

Year 4 Spellings

Dear parents/carers,

This year your child will not be bringing home a weekly list of spellings. As many of the rules and patterns can be tricky, we will be teaching them over several weeks in order to embed them. Your child may, at times, bring home word searches, crosswords or other spelling games to help them continue their learning. The range of rules and patterns taught can be seen in the grids below.

Autumn Term	
<i>Rule</i>	<i>examples</i>
Year 3/4 words	See grid overleaf
Homophones	peace/piece, main/mane, fair/fare accept/except, reign/rain/rein
Prefix Ir, in, im, il	inactive, incorrect impossible, imperfect illegal, illegible irregular, irresponsible
Prefixes Super, sub, inter,	subheading, submarine interact, internal, interview. international supermarket, superstar
Words with endings sounding like 'sure' and 'ture'	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, ensure, closure, reassure, capture, fixture, gesture, mixture, signature.
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable -ing,- er, -en, ed	Forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, preferred, gardening, gardener, limiting, interested, interesting, limited

Spring Term	
<i>Rule</i>	<i>examples</i>
Year 3/4 words	See grid overleaf
Homophones	scene/seen, mail/male, bawl/ball, affect/effect, missed/mist
Prefixes anti, auto	anticlockwise, antibiotic, automatic, autograph,
Words with the sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey	Eight, freight, neighbour, obey, rein, sleigh, they, vein, weight,
Words ending with the 'g' sound and the 'k' sound	Rogue, tongue, catalogue, league, plague, antique, unique, cheque, plaque, technique.
Adding ending which sounds like 'shun' -cian, -sion, -tion, -ssion,	Invention, tension, discussion, magician, division, invasion, vision, confusion, decision, television, session, mission, optician, musician.

Summer Term	
<i>Rule</i>	<i>examples</i>
Year 3/4 words	See grid overleaf
Homophones	whether/weather, fair/fare, medal/meddle, berry/bury, knot/not, whose/who's
Adding -ous and -ation	Poisonous, dangerous, famous, enormous, jealous, serious, hideous, marvellous, curious, hilarious.
Rare GPCs – /s/ spelt sc	science, abscess, ascend, descend, scene, scent, scissors,
Adding suffix -ly (noun to adverb) including words ending in y, le and ic	Sadly, completely, usually, finally, happily, angrily, gently, simply, basically, dramatically
Revise spelling rules from Year 3/4	

Year 3 and 4 common exception word list

accident	century	experiment	interest	particular	remember
accidentally	certain	extreme	island	peculiar	sentence
actual	circle	famous	knowledge	perhaps	separate
actually	complete	favourite	learn	popular	special
address	consider	February	length	position	straight
answer	continue	forward(s)	library	possess	strange
appear	decide	fruit	material	possession	strength
arrive	describe	grammar	medicine	possible	suppose
believe	different	group	mention	potatoes	surprise
bicycle	difficult	guard	minute	pressure	therefore
breath	disappear	guide	natural	probably	though
breathe	early	heard	naughty	promise	although
build	earth	heart	notice	purpose	thought
busy	eight	height	occasion	quarter	through
business	eighth	history	occasionally	question	various
calendar	enough	imagine	often	recent	weight
caught	exercise	increase	opposite	regular	woman
centre	experience	important	ordinary	reign	women

There are also many websites that can help with spellings for example: [spellzone](#), [primary games arena](#), [BBC bitesize](#), [topmarks](#), [ICT games](#)