



Knowledge and Skills Progression – Phonics and Spelling Rules



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy.	Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with the letter/s. Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and a full stop	To know all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent. To recognise consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent. To recognise words with adjacent consonants. To accurately spell most words containing the 40+	To segment spoken words into phonemes and to represent these with graphemes, spelling many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others. To recognise new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known and to learn some words with each spelling, including some common homophones (e.g. bare/bear, blue/blew, night/knight). To apply further Y2 spelling rules and guidance*, which includes:	To spell words with the /ei/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey' (e.g. vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey). To spell words with the /I/ sound spelt 'y' in a position other than at the end of words (e.g. mystery, gym). To spell words with a /k/ sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g. scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character). To spell words ending in the /g/ sound	To spell words with / shuhn/ endings spelt with 'sion' (if the root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd', e.g. division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'ssion' (if the root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit', e.g. expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with 'tion' (if the root word ends in 'te' or 't' or has no definite root, e.g. invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion). To spell words with a / shuhn/ sound spelt with	To spell words with endings that sound like / shuhs/ spelt with -cious (e.g. vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious). To spell words with endings that sound like / shuhs/ spelt with -tious or -ious (e.g. ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious). To spell words with 'silent' letters (e.g. doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight). To spell words containing the letter string 'ough' (e.g. ought, bought, thought,	To spell words ending in -able and -ably (e.g. adorable/ adorably, applicable/ applicably, considerable/ considerably, tolerable/ tolerably). To spell words ending in -ible and -ibly (e.g. possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/ terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly). To spell words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie' or 'ei' after 'c' (e.g. deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling) and exceptions (e.g. protein, caffeine, seize).

		<p>previously taught phonemes and GPCs. To spell some words in a phonically plausible way, even if sometimes incorrect. To apply Y1 spelling rules and guidance, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck' and exceptions; the /ŋ/ sound spelt 'n' before 'k' (e.g. bank, think); dividing words into syllables (e.g. rabbit, carrot); the /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as 'tch' and exceptions; the /v/ sound at the end of words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the /dʒ/ sound spelt as 'ge' and 'dge' (e.g. fudge, huge) or spelt as 'g' or 'j' elsewhere in words (e.g. magic, adjust); the /n/ sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' (e.g. knock, gnaw); the /r/ sound spelt 'wr' (e.g. write, written); the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -le (e.g. little, middle) or spelt -el (e.g. camel, tunnel) or spelt -al (e.g. metal, hospital) or spelt -il (e.g. fossil, nostril); the /aɪ/ sound spelt -y (e.g. cry, fly, July); adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y where the 'y' is changed to 'i' before the -es (e.g. flies, tries, carries); 	<p>spelt 'gue' and the /k/ sound spelt 'que' (e.g. league, tongue, antique, unique). To spell words with a / sh/ sound spelt with 'ch' (e.g. chef, chalet, machine, brochure). To spell words with a short /u/ sound spelt with 'ou' (e.g. young, touch, double, trouble, country). To spell words ending with the /zher/ sound spelt with 'sure' (e.g. measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure). To spell words ending with</p>	<p>'cian' (if the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs', e.g. musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician). To spell words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc' (e.g. sound spelt with 'sc' (e.g. science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent).</p>	<p>nought, brought, fought, rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough, through, thorough, borough, plough, bough).</p>	<p>To spell words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter using 'cial' (e.g. official, special, artificial). To spell words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter using 'tial' (e.g. partial, confidential, essential).</p>
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		<p>where the letter 'e' usually needs to be added (e.g. have, live);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adding -s and -es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs); • adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. buzzer, jumping); • adding -er and -est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word (e.g. fresher, grandest); • spelling words with the vowel digraphs and trigraphs: - 'ai' and 'oi' (e.g. rain, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y (e.g. skiing, replied) and exceptions to the rules; • adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before (including exceptions); • adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter (including exceptions); • the /ɔ:/ sound (or) spelt 'a' before 'l' and 'll' (e.g. ball, always); • the /ʌ/ sound spelt 'o' (e.g. other, mother, brother); 	<p>the /cher/ sound spelt with 'ture' (e.g. creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure).</p>			
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		<p>wait, train, point, soil);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'oy' and 'ay' (e.g. day, toy, enjoy, annoy); - a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e (e.g. made, theme, ride, woke, tune); - 'ar' (e.g. car, park); - 'ee' (e.g. green, week); - 'ea' (e.g. sea, dream); - 'ea' (e.g. meant, bread); - 'er' stressed sound (e.g. her, person); - 'er' unstressed schwa sound (e.g. better, under); - 'ir' (e.g. girl, first, third); - 'ur' (e.g. turn, church); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the /i:/ sound spelt -ey: the plural forms of these words are made by the addition of -s (e.g. donkeys, monkeys); • the /ɒ/ sound spelt 'a' after 'w' and 'qu' (e.g. want, quantity, squash) • the /ɜ:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w' (e.g. word, work, worm); • the /ɔ:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' (e.g. warm, towards); • the /ɜ/ sound spelt 's' (e.g. television, usual). 				
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'ore' (e.g. before, shore); - 'aw' (e.g. yawn, crawl); - 'au' (e.g. author, haunt); - 'air' (e.g. hair, chair); - 'ear' (e.g. beard, near, year); - 'ear' (e.g. bear, pear, wear); - 'are' (e.g. bare, dare, scared); • spelling words ending with -y (e.g. funny, party, family); • spelling new consonants 'ph' and 'wh' (e.g. dolphin, alphabet, wheel, while); • using 'k' for the /k/ sound (e.g. sketch, kit, skin). 					
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