## National Curriculum 2014 Planning Document



Y1

## Spelling Appendix

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

## 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 <br> requirements |
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| The sounds $/ \mathrm{f} /, / \mathrm{I} /, / \mathrm{s} /$, <br> /z/ and $/ \mathrm{k} / \mathrm{spelt} \mathrm{ff}, \mathrm{II}$, <br> $\mathrm{ss}, \mathrm{zz}$ and ck |
| The $/ \mathrm{n} /$ sound spelt n <br> before k |
| Division of words into <br> syllables |


| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words <br> (non-statutory) |
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| The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are usually <br> spelt as ff, II, ss, zz and ck if they come straight <br> after a single vowel letter in short words. <br> 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. <br> Words of more than one syllable often have an <br> unstressed syllable in which the vowel sound is <br> unclear. | pocket, rabbit, carrot, <br> thunder, sunset |


| Statutory <br> requirements |
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| -tch |
| The /v/ sound at the <br> end of words |


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


| Statutory <br> requirements |
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| Adding s and es to <br> words (plural of nouns <br> and the third person <br> singular of verbs) |
| Adding the endings - <br> ing, -ed and -er to <br> verbs where no change <br> is needed to the root <br> word |
| Adding -er and -est to <br> adjectives where no <br> change is needed to the <br> root word |


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

## Vowel digraphs and trigraphs

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

| Vowel digraphs <br> and trigraphs |
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| ai, oi |
| ay, oy |
| a-e |
| e-e |
| i-e |
| o-e |
| u-e |
| ar |
| ee |
| ea (/i:/) |
| ea (/ع/) |
| er (/z:/) |
| er (/ə/) |
| ir |
| ur |


| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| The digraphs ai and oi are virtually never <br> used at the end of English words. | rain, wait, train, paid, afraid <br> oil, join, coin, point, soil |
| ay and oy are used for those sounds at <br> the end of words and at the end of <br> syllables. | day, play, say, way, stay <br> boy, toy, enjoy, annoy |
|  | made, came, same, take, safe |
|  | these, theme, complete |
|  | five, ride, like, time, side |
| Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo') | home, those, woke, hope, hole |
| sounds can be spelt as u-e. | car, start, park, arm, garden |
|  | see, tree, green, meet, week |
|  | sea, dream, meat, each, read (present <br> tense) |
|  | head, bread, meant, instead, read <br> (past tense) |
|  | (stressed sound): her, term, verb, <br> person |
|  | under, summer, winter, sister |
|  | girl, bird, shirt, first, third |
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| Vowel digraphs <br> and trigraphs |
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| oo (/u:/) |
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| oo (/v/) |


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


| Vowel digraphs <br> and trigraphs |
| :--- |
| oa |
| oe |
| ou |
| ow (/av/) |
| ow (/əv/) |
| ue |
| ew |
| ie (/ai/) |
| ie (/i:/) |
| igh |
| or |
| ore |
| aw |
| au |
| air |
| ear |
| ear (/عə/) |
| are (/عə/) |


| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| The digraph oa is very rare at the end of <br> an English word. | boat, coat, road, coach, goal |
|  | toe, goes |
| The only common English word ending in <br> ou is you. | out, about, mouth, around, sound |
| Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo') <br> sounds can be spelt as u-e, ue and ew. If <br> words end in the /oo/ sound, ue and ew <br> are more common spellings than oo. | now, how, brown, down, town <br> blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday <br> 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 |
|  | bare, dare, pair, hair, chair |


| Statutory <br> requirements |
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| Words ending -y <br> (/i:/ or /I/) |
| New consonant <br> spellings ph and wh |
| Using k for the /k/ <br> sound |
| Adding the prefix - <br> un |
| Compound words |
| Common exception <br> words |


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

