

Year 4 Spellings Term 4 2020 - 2021

Each week we will investigate, learn and practice a different spelling rule or pattern. These rules are outlined below, with some example words. These are not necessarily the words which the children will be assessed against – we will be looking for application of the rules and patterns to a wide range of words.

For many English spelling patterns and rules, there are exceptions, which need to be learnt separately. We will look at these within our spelling lessons in class. During the final week of term, we will recap the rules as needed, before completing a final dictation covering all rules learnt this year.

At home, it would be useful for children to explore the words in different ways, using the No-Nonsense strategies. For example:

- ‘look, say, cover, write, check’ strategy
- use them in sentences or within their English homework
- write the words in different ways (e.g. different colours, different fonts, forwards/backwards, pyramid writing)
 - speed writing (‘quick write’) – how many times can you correctly spell the word in 1 minute?
 - write definitions for each word / find words with similar meanings
 - create pictures, rhymes or visual clues to remember each word
 - create crossword or word-search puzzles
 - find words in the same word-family or with a connected word

Rule learnt WB 22/02/2021	Rule learnt WB 01/03/2021	Rule learnt WB 8/03/2021	Rule learnt WB 15/03/2021	Rule learnt WB 22/03/2021	Rule learnt WB 29/03/2021
Revision Revising the hot list words and learning new/revising spelling strategies from the no nonsense programme e.g. pyramid, rainbow writing, silly sentences, quick write, segmentation, drawing pictures.	Prefixes ‘anti-’ ‘anti-’ means ‘against’ or ‘opposing’ Prefix ‘inter’ – means between	Prefixes ‘inter-’ ‘inter-’ means ‘between’.	Word endings Endings that sound like /ʃən/ spelt ‘-cian’, –cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs. Electric – electrician	Word endings Endings that sound like /ʃən/ spelt ‘-sion’. -sion is used if the root word ends in d or se Extend - extension	Revision Revise all spelling rules from this term.
	Example words: Antibiotic Anticlockwise Antiseptic Antihistamine	Example words: International Interrupt Intercept Intervene	Example words: Musician Electrician Politician Magician	Example words: Extension Expansion Confusion Tension	