

Spelling Curriculum Year 4

Autumn Term

Week	Convention	Challenging Words (National Curriculum Word List)	Topic words / common mistakes
1 & 2	Spell words with the suffix –ly e.g. happily, easily, sleepily, angrily, gently, simply, nobly basically, frantically, dramatically	Revision of Y3 Challenging Words	
3 & 4	Spell words with the -sure ending e.g. treasure, measure, pleasure, enclosure, closure	Revision of Y3 Challenging Words	
5 & 6	Spell words with the -ture ending e.g. mixture, adventure, capture, feature, moisture, nature, picture, vulture	probably, naughty, perhaps	
7	Spell words with the suffix –ous e.g. glory/glorious, fury/furious courage/courageous fame/famous space/spacious danger/dangerous, mountain/mountainous	various, different, opposite	
Half term			
1 & 2	Spell words with the suffix –al e.g. medical, personal, capital, national, traditional	describe, surprise, suppose, decide	
3 & 4	Spell words with the suffix –ary e.g. dictionary, glossary, necessary, library, anniversary	library, ordinary, February	
5 & 6	Spell words with the suffix –ic e.g. historic, specific, terrific, rhythmic, horrific	popular, regular, difficult	
7	Spell common homophones e.g. fair/fare, break/brake, peace/piece, main/mane Assess all Term 1 Spelling Conventions	Assess all Term 1 Challenging Words	

Spring Term

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1 & 2	Spell words with the -tion ending e.g. fiction, fraction, direction, attention	experience, mention, position	
3 & 4	Spell words with the -sion ending collision, confusion, exclusion, explosion, extension	experiment, extreme, favourite	
5 & 6	Spell words with the -ssion ending e.g. profession, session, percussion, passion, mission, possession	exercise, occasion(ally), possess(ion)	
Half term			
1 & 2	Spell words with the -cian ending e.g. physician, optician, magician, politician, electrician	possible, potatoes, pressure, sentence	
3 & 4	Add suffixes to words ending in -f, -ff, -ve and -fe e.g. calf, elf, leaf, self cuff, sniff, puff, cliff curve, swerve, glove, believe knife, life, safe, wife	promise, purpose, quarter, therefore	
5 & 6	Spell plural words with possessive apostrophes e.g. girls', children's Assess all Term 2 Spelling Conventions	Assess all Term 2 Challenging Words	

Summer Term

Week	Convention	Challenging Words (National Curriculum Word List)	Topic words / common mistakes
1 & 2	Spell words where the k sound is spelt ch (Greek origin) e.g. chorus, chaos, echo, stomach. character	accident(ally), actual(ly), believe	
3 & 4	Spell words where the sh sound is spelt ch (French origin) e.g. chalet, chef, brochure, parachute, machine	bicycle, busy, business, particular, peculiar	
5 & 6	Spell -gue and -que words (French origin) e.g. tongue, antique e.g. plague, tongue, rogue, league, vague antique, cheque, mosque, picturesque, unique	calendar, continue, knowledge, separate, straight	
Half term			
1 & 2	Spell words where the s sound is spelt sc (Latin origin) e.g. scene. science, scissors, ascend, descend, scented, crescent	material, medicine, natural, special,	
3 & 4	Spell the more uncommon ei, eigh and ey graphemes for the a sound e.g. vein, sleigh, obey, they, weigh, eight, grey	eight, eighth, weight	
5 & 6	Assess all Term 3 Spelling Conventions	Assess all Term 3 Challenging Words	