Y3-6 spelling pathway 2025-2026

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	Year 2				Lower KS2				Upper KS2			
	Week's focus	Alternative spellings to teach	Suggested words	Statutory spellings to include	Week's focus	Alternative spellings to teach	Suggested words	Statutory spellings to include	Week's focus	Alternative spellings to teach	Suggested words	Statutory spellings to include
Week 1	Air Air like chair	Air, are, ear	Fair **Bear** **Bare** Care **Wear** fairy Prayer	There (Y1) Where (Y1) parents	Air Air like chair	Air, are, ear	**pair** **fair** **bare** **fare** **their** **there** **they're** **pear** **bear**	Various	Air Air like chair	Air, are, ear	aeroplane airport compare January their there **they're** hilarious	
Week 2	ow , oi Ow like owl, oi like coins	Ow, ou, oy oi	How Royal Coins Mountain Oil Howl boy	Our (Y1) House (Y1) Hour	ow , oi Ow like owl, oi like coins	Ow, ou, oy oi	Annoy destroy Prowl Proud Boiling House Pound Ground Spoiled Scowl		ow , oi Ow like owl, oi like coins	Ow, ou, oy oi	Annoyed destroy Prowl Foul Boiling Housing Pounded Ground Spoiled Scowl	
Week 3	Long a A like snail	Ai, ay, a_e, ey, aigh, eigh, ei, a	**Eight** **Rein** Play **Rain** cakes	They (Y1) Today (Y1) Great break steak	Long a A like snail	Ai, ay, a_e, ey, aigh, eigh, ei, a	Rain **Rein** holiday	They (Y1) Separate Reign Straight Weight Eight famous	Long a A like snail	Ai, ay, a_e, ey, aigh, eigh, ei	Obey Betray calculate	Weight (Y3/4) Reign (Y3/4) accommodate appreciate available Maintain neighbour
Week 4	Long igh	Igh, ie, y, i_e, i,	Night Lie	Find Mind	Long igh	Igh, ie, y, i_e, i, ui, is,	night Flies	Arrive Decide	Long igh	Igh, ie, y, i_e, i, ui,	identify **guidance**	Height (Y3/4) island (Y3/4)

	igh like night		Cry Fine **Quite** **quiet**	Kind Behind Wild Eye	igh like night	eigh	slight **terrify**	Guide Island Library height	igh like night	is, eigh		criticise environment lightning recognise rhyme sacrifice
Week 5	Tch Ch like	Ch, tch t(ure)	Church **Witch** **Which** Hutch Picture Fetch Catch watch	Child	Tch	Ch, tch t(ure)	bunch brunch screech catch picture bleach attach **witch** **which** butcher		Tch	Ch, tch t(ure)	kitchen attached pictured **which** **witch** spinach quench scratches watching	mischievous
Week 6	Ea Ea like elepha nt	E, ea	Head Healthy Wealthy Bread Wedding mend	Every Any Many again	Ea Ea like elephan t	E, ea	Head Healthy **bury** **berry** again	Says (Y1) Said (Y1) Rememb er Strength breath	Ea Ea like elepha nt	E, ea, ei	Wealth Stealth **whether** **weather** instead breakfast	Recommend Prejudice Leisure Vegetable
Week 7	D D like dog	D,dd,ed	**Rolled** Middle **Played** **Rode** **Road**	Gold Hold Told old	D D like dog	d,dd,ed, de	blonde **didn't** Chased	Would (Y2) Should (Y2) Could (Y2) Address Forwards describe ordinary	D D like dog	D, dd, ed, de	shield rebuild **soldier** changed required	Address (Y3/4) Develop Correspond Attached shoulder
Week 8	Long ee E like sheep	E, ee, ea, e_e, ey, ie, y, i	**Meat** **Meet** delete Happy Donkey **She'll**	People Everybody Every even	Long ee E like sheep	E, ee, ea, e_e, ey, ie, y, i	**he'll** week weak	Extreme Believe Various February Early Recent Complet e	Long ee E like sheep	E, ee, ea, e_e, ey, ie, y, i	disease **Receive** Disbelief Incomplet e	achieve committee Curiosity guarantee variety mischievous

Week 9	Long oo Oo like spoon	Oo, ew, ue, u_e, ui, u,	Grew blue True Prune choose mushroom	Move Prove Improve who	Long oo Oo like spoon	Oo, ew, ue, u_e, ui, u,	**Blue** **Blew** Snooze Chew Balloon Flute **Threw**	Fruit Through (revisit)	Long oo Oo like spoon	Oo, ew, ue, u_e, ui, u, ou	Dilute Pollute Chew Balloon Wound Snooze Allude Ruin	Fruit (Year 3/4) Bruise
Week 10	Ar Ar like star	Ar, ear, al, a	Farmer Heart starling	After Fast Last Past Pass Plant half	Ar Ar like star	Ar, ear, al, a	Calm Balm Garden Armour Llama harm	Father (Y2) Grass (Y2) Heart Guard	Ar Ar like star	Ar, ear, al	Calming Balm Gardener Armour Llama harmful	Father Christmas (Y2) Grass (Y2) Heart Guard
Week 11	L L like leg	L, ll, le, al, el	Little Really **Animal** travel Doll **Towel** Table **Pencil**	Full (Y1) Pull (Y1) Love (Y1)	L L like leg	L, ll, le, el, il	Metal **middle** Dial **Capital** Tunnel **Tinsel**	Possible Natural Circle Learn Length	L L like leg	L, ll, le, el	**Finally** **Finale** **Adorable** **Legible** **Tolerably** Pitiful Waterfall Llama Squirrel	Muscle marvellous
Week 12	Long (y)oo (y)oo like stew	Oo, ew, ue, u_e,	Few Tune Chew **Due** **Dew** Use puma	Beautiful	Long (y)oo (y)oo like stew	Oo, ew, ue, u_e, u	**Used** News Few tune	Actual Actually Continue Peculiar Regular Particular	Long (y)oo (y)oo like stew	Oo, ew, ue, u_e, u	**Usually** Newspaper Rescue Renew Fumes Hue Huge **human**	Nuisance Queue

Spring 26

	Year 2				**Lower KS2**				**Upper KS2**			
	Week's	Alternati	Suggested	Statutory	Week'	Alternativ	Suggested	Statutory	Week's	Altern	Suggested	Statutory

	focus	ve spellings to teach	words	spellings to include	s focus	e spellings to teach	words	spellings to include	focus	ative spellings to teach	words	spellings to include
Week 1	th/th Th like this, th like moth	th/th (e.g. this or thin)	This Then That Think Thin cloth	Path Bath Father clothes	th/th Th like this, th like moth	th/th (e.g. this or thin)	There Their They're (KS1 revisit)	Breath Breathe Earth Eighth Strength Though Thought through	th/th Th like this, th like moth	th/th (e.g. this or thin)	There (KS1) Their (KS1) They're (KS1) therapy	Though (Y3/4) Thoughtful (Y3/4) Through (Y3/4) Eighth (Y3/4) Therefore (Y3/4) Thorough Twelfth
Week 2 Different focus between upper and lower	Short oo Oo like book	Oo, u, oul,	Book Foot Took Woolly brook	Wouldn't Shouldn't Couldn't Push (Y1) Put (Y1)	Short oo Oo like book	Oo, u, oul, o	Book Stood Soot **Fully** **Pulley**	Should (Y2) Push (Y1) Put Woman Purpose	Ough	Ough with different pronunciations	Ought **Bought** **Brought** Rough Tough Enough Cough plough	Thorough Although (Y3/4)
Week 3	Z Like zip	Z, zz, se, s,	Zip Zoom Fizzy Lose Rose Doze Please	Because Wasn't (Y1)	Z Like zip	Z, zz, se, s, x	Zip Whizz Sneeze Please Prize	Exercise Surprise	Z Like zip	Z, zz, se, s, x	Desire Summarise Disguise Please Devise Whizz Zip	Surprise (Y3/4) Recognise Bruise
Week 4	Ear Ear like ear	Ear, eer, ere, er	Near **Dear** **Deer** Beer Ear **hear**	Here (Y1)	Ear Ear like ear	Ear, eer, ere, er	Hear cheer Sneer Earrings Steer fear	here (Y1 revisit) Disappear Experience Material	Ear Ear like ear	Ear, eer, ere, er	Endearing Sneer Clearing Fearful	Disappear (Y3/4) Experience (Y3/4) Material (Y3/4) Interfere Sincere Sincerely
Week	Long oa	Oa, ow,	Boat	Most	Long	Oa, ow,	Below	Potatoes	Long	Oa,	loaves	Though

5	Oa like boat	oe, o_e, o	Goat Show **Toe** **Tow** Home **Won't**	Only Both So (Y1)	oa Oa like boat	oe, o_e, o	**Groan** **grown** goes so sew	Suppose (revisit) though(revisit) Notice	oa Oa like boat	ow, oe, o_e, o	diagnose sew avocado Swallow alone	(Y3/4) although(Y3/4) Potatoes (Year 3/4 revisit) Programme
Week 6	w(a) w(a) like wasp	Wa.. qu…	Want What Wash Watch Wad Swan Swamp Squad Squash	Was (Y1)	w(a) w(a) like wasp	Wa.. qu…	Wasp Want Watch Wallet Wander Swap Swallow quad Squat Squash	w(a) w(a) like wasp	Words ending in -ant, ance, ancy -ent, ence, ency		<u>Root words:</u> Efficient Confident Deficient redundant Add your own	<u>Root words:</u> Frequent
Week 7	J J like jam	J, g(e), g(i) g (y), dge.	Fudge Badger Dodge Huge Jelly Germs Edge Just June July		J J like jam	J, g(e), g(i) g (y), dge.	Giant jealous Edge Fridge **Dodgy** stage juice	Knowledge Imagine strange	J J like jam	J, g(e), g(i) g (y), dge.	Juice jewellery journey	Average (revisit) Privilege Suggest Prejudice Exaggerate Vegetable Language
Week 8	N N like nest	N, nn, gn, kn	Knit Knee Gnaw Sign Running design **Knot** **not** **Knight** **Night** **know**		N N like nest	N, nn, gn, kn	Knee Gnat grinning design annoy connect anyone	Often Knowledge Enough	N N like nest	N, nn, gn, kn, ne	connection **campaign** knuckle migraine	naughty (Y3/4 revisit) reign (Y3/4 revisit) Bargain Ancient Interrupt Nuisance

Week 9	f/w F like fan **listen out for incorrectly pronounced th/f.*	f, ff, ph, w, wh	Frog Phonics Elephant Stuff whiff When Why Phone Dolphin	Friend (Y1) Whole who	f F like fan	f, ff, ph	sphere therefore phone alphabet chief chef coffee daffodil	different difficult	f F like fan	f, ff, ph, gh	amphibian hyphen Triumph photograph	Difficult (y3/4) sufficient forty frequently Interfere Definite physical
Week 10	Ure Like manure	Ure	Pure Cure Manure Lure Mixture Secure mature	Sure	B,p B like bag, p like pan	b.bb.p,pp	Apple Rubber Scrubbed	Appear Believe Opposite Probably Popular Suppose Library	B,p B like bag, p like pan	b,bb,p, pp	Jabbered Transparent **Unprepared**	Probably (Y3/4 revisit) Equipped Opportunity Embarrass equipment Symbol Apparent
Week 11	M M like mat	M, mm, mb	Lamb Hammer Jam Skim Mother Mrs	Climb Come (Y1) Some (Y1)	M M like mat	M, mm, mb	Plumber Lamb Dimmer	Climb (Y2) Grammar Experiment Woman Medicine Remember	M M like mat	M, mm, mb	Climber Plumber numb thumb	Programme Parliament Marvellous Immediate Immediately familiar
Week 12	/o(r)/ Or like fork	Or, aw, au, al augh, oor, ore, our	Saw **More** **Moors** **Talk** Launch **warm**	Door Floor Poor water	/o(r)/ Or like fork	Or, aw, au, al augh, oor, ore, our	Awful awesome **walking** August	Thought (revisit) Quarter (revisit) Although Caught Naughty forward	/o(r)/ Or like fork	Or, aw, au, al augh, oor, ore, our	**walking** August daughter Awesome	Caught (Y3/4 revisit) Ordinary (Y3/4 revisit) thought (Y3/4) according category awkward

Summer 26

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Week 1	Short u	U, o,	Sun Some Come Mum Brother Honey Lunch	money	Short u	U, ou, o,	Young Touch Double Trouble Country Ton Come Other Monday nothing		Prefixes in, im, il, ir		Illegal Irregular Impossible Imperfect Irrelevant Illegible Inactive Incorrect	
Week 2	Ur Ur like surf	Ur, er, ir, ear, (w)or ar	Worm Curly Earth Girl Pearl Turn Perfect Worst Burst	Were (Y1)	Ur Ur like surf	Ur, er, ir, ear, (w)or ar	Third **World** Burnt	Answer Calendar Consider Heard Interest Quarter perhaps	Ur Ur like surf	Ur, er, ir, ear, (w)or ar	**Worthy** thirst	heard (Y3/4 revisit) average Controversy desperate Determined Exaggerate government Occur
Week 3	R R like rat	R, wr, rr	**Write right** Mirror Wrist Hurry Rocket		R R like rat	R, wr, rr	Wrap Written Wrestle correct arrow tomorrow wrong	Group Favourite promise	R R like rat	R, wr, rr, rh	wreckage Rhinoceros Written	rhyme Foreign Correspond Interrupt Rhythm Relevant Restaurant
Week 4	K K like cat	C, k, ck, qu, ch	**Racket** **Racquet** Milk Flask Cracker	Cold School Christmas	K K like cat	C, k, ck, qu, ch	Cheque chicken **unique** **stomach** risk	School (Y2 revisit) Accident Accidentally Quarter	K K like cat	C, k, ck, qu, ch, cc	according criticise **unique** ukulele knock	Stomach Occupy Community Communicate Convenience

								caught				
Week 5	Adding suffixes Doubling a letter, Dropping e		Humming Dropped Saddest Runny Larger Hiked Shiny Nicer Liked patted		Adding suffixes beginning with vowels to words of more than 1 syllable To double or not to double. (double if stressed)		Forgetting Forgotten Beginning Beginner Preferred Limited gardening		Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in fer The r is doubled if the fer is still stressed once the ending is added.		Preferred Transferring Referral Reference Preference Add you own	
Week 6	Short i i like insect	I, y, e, u, ui	Gym Pyjamas Biscuit Sink Crystal	Children Pretty Busy Mr Mrs	Short i i like insect	I, y, u, o, ui		Beautiful (Y2) Busy Business Build Bicycle Women Minute Important Promise imagine	Short i i like insect	I, y, u, o, ui		Women (Y3/4) Rebuild (Y3/4) Criticise Vehicle System Individual Existence Disastrous Identity
Week 7	S S like sun	S, ss, c(e), c(i), c(y), st(l), sc, se	Science Listen Whistle Ice Race Scene fancy	Grass Christmas Pass	S S like sun	S, ss, c(e), c(i), c(y), st(l), sc, se		Centre Century Certain Exercise Purpose Sentence Surprise Possess Increase History Medicine	S S like sun	S, ss, c(e), c(i), c(y), st(l), sc, se		Aggressive Cemetery Excellent Harass Hindrance Necessary Persuade Pronunciation Soldier Secretary
Week 8	Sh Sh like shell	Sh, ch, c(ial), ss(ure)	Machine Facial Shoes Chef tissue	Sugar Sure	Sh Sh like shell	Sh, ch, c(ial), ss(ure)	shoulder **chef** reassure ocean brochure chalet	Sugar (Y2) Sure (Y2) Special Pressure	Sh Sh like shell	Sh, ch, c(ial), c(ian),	shoulder **ancient** parachute shovel	Especially Dictionary Conscious Conscience Appreciate professional
Week 9	Zh	s(ual) s(ure)	Treasure Measure		Zh	S(ion) s(ual)	Treasure Measure	Occasion Occasionally	Zh	S(ion) s(ual)	Casual Closure	Occasion Occasionally

			Pleasure Usual			s(ure)	Pleasure Casual **Usual** Vision			s(ure)	Collison Television Confusion Decision	
Week 10	‘shun’	Tion, ssion, cian	Action Station Motion National Potion Mission Mention Magician		‘shun’	t(ion), ss(ion) c(ian)	tension permissio n section **optician**	Possession Mention Position Question (you can hear the t slightly)	‘shun	c(ian), t(ion), ss(ion),	**politician** Communicati on persuasion	Possession (Year 3/4) Profession Explanation Competition pronunciation Interruption aggression
Week 11	Change the y to an i		Cries Fried Happiest Replied Denied Sillest		Prefixes Un- Dis- Mis- In Im		Undo Unbuild Disinteres ted Disbelief Misguided Inactive Immature		Prefixes Sub Inter Anti Auto		Submerge Interference Antibacterial Automatic	
Week 12	Suffixes ment ness ful less and ly		Happines s Joyful Enjoymen t Hopeless Badly happily		Prefixes Re- Sub- Inter- Anti - Auto-				Near homophones		practise/pract ice past /passed desert/desser t stationary/sta tionery **who’s /whose** cereal/serial altar/alter aloud/allowed	

	Statutory objectives not included in this spelling pathway	**What will we do?**
Year 2	Possessive apostrophe (singluar nouns)	Teach it within our English lessons
Year 3/4	Suffixes -ation, -ly, ous	Teach it within our English lessons
	Possessive apostrophe	Teach it within our English lessons

Year 5/6	Hyphens to join prefix	Teach it within our English lessons
	Statutory spelling: yacht	Teach it within our English lessons