National Curriculum Planning Document



Y1 Spelling Appendix

This document contains the Y1 Spelling appendix and should support the planning, teaching and learning of Spelling in Year 1.	be	used	to

Spelling - work for year 1

Revision of reception work

Statutory requirements

The boundary between revision of work covered in Reception and the introduction of new work may vary according to the programme used, but basic revision should include:

- all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent
- consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent
- vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent
- the process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds
- words with adjacent consonants
- guidance and rules which have been taught

Statutory requirements
The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck
The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k
Division of words into syllables

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are usually spelt as ff , ll , ss , zz and ck if they come straight after a single vowel letter in short words. Exceptions : if, pal, us, bus, yes.	off, well, miss, buzz, back
	bank, think, honk, sunk
Each syllable is like a 'beat' in the spoken word. Words of more than one syllable often have an unstressed syllable in which the vowel sound is unclear.	pocket, rabbit, carrot, thunder, sunset

Statutory requirements
-tch
The /v/ sound at the end of words

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
The /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as tch if it comes straight after a single vowel letter. Exceptions : rich, which, much, such.	catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch
English words hardly ever end with the letter v , so if a word ends with a /v/ sound, the letter e	have, live, give

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory) usually needs to be added after the 'v'.	Example words (non-statutory)
Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)	If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelt as -s. If the ending sounds like /Iz/ and forms an extra syllable or 'beat' in the word, it is spelt as -es.	cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches
Adding the endings – ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word	 -ing and -er always add an extra syllable to the word and -ed sometimes does. The past tense of some verbs may sound as if it ends in /Id/ (extra syllable), /d/ or /t/ (no extra syllable), but all these endings are spelt -ed. If the verb ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on. 	hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer, jumping, jumped, jumper
Adding –er and –est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word	As with verbs (see above), if the adjective ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on.	grander, grandest, fresher, freshest, quicker, quickest

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs

Some may already be known, depending on the programmes used in Reception, but some will be new.

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs
ai, oi
ay, oy
а–е
e–e
i–e
о–е
u–e
ar
ee
ea (/i:/)
ea (/ε/)
er (/3:/)
er (/ə/)
ir
ur

Example words (non-statutory)
rain, wait, train, paid, afraid oil, join, coin, point, soil
day, play, say, way, stay boy, toy, enjoy, annoy
made, came, same, take, safe
these, theme, complete
five, ride, like, time, side
home, those, woke, hope, hole
June, rule, rude, use, tube, tune
car, start, park, arm, garden
see, tree, green, meet, week
sea, dream, meat, each, read (present tense)
head, bread, meant, instead, read (past tense)
(stressed sound): her, term, verb, person
(unstressed <i>schwa</i> sound): better, under, summer, winter, sister
girl, bird, shirt, first, third
turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs
oo (/u:/)

oo (/ʊ/)

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Very few words end with the letters oo , although the few that do are often words that primary children in year 1 will encounter, for example, <i>zoo</i>	food, pool, moon, zoo, soon
	book, took, foot, wood, good

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs
oa
oe
ou
ow (/aʊ/)
ow (/əʊ/)
ue
ew
ie (/aɪ/)
ie (/i:/)
igh
or
ore
aw
au
air
ear
ear (/٤ə/)
are (/εə/)

Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
The digraph oa is very rare at the end of an English word.	boat, coat, road, coach, goal
	toe, goes
The only common English word ending in ou is <i>you</i> .	out, about, mouth, around, sound
Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo')	now, how, brown, down, town
sounds can be spelt as u-e , ue and ew . If	own, blow, snow, grow, show
words end in the /oo/ sound, ue and ew	blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday
are more common spellings than oo .	new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw
	lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried
	chief, field, thief
	high, night, light, bright, right
	for, short, born, horse, morning
	more, score, before, wore, shore
	saw, draw, yawn, crawl
	author, August, dinosaur, astronaut
	air, fair, pair, hair, chair
	dear, hear, beard, near, year
	bear, pear, wear
	bare, dare, care, share, scared

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Words ending –y (/i:/ or /I/)		very, happy, funny, party, family
New consonant spellings ph and wh	The /f/ sound is not usually spelt as ph in short everyday words (e.g. <i>fat</i> , <i>fill</i> , <i>fun</i>).	dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant when, where, which, wheel, while
Using k for the /k/ sound	The /k/ sound is spelt as k rather than as c before e , i and y .	Kent, sketch, kit, skin, frisky
Adding the prefix – un	The prefix un — is added to the beginning of a word without any change to the spelling of the root word.	unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock
Compound words	Compound words are two words joined together. Each part of the longer word is spelt as it would be if it were on its own.	football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry
Common exception words	Pupils' attention should be drawn to the grapheme-phoneme correspondences that do and do not fit in with what has been taught so far.	the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our – and/or others, according to the programme used