

Bournmoor Primary School Spelling Progression of skills

N	To learn to spell and write own name
	Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can:
	Spot and suggest rhymes
	Count or clap syllables in a word
	Recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.
	Introduce Phase 2 if able
R	Some high frequency words and common exception words
	VC words
	CVC words linked to Phase 2
	CCVC words linked to Phase 2
	Words linked to Phase 3 (Tricky words to also be included.)
	CVCC and CCVC words
	Polysyllabic words
	Introduce Phase 4 if able
Y1	Reception Revision
	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
	The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck
	The /ŋ / sound spelt n before k
	Division of words into syllables
	-tch
	The /v/ sound at the end of words
	Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)
	Adding the endings –ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word
	Adding –er and –est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word
	Vowels diagraphs and trigraphs
	ai oi/ay oy/a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e, ar, ee/ea/er/er/ir/ur/oo/oo/oa/ou/ow ow ue ew/ie/ie/igh/or/ore/aw/au/air/ear/are

	Words ending –y
	New consonant spellings ph and wh
	Using k for the /k/ sound
	Adding the prefix –un
	Compound words
	Common exception words
Y2	Revision from Y1
	As words with new GPCs are introduced, many previously-taught GPCs can be revised at the same time as these words will usually contain them.
	The /d/ 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 /s/ sound spelt c 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 /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –le at the end of words
	The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –el at the end of words
	The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –al at the end of words
	Words ending –il
	The /aɪ/ sound spelt –y at the end of words
	Adding —es to nouns and verbs ending in —y
	Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it
	Adding the endings – ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before it
	Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter
	The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before I and II
	The /n/ sound spelt o
	The /i:/ sound spelt –ey
	The /p/ sound spelt a after w and qu
	The /s:/ sound spelt or after w
	The /o:/ sound spelt of diter w
	The /ʒ/ sound spelt at after w
	The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful , –less and –ly
	Contractions
	CONTRACTIONS

	The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)
	Words ending in –tion
	Homophones and near-homophones
	Common exception words
Y3 / Y4	Revision from Y1 and 2
	Pay special attention to the rules for adding suffixes.
	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
	The / / I sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words
	The /n/ sound spelt ou
	More prefixes
	The suffix -ation
	The suffix -ly
	Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/
	Endings which sound like /ʒən/
	The suffix –ous
	Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –sion, –cian
	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)
	Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)
	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin)
	Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)
	Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey
	Possessive apostrophe with plural words
	Homophones and near-homophones
Y5 / Y6	Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious
	Endings which sound like /ʃəl/
	Words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, –ence/–ency
	Words ending in –able and –ible Words ending in –ably and –ibly
	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer
	Use of the hyphen
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Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c
Words containing the letter-string ough
Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
Homophones and other words that are often confused