

Spelling Curriculum Map 2026 - 2027

Year 4

Throughout the year, children will complete weekly spelling tests to support their writing.

Please help your children to practice them at home and make it fun!

We will monitor the children's progress throughout the year. This may mean that children's spelling list may change to better suit their individual needs, we will send these adapted lists home should this occur, after speaking with you.

Autumn Term 1

Week	Date	Focus	Spelling Words
Week 1	Friday 11th September 2026	These words are homophones or near homophones. They have the same pronunciation but different spellings and/or meanings.	accept, except, knot, not, peace, piece, plain, plane, weather, whether
Week 2	Friday 18th September 2026	The prefix 'in-' can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into.' In these spellings the prefix 'in-' means 'not.'	inactive, incorrect, invisible, insecure, inflexible, indefinite, inelegant, incurable, inability, inadequate
Week 3	Friday 25th September 2026	Before a root word starting with l, the 'in-' prefix becomes 'il-'. Before a root word starting with r the prefix 'in-' becomes 'ir-'	illegal, illegible, immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect, irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible
Week 4	Friday 2nd October 2026	The prefix 'sub-' which means under or below.	submarine, subject, subway, submerge, subtropical, subdivide, subheading, substandard, subtitle, submit
Week 5	Friday 9th October 2026	The prefix 'inter-' means between, amongst or during.	interact, intercity, international, interfere, interview, intercept, intercom, internet, interchange, interface
Week 6	Friday 16th October 2026	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	calendar, appear, believe, grammar, increase, interest, opposite, straight, strength, women
Week 7	Friday 23rd October 2026	The suffix '-ation' is added to verbs to form nouns.	information, sensation, preparation, vibration, decoration, donation, duration, registration, population, determination

Autumn Term 2

Week	Date	Focus	Spelling Words
Week 8	Friday 6th November 2026	The suffix '-ation' is added to verbs to form nouns.	adoration, admiration, coronation, detonation, observation, location, generation, exploration, combination, illustration
Week 9	Friday 13th November 2026	Adding -ly to adverbs. Remembering words ending in '-y' become '-ily' and words ending in '-le' become '-ly.'	sadly, completely, wildly, bravely, gently, foolishly, proudly, horribly, nervously, happily
Week 10	Friday 20th November 2026	Adding '-ly' to to turn an adjective into an adverb when the final letter is 'l.'	usually, finally, beautifully, thoughtfully, wonderfully, carefully, faithfully, peacefully, cruelly, generally
Week 11	Friday 27th November 2026	Word with the 'sh' sound spelled ch. These words are French in origin.	chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute, chute, chaperone, chandelier, crochet, quiche
Week 12	Friday 4th December 2026	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	complete, continue, experiment, famous, favourite, February, naughty, material, knowledge, remember
Week 13	Friday 11th December 2026	Adding the suffix '-ion.' When the root word ends in 'd,' 'de' or 'se' then the suffix '-ion' needs to be '-sion.'	expansion, extension, comprehension, tension, suspension, exclusion, provision, explosion, erosion, invasion
Week 14	Friday 18th December 2026	Adding the suffix -ous.' Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters. Sometimes there is no obvious root word though.	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, marvellous, perilous, tremendous, enormous, jealous, precious, disastrous

Spring Term 1

Week	Date	Focus	Spelling Words
Week 15	Friday 8th January 2027	The suffix '-ous.' The final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the sound of 'g' is to be kept.	courageous, outrageous, nervous, famous, adventurous, advantageous, ridiculous, carnivorous, rapturous, torturous
Week 16	Friday 15th January 2027	The 'ee' sound spelt with an 'i.'	merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily, prettiest, nastiness, beautiful, pitiful, silliness
Week 17	Friday 22nd January 2027	The suffix '-ous.' If there is an 'ee' sound before the '-ous' ending, it is usually spelled as i, but a few words have e.	serious, obvious, curious, hideous, spontaneous, courteous, furious, various, victorious, gaseous

Week 18	Friday 29th January 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	breath, business, caught, different, exercise, extreme, medicine, possession, although, thought
Week 19	Friday 5th February 2027	The 'au' digraph.	naughty, caught, fraught, automatic, astronaut, cause, author, applaud, taught, audience
Week 20	Friday 12th February 2027	The suffix '-ion' when the root word ends in 't' or 'te' then the suffix becomes '-tion.'	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion, stagnation, nomination, migration, conservation, selection

Spring Term 2

Week	Date	Focus	Spelling Words
Week 21	Friday 26th February 2027	The suffix '-ion' becomes '-ssion' when the root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit.'	expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission, impression, obsession, procession, omission, concussion
Week 22	Friday 5th March 2027	The suffix '-cian' used instead of '-sion' when the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs'.	musician, magician, electrician, politician, mathematician, technician, optician, beautician, physician, dietician
Week 23	Friday 12th March 2027	Adding '-ly' to create adverbs of manner. These adverbs describe how the verb is occurring.	reluctantly, quickly, generously, unexpectedly, gently, curiously, furiously, seriously, victoriously, courteously
Week 24	Friday 19th March 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	group, height, particular, potatoes, separate, surprise, through, various, though, woman

Summer Term 1

Week	Date	Focus	Spellings
Week 25	Friday 16th April 2027	Homophones – words which have the same pronunciation but different meanings and/or spellings.	scene, seen, whose, who's, affect, effect, here, hear, heel, heal
Week 26	Friday 23rd April 2027	The /s/ sound spelt c before 'i' and 'e'.	circle, century, centaur, circus, princess, voice, medicine, celebrate, celery, pencil
Week 27	Friday 30th April 2027	Some words have similar spellings, root words and meanings. We call these word families. This list contains 'sol word family' and 'real word family' words.	solar, solution, soluble, insoluble, dissolve, real, reality, realistic, unreal, realisation

Week 28	Friday 7th May 2027	Some words have similar spellings, root words and meanings. We call these word families - 'phon word family' and 'sign word family' words are in this spelling list.	phone, telephone, phonics, microphone, phonograph, sign, signature, assign, designer, signaller
Week 29	Friday 14th May 2027	Prefixes – 'super-' 'anti' and 'auto.'	supermarket, superman, superstar, superhuman, antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial, autobiography, autograph, automatic
Week 30	Friday 21st May 2027	The prefix bi- meaning two.	bicycle, biplane, biped, bicentennial, biannual, bilingual, bicuspid, biceps, binoculars, bisect
Week 31	Friday 28th May 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	accident, actual, address, answer, appear, arrive, believe, business, calendar, caught

Summer Term 2

Week	Date	Focus	Spelling Words
Week 32	Friday 11th June 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	certain, circle, complete, consider, continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, early
Week 33	Friday 18th June 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	enough, exercise, extreme, famous, favourite, guard, guide, heard, heart, height
Week 34	Friday 25th June 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	Imagine, increase, island, knowledge, library, medicine, minute, naughty, occasionally, ordinary
Week 35	Friday 2nd July 2027	National Curriculum Y3 and Y4 List	Peculiar, possession, promise, quarter, regular, reign, strength, therefore, various, weight

No Spelling assessment planned: Friday 9th July and Friday 16th July 2027.