mnemonic	pn as in pneumonia	n as in nut nn as in runner kn as in know gn as in gnat	Y5/6 p20 Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
		Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p11.	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p11.	morning mourning necessary reign apparent correspond bonnet sign knight mnemonic	innate tonne foreign controversy sovereign knowledge champagne mnemonically pneumatic pneumonia		
8	s	sc as in scent	sw as in answer z as in blitz	st as in thistle	ps as in psychology	s as in soft ss as in mess c as in cell	Y3/4 p14 Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)
		so house pass possible	perhaps increase address recent	soldier aggressive harass cemetery	secretary embarrass necessary practice		Y5/6 p20 Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters

		voice cell science scene discipline crescent	decide sentence notice fascinate answer waltz quartz	convenience existence prejudice muscle sword thistle whistle	practise wrestle apostle psychic psychology psalm hindrance		whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
9	i /ɪ/	y as in gym o as in women	a as in village u as in busy ui as in build	ia as in marriage ai as in bargain	ie as in sieve E as in English	i as in it e as in pretty	Y3/4 p11 The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words
		children interest improve consider history important pretty gym myth Egypt women	disappear promise bicycle mystery image village busy business minute building pyramid	signature physical rhythm language built marriage carriage bargain captain mountain	individual system average guilty sieve English equipped privilege prophet profit		
10	r /r/	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p12 The suffix -ly	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p12 The suffix -ly	rh as in rhyme	Appendix 1 Y5/6 p19 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer	r as in run rr as in barrel wr as in wrist	Y3/4 p12 The suffix -ly Y5/6 p19 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer
		Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p12.	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p12.	relevant frequently interrupt correspond embarrass written wrongly rhyme	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p19.		

				rhythm rhetorical rhubarb rhombus			
11	e /ɛ/	a as in any ai as in said ie as in friend	u as in bury	eo as in leopard	ei as in leisure ae as in haemorrhage	e as in bed ea as in head	
		remember pencil special breath treasure any many said again friend	exercise experiment sentence whether weather measure anywhere anyone against friendly bury	definite develop especially profession endeavour anybody again friendship buried leopard	environment suggest pleasurable Thames against befriend burial jeopardy leisure haemorrhage		
12	o /ɒ/	a as in want ow as in knowledge	Review GPCs from previous years. Appendix 1 p15 possessive apostrophe with plural words.	au as in fault	e as in envelope ou as in cough ach as in yacht	o as in pot	Y3/4 p15 1 p15 possessive apostrophe with plural words Y5/6 p20 Words containing the letter-string ough
		often bomb popular probably one want what swan wasp knowledge	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p15.	accommodate curiosity correspond foreign quality wander quarantine because fault Australia	competition conscience restaurant assault claustrophobia encore ensemble cough trough yacht		

13	i /aɪ/	ye as in bye y_e as in type	ei as in height is as in island	uy as in guy ais as in aisle ai as in bonsai	ia as in diamond ei as in feisty	i as in find ie as in pie i_e as in like y as in by igh as in night eye as in eye	Y5/6 p20 Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
		behind gigantic triangle cried exercise why fright eye dye type	library bicycle replied arrive surprise horrify knight height island isle	identity satisfied criticise qualify fortnight rhyme sleight buying aisle haiku	variety dignified recognise occupy lightning stereotype analyse Samurai diamond feisty		
14	ee /i:/	ie as in field ey as in money eo as in people e_e as in these	i_e as in marine ea_e as in please i as in taxi	ei as in protein ay as in quay	ae as in paediatric oe as in amoeba	e as in me ee as in see ea as in sea y as in funny	Y5/6 p20 Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c
		secret week meet meat February field money people complete extreme	recent equal seen scene breathe naughty believe valley machine helicopter	frequently guarantee steel steal especially police achieve receipt protein quay	appreciate proceed repeatedly opportunity mischievous precede tambourine unbelievable amoeba Caesar		
15	u /ʊ/	oul as in could o as in front	oe as in does ou as in young	Review GPCs from previous years. Appendix 1 Y5/6 p19 Use of the hyphen	o as in thorough	u as in nut oo as in look	Y5/6 p19 Use of the hyphen
		push pull shutter	butterfly flood shouldn't	Wordlists and spelling	interrupt pronunciation blood		

		some looked would could woman other Monday	mother nothing shove does enough trouble country	conventions given in Appendix 1 p19.	could've accompany stomach government tough thorough borough		
16	oo /u:/	wo as in two ou as in soup oe as in shoe	eu as in sleuth ough as in through ui as in fruit	ou_e as in route oo_e as in ooze	Review GPCs from previous years. Appendix 1 Y5/6 p19 Words ending in -able and -ible Words ending in - ably and -ibly	o as in to u as in hula oo as in soon ue as in blue u_e as in June ew as in blew	Y5/6 p20 Words containing the letter-string ough
		to too two hula glue rule stew group youth shoe	who's whose brutal loose lose drew flute sleuth through fruit	whom crusade balloon clueless parachute bruise acoustics manoeuvre route ooze	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p19.		
17	y /j/ you /ju:/	i as in onion u as in usual ew as in few ue as in cue u_e as in use	gne as in lasagne eu as in feud eau as in beauty	ewe as in ewe ie as in view	eue as in queue ui as in nuisance uu as in vacuum	y as in yes u as in usual ew as in few ue as in cue u_e as in use	Y5/6 p20 Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
		yellow onion actual usual popular	yesterday lasagne union particular regular	yoghurt opinion occupy community pursued	yacht communicate humour individual substitute		

		newest Tuesday rescue dune tube	fewest continue tune feud beautiful	tissue molecule therapeutic ewe reviewed	altitude pneumonia queue nuisance vacuum		
18	ar /ɑ:/	al as in half are as in are	ear as in heart arr as in charred	er as in clerk	Review GPCs from previous years. Appendix 1 Y5/6 p19 Words ending in –able and –ible Words ending in –ably and –ibly	ar as in car a as in father	Y5/6 p19 Words ending in –able and –ible Words ending in –ably and –ibly
		father bar carpark garden spark party half calm palm are	guard guardian partial farmyard calf qualms heart barred charring scarred	parliament marvellous bargain heartily disbarred embalmed behalf clerk sergeant Berkshire	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p19.		
19	m /m/	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p11 prefixes sub, inter, super	Review GPCs from KS1. Appendix 1 Y3/4 p11 prefixes re, anti, auto	mn as in solemn mme as in programme	gm as in diaphragm	m as in mum mm as in summer mb as in lamb	Y5/6 p20 Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
		Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p11.	Wordlists and spelling conventions given in Appendix 1 p11.	amateur muscle stomach medicine committee recommend	parliament accompany cemetery mischievous communication immediately		

				plumber autumn solemn programme	succumb condemn diaphragm paradigm		
20	oh /əʊ/	oe as in goes ew as in sew ao as in Pharaoh	oo as in brooch ough as in dough ou as in soul	ol as in folk au as in mauve	eau as in plateau	o as in no o_e as in home oa as in boat ow as in grow	Y5/6 p20 Words containing the letter-string ough
		most comb ghost wrote closed coach tomorrow potatoes sews Pharaoh	notice suppose throat knowing tomatoes brooch though although soul sole	echo noticeable approach gloating dough shoulder folk yolkless mauve aubergine	avocado ozone approachable loathsome furlough folklore chauffeur plateau chateau bureau		
21	ay /eɪ/	a as in paper eigh as in eight ey as in they	ei as in vein ea as in break aigh as in straight	au as in gauge et as in ballet	é as in café ae as in sundae er as in foyer	a_e as in make ai as in rain ay as in say	Y3/4 p14 Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey
		plane plain rainbow always holiday favourite eight weight they obey	grate great strange potatoes eighth survey reign rain rein straight	accommodate available stationary stationery ancient explanation weightless heinous gauge chalet	persuade faithfully pronunciation surveillance ricochet tourniquet canapé fiancé/e vertebrae foyer		
22	f /f/	ffe as in giraffe	ft as in often ough as in enough	pph as in sapphire	Review and revise as needed.	f as in fun ff as in fluff ph as in dolphin	Y5/6 p20 Words containing the letter-string ough
		famous forward fruit	favourite February therefore	familiar interfere forty			

		fluffiest different phonics dolphin telephone giraffe	difficult affect effect alphabet elephant often enough	sufficient physical prophet profit sapphire tough draught			
23	k /k/ nk /ŋ/	ch as in school nk as in sink	cc as in occasion que as in unique	All GPCs	Review and revise as needed.	c as in cat k as in kit ck as in back	Y3/4 p14 Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) Y3/4 p14 Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin)
		peculiar calendar kit duckling cracked school echo scheme sink blank	increase accidentally skinless tracking chemist chorus character occasionally antique unique	dictionary recognise sacrifice according accompany occur unthinkingly stomach choir plankton oblique cheque			
24	w /w/ kw /kw/	o as in once	oi as in choir ui as in cuisine	kw as in awkward cqu as in acquaintance	Review and revise as needed.	w as in wet wh as in when qu as in quack	
		weight were went when what while quiet quite one once	weather whether whisper quarter question choir cuisine anguish extinguish distinguish	twelfth whimsical equipment frequently persuade language awkward acquaintance reservoir memoir			

25	ou /aʊ/	ou_e as in house	All GPCs so far	ough as in plough	Review and revise as needed.	ou as in about ow as in cow	Y5/6 p20 Words containing the letter-string ough
		roundabout playground pronoun thousand growled vowel powerful downstairs house mouse	pronounced proudly council counsel cowardly however downtrodden towering household bounce	confounded foundation outrageous aloud allowed accountability downloadable plough bough drought			
26	or /ɔ:/	ar as in warm al as in walk our as in your ore as in more ure as in sure	au as in autograph auh as in naughty aur as in dinosaur oar as in abroad	ough as in ought	Review and revise as needed.	or as in for aw as in saw oor as in door a as in all	Y5/6 p20 Words containing the letter-string ough Y3/4 p12 prefixes
		forward reporter crawled bawl door poorly warn walk quarter therefore sure	important ordinary reassure autobiography automatic caught naughty thought dinosaur soaring nautical	assortment awkward according authority forty ought bought nought brought fought extraordinary			
27	er /ɜ:/	ere as in were or as in word	ear as in early our as in courteous urr as blurred	err as in referring yrh as in myrrh	Review and revise as needed.	er as in fern ir as in girl ur as in turn	Y5/6 p19 Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer
		certain fern circle	perhaps furniture century	journey adjournment determined			

		girl purpose surprise were worm work word	early heard earth learn courteous favourite blurred	interrupt occur deterred preferred transferred referred myrrh			
28	air /ɛə/	ere as in there eir as in their ey're as in they're	ar as in parent	aer as in aeroplane aire as in millionaire ayer as in prayer	Tier 3 words for high school	are as in care air as in hair ear as in bear	
		share square fare fair chair bear wear there their they're	carefully prepared barely impair despair hair hair therefore various parent	spared repaired premiere aerial aeroplane aerodynamic aerosol solitaire debonaire millionaire prayer			
29	ear /ɪə/	ere as in here	ee as in steer er as in bacteria ir as in souvenir	ier as in pier eir as in weird	Tier 3 words for high school	ear as in hear	Y3/4 p11 More prefixes
		fearful bearded nearly appear disappear yearly hear here severe sphere	dearest hemisphere cheerfully volunteer reindeer mountaineer experience serious delirious souvenir	persevere interfere sincerely domineering engineer chandelier fierce bacteria cafeteria weird			

30	oy /ɔɪ/	oi_e as in voice	uoy as in buoyant	awy as in lawyer	Tier 3 words for high school	oy as in boy oi as in boil	
		boy enjoy royal loyalty coin pointed spoil adjoins voice rejoice	employment clairvoyant boycott destroyer disappointed poisonous boisterous invoices turmoil buoyant	gargoyle flamboyant unemployable poignant anthropoid rejoicing avoidance moisturise buoyancy lawyer			Y3/4 p13 The suffix –ous
31	sh /ʃ/	ch as in chef ti as in fraction si as in pension	c as in ocean ci as in musician ss as in pressure ssi as in discussion	sci as in conscious xi as in anxious	Tier 3 words for high school	sh as in shop s as in sugar	
		shop sugar sure chef machine mention position partial pension mission	brochure chalet ocean curvaceous impartial reaction special musician pressure tissue possession	cautious ambitious appreciate essential especially dictionary competition profession explanation conscience conscious anxious			Y3/4 p12 The suffix –ation Y3/4 p14 Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian Y3/4 p14 Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) Y5/6 p18 Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious Y5/6 p18 Endings which sound like /ʃəl/
32	zh /ʒ/	si as in division ti as in equation	g as in regime ge as in beige	z as in seizure	Tier 3 words for high school	su as in treasure	
		treasure measure	pleasure enclosure	leisure exposure			P13 Endings which sound like /ʒən/

		closure usual occasion fusion decision version equation	composure casually vision visual conclusion regime genre beige	visualise precision erosion collusion aubergine camouflage sabotage seizure			
33	g /g/ ng /ŋ/	gu as in guard gh as in ghost	gue as in league ngue as in tongue	All GPCs	Tier 3 words for high school	g as in dog gg as in dagger	Y3/4 p14 Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin)
		grammar regular group dagger guard guide ghost ghastly length strength	staggeringly aghast yoghurt guessed guest league vague fatigue tongue meringue	government bargain aggressive guarantee spaghetti lightning language catalogue colleague plague dialogue			
34	ch /tʃ/	tu as in future	ti as in question te as in righteous	c as in cello	Tier 3 words for high school	ch as in church tch as in hatch	Y3/4 p13 Words with endings sounding like /tʃə/ or /ʒə/
		church chat hatch watch creature picture adventure actual	champion chimpanzee kitchen scratching furniture natural century question	achievement attached mischievous signature temperature exhaustion suggestion amateur			

			digestion righteous	opportunity cello			
35	j /dʒ/	ge as in barge dge as in dodge		di as in soldier du as in individual gg as in exaggerate	Tier 3 words for high school	j as in jug g as in gem	Y3/4 p13 Words with endings sounding like /tʃə/ or /ʒə/
		jewel jacket imagine giant largely edge ledge badge bridge	adjacent objection jealousy judicial gentle energy fringe knowledge unabridged judgements	judicious prejudice dungeon language privilege vegetable soldier individual suggestion exaggerate			