



Spelling Curriculum: Year 3

Autumn 1

Year 2 spelling rules. For children who had not completed the RWI programme before the end of Year 2, most of these will be new. For children who completed the RWI programme at some point during Year 2, some of these may be new and some revision. For children who completed the RWI programme at the end of Year 1, all of these rules will be revision.

- The 'j' sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y
- The 'n' sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words
- The 'r' sound spelt wr at the beginning of words
- The 'u' sound spelt o eg brother
- The -le spelling at the ends of words
- Words ending in -el

CEW Word List:

February, fruit, answer, arrive, busy, build, address, bicycle, breath, breathe, centre, circle

Autumn 2

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- Words ending in -al and -il
- The 'or' sound spelt a before l and ll eg ball
- The 'o' sound spelt a after w and qu eg want
- The 'er' sound spelt or after w eg word
- The 'or' sound spelt ar after w eg warm
- The 'sh' sound spelt 's' eg television

CEW Word List:

forward, forwards, favourite, island, eight, eighth, history, heart, early, earth, learn, length

Spring 1

Year 3/4 spelling rules



- Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable (split to 2 rules - stressed and unstressed consonants e.g. forget to forgetting and garden to gardening)
- Prefixes dis-, mis-, in- and im-
- The 'i' sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words eg city

CEW Word List:

decide, describe, often, opposite, minute, popular, position, potatoes, quarter, question, recent, regular

Spring 2

- The suffix -ly (including exceptions to the rule)
- Words with -sure and -ture endings
- Words with the 'ay' sound spelt ei, eigh or ey
- Words with the 'sh' sound spelt ch

CEW Word List:

guard, guide, notice, naughty, sentence, straight, strange, strength, recent, regular, woman, women

Summer 1

- The suffix -ous
- Words with the 's' sound spelt sc eg science
- Homophones: meat / meet, here / hear, brake / break, there / their / they're, quite / quiet, to / too / two
- The 'u' sound spelt ou eg trouble

CEW Word List:

thought, thorough, possible, mention, pressure, special, probably, remember

Summer 2

The aim of the Summer 2 curriculum is to revise and consolidate content from the year that children have found challenging. This should be determined by the teacher's ongoing assessment throughout the year (and informed by the progress tests).



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CEW Word List:

Explicitly teach CEW where less confidence is shown.