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Year 3 - Writing

Writing - Transcription	Writing - Handwriting	Writing – Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation	Writing - Composition
 Spelling (see English Appendix 1) Pupils should be taught to: use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1) spell further homophones spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1) place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's] use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far. 	 Pupils should be taught to: use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch]. 	 Pupils should be taught to: develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by: extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause using fronted adverbials learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in English Appendix 2 indicate grammatical and other features by: using commas after fronted adverbials indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns using and punctuating direct speech use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading. 	 Pupils should be taught to: plan their writing by: discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar discussing and recording ideas draft and write by: composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures (English Appendix 2) organising paragraphs around a theme in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings] evaluate and edit by: assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.



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Spelling – work for years 3 and 4

Revision of work from years 1 and 2

Pay special attention to the rules for adding suffixes.

New work for years 3/4 and 4

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Spelling		
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation
The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	These words should be learnt as needed.	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery
The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou	These words should be learnt as needed.	young, touch, double, trouble, country
More prefixes	Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in – below. Like un– , the prefixes dis– and mis– have negative meanings.	dis- : disappoint, disagree, disobey mis- : misbehave, mislead, misspell (mis + spell)
	The prefix in- can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.	in-: inactive, incorrect

Before a root word starting with I, in- becomes iI.	illegal, illegible
Before a root word starting with m or p , in– becomes im– .	immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect
Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir	irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible
re- means 'again' or 'back'.	re-: redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate
sub- means 'under'.	sub-: subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge





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Spelling		
	inter- means 'between' or 'among'.	inter-: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)
	super- means 'above'.	super-: supermarket, superman, superstar
	anti– means 'against'.	anti-: antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial
	auto- means 'self' or 'own'.	auto-: autobiography, autograph
The suffix –ation	The suffix -ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
The suffix –ly	The suffix -ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply. The suffix -ly starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.	sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly), comically (comical + ly)

Spelling	Spelling	Example words
	Exceptions:	
	(1) If the root word ends in –y with a consonant letter before it, the y is changed to i , but only if the root word has more than one syllable.	happily, angrily
	(2) If the root word ends with -le, the -le is changed to -ly.	gently, simply, humbly, nobly
	 (3/4) If the root word ends with -ic, -ally is added rather than just -ly, except in the word <i>publicly</i>. 	basically, frantically, dramatically
	(4) The words <i>truly</i> , <i>duly</i> , <i>wholly</i> .	
Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt -sure.	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure
/tʃə/	The ending sounding like <i>I</i> tʃə <i>I</i> is often spelt -ture , but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending – e.g. <i>teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher.</i>	creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure
Endings which sound like /ʒən/	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as -sion .	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television
The suffix –ous	Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters.	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous,
	Sometimes there is no obvious root word.	various



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Spelling	Spelling	Example words
	-our is changed to -or before -ous is added.	tremendous, enormous, jealous
	A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept.	humorous, glamorous, vigorous
	If there is an /i:/ sound before the	courageous, outrageous
	-ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.	serious, obvious, curious
		hideous, spontaneous, courteous



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Spelling	Spelling	Example words
Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian	Strictly speaking, the suffixes are -ion and -ian . Clues about whether to put t , s , ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word.	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion
	-tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te.	expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission
	 -sion is used if the root word ends in ss or -mit. -sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions: attend - attention, intend - intention. -cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs. 	expansion, extension, comprehension, tension musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		chef, chalet, machine, brochure
Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt – que (French in origin)		league, tongue, antique, unique
Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)	In the Latin words from which these words come, the Romans probably pronounced the c and the k as two sounds rather than one – /s//k/.	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey

Grammar/spelling	Grammar/spelling	Example words
Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The apostrophe is placed after the plural form of the word; -s is not added if the plural already ends in -s , but <i>is</i> added if the plural does not end in -s (i.e. is an irregular plural – e.g. <i>children's</i>).	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's (Note: singular proper nouns ending in an <i>s</i> use the 's suffix e.g. Cyprus's population)



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Grammar/spelling	Grammar/spelling	Example words
Homophones and near- homophones		accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's

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Word	Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes [for example super-, anti-, auto-]			
	Use of the forms a or an according to whether the next word begins with a consonant or a vowel [for example, a rock, an open box]			
	Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning [for example, solve, solution, solver, dissolve, insoluble]			
Sentence	Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore], or prepositions [for example, before, after, during, in, because of]			
Text	Introduction to paragraphs as a way to group related material			
	Headings and sub-headings to aid presentation			
	Use of the present perfect form of verbs instead of the simple past [for example, He has gone out to play contrasted with He went out to play]			
Punctuation	Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech			

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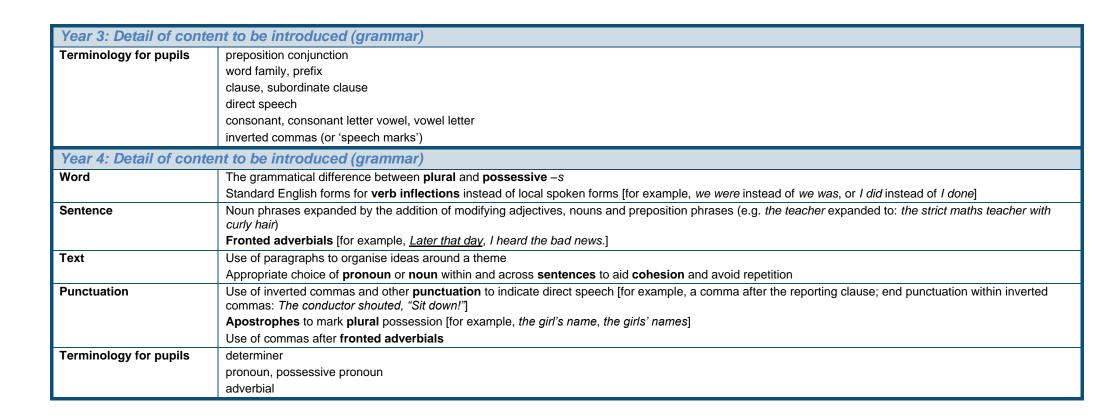
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	Autumn - English	Autumn – BIG Writing	Spring - English	Spring – BIG Writing	Summer - English	Summer – BIG Writing
	Narratives	NARRATIVE	Poetry	POETRY	Narratives:	Narrative
	Familiar Settings	1 st half term	2/3 weeks	1 st half term	Playscripts	1 st half term
	3/4 weeks		Shape		2/3 weeks	
	Claude in the City		Calligrams		Quest/Adventure	
	Alex T. Smith		Kennings/		West African	
	Mousehole Cat		Concrete poems		Stories Anansi	
	Antonia Barber		Limericks			
			Similes/			
			metaphors			
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<u> </u>	Non-	Non Chronological				
g	chronological	REPORT –	INSTRUCTIONS	INSTRUCTIONS -	Non-	Non-Chronological
ea	Reports	2 ND half term	3/4 weeks	2 nd half term	chronological	reports
×	3/4 Weeks		Recipes/ Games		Reports	2 nd half term
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	Contrasting		DT		Weeks <i>Local Area -</i>	
	Contrasting 2/3 weeks		DT		Weeks	
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