

No Nonsense

**Spelling**

# **Spelling Pathway**

## **Years 2 to 6**

## Year 2

## Term 1

**Revisit**

Phase 5 GPCs as required by pupils

**Homophones**

Introduce Year 2 homophones when relevant. (example homophones: *see/sea, be/bee blue/blew, bear/bare, flour/flower, hear/here, whole/hole, one/won, sun/son, no/know, night/knight, to/too/two*)

**Year 2 phonics**

- The sound /d / spelt '-ge' and '-dge' at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as 'g' elsewhere in words before 'e', 'i' and 'y'.
- The /s/ sound spelt 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y'
- The /n/ sound spelt 'kn' and (less often) 'gn' at the beginning of words

**Common exception words /a**

/ sound spelt 'i' in common exception words: *find, kind, mind, behind, child (children), wild, climb* as well as others as needed by pupils.

**Strategies at the point of writing**

Teach, practise and apply spelling strategies at the point of writing using Have a Go strategies:

- Segmentation
- Using a GPC chart
- Using spelling journals, word banks, the environment, a working wall.
- Word sort • Which one looks right?

**Proofreading**

After writing, teach pupils to:

- Use a reliable source (word bank, environmental print) to check their spelling at the proofreading stage.
- Check writing for mistakes in common exception/tricky words.
- Ensure that guidance on marking is used to support children's proofreading.

**Learning and practising spellings**

Teach children how to learn and practise spellings including words taught in new knowledge, common exception or tricky words and individual target words.

- Identify the tricky part of the word
- Segmentation strategy
- Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check
- Rainbow write
- Saying the word in a funny way

## Term 2

**Revisit**

The /l/ or /əɪ/ sound spelt '-le' at the end of words

**Homophones and near homophones**

*quite/quiet, night/knight, new/knew, not/knot, they're/there/their* and others as relevant

**Apostrophe**

The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns) Apostrophe for contractions (*can't, didn't, hasn't, it's, couldn't, I'll, they're*)

**Year 2 phonics**

The /a / sound spelt 'y' at the end of words  
The /i:/ sound spelt '-ey'  
The /r/ sound spelt '-wr' at the beginning of words  
The / / sound spelt 'a' after 'w' and 'qu'  
The sound / / spelt 's'

**Common exception words**

Examples include: *most, only, both, could, would, should, move, prove, improve* and others as needed by pupils

**Suffixes**

Adding endings '-ing-', '-ed', '-er', '-est', '-y' to words ending in 'e' with a consonant before it  
Adding '-ing-', '-ed', '-er', '-est' and '-y' to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter  
Adding '-es' to nouns and verbs ending in 'y'  
The suffixes '-ful', '-less' and '-ly'  
Words ending in '-tion'

**Strategies at the point of writing**

- Have a go
- Using the working wall to find correct spellings of high frequency and common exception words
- Using an alphabetically-ordered word bank

**Proofreading:**

After writing, teach pupils to:

- Use a reliable source (word bank, environmental print) to check their spelling at the proofreading stage.
- Check writing for mistakes in common exception / tricky words.
- Use dictionary skills

Ensure that guidance on marking is used to support pupils' proofreading.

**Learning and Practising spellings**

- If not already introduced, introduce the use of spelling journals.
  - Focus on learning of knowledge and patterns taught this term
- Remind pupils of the following strategies:
- Segmentation
  - Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check
  - Using mnemonics
  - Saying the word in a funny way

## Term 3

**Revisit**

The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)

**Homophones**

Revision of all homophones taught so far

**Apostrophe**

The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)

**Year 2 phonics**

The /l/ or /əɪ/ sound spelt '-el' at the end of words  
The /l/ or /əɪ/ sound spelt '-al' at the end of words  
The /l/ or /əɪ/ sound spelt '-il' at the end of words (unusual spelling)  
The /:/ sound spelt 'a' before 'l' and 'll'  
The /:/ sound spelt 'ar' after 'w' The // sound spelt 'o'  
The /:/ sound spelt 'or' after 'w'

**Common exception words**

All Year 2 words not taught so far

**Suffixes**

Adding endings '-ing', '-ed', '-er', and '-est' to words ending in 'y'  
The suffixes '-ment', '-ness',

**Strategies at the point of writing**

Teach, practise and apply spelling strategies at the point of writing using Have a Go strategies

- Introduce individual Have a Go sheets if not established already
- Teach using analogy to spell a word you don't know

**Proofreading**

After writing, secure routines for proofreading:

- Use a reliable source (word bank, environmental print and dictionary) to check their spelling at the proofreading stage.
- Check writing for mistakes in common exception or tricky words.
- Ensure that guidance on marking is used to support pupils' proofreading.

**Learning and practising spellings**

- Secure learning routines with resources, for example spelling journals or environmental print.

Remind pupils of the following strategies:

- Writing in the air
- Tracing over the word
- Rainbow writing
- Look, say, cover, write, check

## Year 3

## Term 1

**Revisit**

Common exception words from Year 2

**Prefixes and suffixes** Revise

prefix 'un'.

New prefixes: 'pre-', 'dis-', 'mis-', 're-'.

Revise suffixes from Year 2: '-s', '-es', '-ed', '-ing', '-er'

**Rare GPCs**

The /e / sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or

'ey' The // sound spelt 'y'

Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt 'gue' and the /k/ sound spelt '-que' (French in origin)

**Homophones**

*brake/break, grate/great, eight/ate, weight/wait, son/sun*

**Apostrophe**

Revise contractions from Year 2

**Proofreading**

Focus: checking after writing the spelling of KS1 common exception or tricky words.

**Strategies at the point of writing**

Reintroduce Have a go sheets and strategies from Year 2.

**Learning and Practising spellings** Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 3 and 4 word list. (Suggest an average of 5 or 6 words each term.) • Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 3 and 4 word list.

## Term 2

**Revisit**

Strategies at the point of writing.

Suffixes from Year 2 ('-ness' and '-ful', with a consonant before)

**Prefixes and suffixes**

Prefixes: 'sub-', 'tele-', 'super-', 'auto-'

Suffixes 'less' and 'ly'

**Rare GPCs**

The // sound spelt 'ch' (mostly French in origin)

The /k/ sound spelt 'ch' (Greek in origin)

**Homophones**

*here/hear, knot/not, meat/meet*

**Apostrophe**

Revise contractions from Year 2

**Proofreading**

Revise proofreading routines

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

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## Term 3

**Revisit**

Strategies for spelling at the point of writing

Vowel digraphs from Years 1 and 2

**Prefixes and suffixes**

Suffix '-ly' with root words ending in 'le' and 'ic'

Previously taught suffixes

**Rare GPCs**

The // sound spelt 'y' other than at the end of words (*gym, myth*)

The // sound spelt 'ou' (*young, touch*)

**Homophones**

*heel/heal/he'll, plain/plane, groan/grown, rain/ rein/reign*

**Apostrophe**

Revise contractions from Year 2

**Proofreading**

Proofread own writing for misspellings of personal spelling list words.

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 3 and 4 word list. (Suggest an average of 5 or 6 words each term.) • Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 3 and 4 word list.

## Year 4

**Revisit**

Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go

**Rare GPCs**

Revise:

- The /e / sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey'
- The / / sound spelt 'ch'
- The / / sound spelt 'ou' (all from Year 3)

**Word endings:**

Words ending /ure/ (*treasure, measure*)

**Prefixes and Suffixes**

- Prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'
- Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable ('-ing', '-en', '-er', 'ed')

**Homophones**

*peace/piece, main/mane, fair/fare*

**Apostrophe**

Possessive apostrophe with singular proper nouns (*Cyprus's population*)

**Proofreading**

Teach proofreading strategies

**Learning and Practising spellings** Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
  - Learn words from the Years 3 and 4 word list. (Suggest an average of 5 or 6 words each term.)
- Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 3 and 4 word list.

**Revisit**

Year 3 rare GPCs

**Rare GPCs**

The /g/ sound spelt 'gu'

**Word endings**

Words ending /t əə/ spelt 'ture' (*creature, furniture*)

Endings that sound like / əən/, spelt '-tion', '-sion', '-ssion', '-cian' (*invention, comprehension, expression, magician*)

**Prefixes and Suffixes**

Prefixes 'anti-' and 'inter-'  
Suffix '-ation'

**Homophones**

*scene/seen, male/mail, bawl/ball*

**Apostrophe**

Revise contractions from Year 2  
Possessive apostrophe with plurals

**Proofreading**

Model how to use various strategies in proofreading, including using a dictionary.

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
  - Learn words from the Years 3 and 4 word list. (Suggest an average of 5 or 6 words each term.)
- Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 3 and 4 word list.

**Revisit**

Prefixes from Year 3: 'un-', 'dis-', 'in-', 're-', 'sub-', 'inter-', 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-'. Focus where needed.

**Rare GPCs**

Words with the /s/ sound spelt 'sc' (Latin in origin)

**Word endings**

Endings that sound like / əən/ spelt '-sion' (*division, confusion*)

**Prefixes and Suffixes**

Suffix '-ly'. Teach the exceptions, for example 'y' changed to 'i', 'le' ending changed to 'ly', 'ic' ending changed to '-ally'  
Suffix '-ous' (*poisonous, outrageous*)

**Homophones**

*whether/weather, who's/whose, missed/mist, medal/meddle, team/teem*

**Apostrophe**

Apostrophe for possession, including singular and plural

Revise contractions from Year 2 and plural apostrophe rules

**Proofreading**

Check writing for misspelt words that are on the Years 3 and 4 word list.

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
  - Learn words from the Years 3 and 4 word list. (Suggest an average of 5 or 6 words each term.)
- Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 3 and 4 word list.

## Year 5

**Revisit**

Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go  
Plurals (adding '-s', '-es' and '-ies')  
Apostrophe for contraction and possession

**Rare GPCs**

Words with 'silent' letters

**Morphology/ Etymology**

Use spelling journals to record helpful  
etymological notes on curious or difficult  
words

**Word endings**

Words with the letter string '-ough'  
Words ending in '-able' and '-ible'

**Homophones**

*isle/aisle, aloud/allowed, affect/effect, herd/  
heard, past/passed*

**Hyphen**

Use of the hyphen (*co-ordinate, co-operate*)

**Dictionary**

Use of a dictionary to support teaching of word  
roots, derivations and spelling patterns Use  
of a dictionary to create word webs

**Proofreading**

Focus on checking words from  
personal lists.

**Learning and Practising spellings** Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 5 and 6 word list. (Suggest an average of 7 words each term.) • Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling  
strategies and apply to high-frequency  
and cross-curricular words from the  
Years 5 and 6 word list.

**Revisit**

Strategies at the point of writing: Have a  
go Apostrophe for possession

**Rare GPCs**

Teach words with rare GPCs from the Year  
5 and 6 word list (*bruise, guarantee,  
queue, immediately, vehicle, yacht*)  
Words with the /i:/ sound spelt 'ei' after 'c'  
(*receive, ceiling*)

**Morphology/ Etymology**

Teach extension of base words using  
word matrices.

**Word endings**

Words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly'  
Revise words ending in '-able' and '-ible'

**Homophones**

*altar/alter, led/lead, steal/steel*

**Dictionary**

Use a dictionary to create collections of words  
with common roots

**Proofreading**

Checking from another source after writing  
(spell check if on screen, spelling journals,  
environmental print, spelling partners)

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 5 and 6 word list. (Suggest an average of 7 words each term.) • Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling  
strategies and apply to high-frequency  
and cross-curricular words from the  
Years 5 and 6 word list.

**Revisit**

Strategies at the point of writing: Have a  
go A range of strategies for learning words

**Homophones**

(*cereal/serial, father/farther, guessed/guest,  
morning/mourning, who's/whose*)

**Suffixes**

Problem suffixes

**Dictionary**

Teach use of dictionary to check words, refer-  
ring to the first three or four letters

**Proofreading**

Check writing for misspelt words that are on  
the Years 5 and 6 word list

**Morphology/ Etymology**

Teach morphemic and etymological  
strategies to be used when learning  
specific words

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 5 and 6 word list. (Suggest an average of 7 words each term.) • Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling  
strategies and apply to high-frequency  
and cross-curricular words from the  
Years 5 and 6 word list.

## Year 6

**Revisit**

Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go  
Words ending '-able/ably', '-ible/ibly'

**Rare GPCs**

Revise words with the /i:/ sound spelt  
'ei' after 'c'.

**Prefixes and Suffixes**

Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters  
to words ending in '-fer'.

**Word endings**

Endings that sound like /ous/ spelt '-cious' or  
'-tious' (*precious, ambitious*)

**Homophones**

*advice/advise, device/devise, licence/license,  
practice/practise, prophecy/prophesy*

**Proofreading**

Proofreading in smaller chunks – sentences  
and paragraphs.

**Learning and Practising spellings** Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 5 and 6 word list. (Suggest an average of 7 words each term.)
- Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 5 and 6 word list.

**Revisit**

Words containing the letter string '-ough'

**Prefixes and Suffixes**

Generating words from prefixes and suffixes

**Word endings**

The / æl/ sound, words ending 'tial' and 'cial'  
(*official, special, artificial, partial,  
confidential, essential*)

**Homophones**

*compliment/complement, desert/dessert,  
principal/principle,  
profit/prophet, stationery/  
stationary* All homophones from  
KS2

**Proofreading**

Proofreading someone else's writing. Note  
down strategies that help in spelling  
journals

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 5 and 6 word list. (Suggest an average of 7 words each term.)
- Learn words from personal lists.

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 5 and 6 word list.

**Revisit**

Spelling strategies at the point of writing

**Rare GPCs**

Revise words with rare GPCs from the Years  
5 and 6 word list (*bruise, guarantee, queue,  
immediately, vehicle, yacht*)

**Word endings**

Words ending in '-ant', '-ance'/'-ancy', '-ent',  
'-ence'/'-ency'

**Homophones and near homophones**

*draft/draught, dissent/descent, precede/pro-  
ceed, wary/weary*

**Proofreading**

Embedding proofreading strategies when  
reviewing own writing independently.

**Learning and Practising spellings**

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 5 and 6 word list. (Suggest an average of 7 words each term.)
- Learn words from personal lists
- Root words and meanings

Extend the knowledge of spelling strategies and apply to high-frequency and cross-curricular words from the Years 5 and 6 word list.