

Year 3 and 4 spelling curriculum

Dear Parents,

We know that lots of you like to know more about ways that you can help your child.

The National Curriculum outlines that children in year 3 and 4 should learn the following spelling rules. We have split them up into patterns for year 3 and year 4:

Yr 3 objectives	Specific Words to learn	Yr 4 objectives	Specific Words to learn
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	Actual(ly)	The l sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of the words	Bicycle
The /u/ sound spelt ou	Enough, favourite <i>Young, touch, double, trouble, country</i>	Prefixes <i>ll, im, ir, sub, inter, in, re,</i>	
Prefixes <i>Un, dis, mis, super, anti, auto</i>	Disappear,	Suffix <i>ation</i>	
Suffix <i>Ly, ous</i>	Accidentally, occasion(ally) Various, famous	Words ending in <i>sure</i> and <i>ture</i>	Pressure
Words ending in <u>sion</u>		Endings that sound like <i>sion</i> <i>tion, sion, ssion, cian</i>	Possession, mention, position
Words spelt with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek origin)		Words spelt with /sh/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)	
Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)		Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt <i>gue</i> and /k/ sound spelt <i>- que</i> (French in origin)	
Words with the /eɪ/ sounds spelt <i>ei, eigh.</i> or <i>ey</i>	Eight, Eighth, weight, reign	Possessive apostrophe with plural words	
		Homophones and near-homophones	Reign, weight, eight, heard, caught, island, through

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The curriculum also states that children in lower KS2 should learn to spell the following words. Once again we have split them up into lists to be tackled in year 3 and year 4:

Yr 3 words 44	Address, appear, arrive, build, busy/business, century, certain, circle, decide, describe different, difficult, early, earth, February, forward, fruit, group, history, island, learn, length, library, minute, natural, notice, often, perhaps, potatoes, promise, quarter, question, recent, remember, special, suppose, popular, possible, probably, therefore, al/though, thought, woman
Yr 4 words 41	Answer, believe, breath/e, calendar, centre, complete, consider, continue, exercise, experience, experiment, extreme, favourite, grammar, guard, guide, heart, height, imagine, increase, important, interest, knowledge, material, medicine, naught, opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar, straight, strange, strength , purpose, regular, sentence, separate, surprise, women

We will be teaching these words in school, in addition to any spelling objectives from previous years that they are not yet confident with. We hope that these lists prove to be helpful when you are working with your child at home.

The Lower Junior Team