

Year 4 Yearly Spelling Programme 26 - 27

Autumn 1

Week	Spelling rule / focus	Spellings
1	Review: common tricky words	because, people, could, would, should, every, great, break, pretty, busy
2	Adding prefixes un- and dis-	unhappy, unfair, unusual, unwell, unlock, dislike, disagree, disappear, dishonest, disobey
3	Adding prefixes mis- and re-	misbehave, mislead, mistake, misplace, misread, redo, return, replay, rewrite, reappear
4	Words ending in -tion	action, station, nation, mention, question, position, solution, direction, attention, invention
5	The /i/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery, symbol, system, typical, crystal, lyrics
6	Tricky and statutory words	accident, actually, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe

Autumn 2

Week	Spelling rule / focus	Spellings
1	Adding suffix -ly	sadly, completely, usually, finally, gently, simply, humbly, nobly, basically, frantically
2	Suffix -ous	dangerous, famous, various, tremendous, enormous, jealous, poisonous, joyous, mountainous, courageous
3	Words ending -sure and -ture	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, leisure, picture, nature, adventure, creature, furniture
4	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch	scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character, school, anchor, stomach, technology, mechanic
5	Words with the /sh/ sound spelt ch	chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute, moustache, chute, champagne, chauffeur, charade
6	Tricky and statutory words	build, business, calendar, caught, centre, century, certain, circle, complete, consider

Spring 1

Week	Spelling rule / focus	Spellings
1	Prefixes in-, im-, il- and ir-	inactive, incorrect, insecure, impossible, impatient, immature, illegal, illegible, irregular, irresponsible
2	Suffix -ation	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration, registration, temptation, observation, expectation, education
3	Words ending -sion	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television, revision, explosion, extension, tension
4	Homophones and near-homophones	there, their, they're, here, hear, heel, heal, he'll, peace, piece
5	Tricky and statutory words	continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, early, earth, eight, eighth, enough

Spring 2

Week	Spelling rule / focus	Spellings
1	Words ending -gue and -que	league, tongue, catalogue, dialogue, vague, unique, antique, technique, mosque, cheque
2	Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent, scissors, scent, descend, ascend, muscle
3	Possessive apostrophe with plural words	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, women's, teachers', parents', dogs', horses'
4	Double consonants when adding suffixes	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, preferred, preferring, limited, limiting, gardener, gardening
5	Tricky and statutory words	exercise, experience, experiment, extreme, famous, favourite, February, forward, fruit, grammar

Summer 1

Week	Spelling rule / focus	Spellings
1	Prefixes sub-, inter-, super-, anti- and auto-	submarine, subway, interact, international, supermarket, superhero, antiseptic, anticlockwise, autograph, automatic
2	Words ending -cian, -ssion, -tion	musician, electrician, magician, discussion, expression, permission, collection, completion, fraction, operation
3	Homophones	accept, except, affect, effect, ball, bawl, berry, bury, brake, break
4	Words with silent letters / unusual spellings	answer, island, knowledge, often, perhaps, guard, guide, heard, heart, history
5	Tricky and statutory words	group, guard, guide, heard, heart, height, history, imagine, important, increase

Summer 2

Week	Spelling rule / focus	Spellings
1	Suffixes beginning with vowels	hoping, hopping, making, running, writing, biggest, saddest, shining, planned, preferred
2	Word families	sign, signal, signature, design, solve, solution, solver, real, reality, realise
3	Homophones and commonly confused words	weather, whether, whose, who's, your, you're, to, too, two, where
4	Statutory words	island, knowledge, learn, length, library, material, medicine, mention, minute, natural
5	Consolidation: challenging words	occasion, occasionally, often, opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar, perhaps, popular, position

Key Spelling Rules

Prefixes: Prefixes are added to the beginning of a root word. Most do not change the spelling of the root word. in- may become im-, il- or ir- depending on the first letter of the root word.

-ly: Usually add -ly to an adjective. Words ending in -y often change y to i before -ly; words ending in -le often change to -ly.

-ous: The suffix -ous means 'full of' or 'having'. Some root words change when the suffix is added.

-ation / -tion / -sion / -ssion / -cian: These endings commonly represent the /shun/ sound. The correct ending often depends on the root word.

Suffixes beginning with vowels: For short-vowel words ending consonant-vowel-consonant, the final consonant is often doubled before a vowel suffix: run → running. A final silent e is often dropped: hope → hoping.

Possessive apostrophes: Use an apostrophe after a regular plural ending in s (girls'). For irregular plurals not ending in s, add apostrophe + s (children's).

Homophones: Words can sound the same but have different spellings and meanings. Teach them in meaningful sentences.

Word families: Related words share a root and meaning, although pronunciation or spelling may change: sign, signal, signature.