Emersons Green Primary School Spelling Progression

	Prefixes	Suffixes	Letter strings/sounds	Spelling rules	Words to learn
Term 6	Un- The prefix 'un-' is added to the beginning of a word without any change to the spelling of the root word.	Using the spelling rules for adding '-s' or '-es' as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs. If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelt as '-s'. If the ending sounds like /tz/ and forms an extra syllable in the word, it is spelt as '-es'. Using '-ing', '-ed', '-er' and '-est' where no change is needed to the spelling of root words. '-ing' and '-er' always add an extra syllable and '-ed' sometimes does. The past tense of some verbs may sound as if it ends /td/ (extra syllable), /d/ or /t/ (no extra syllable) but all these endings are spelt '-ed'. As with verbs, if the adjective ends in two consonant letters (the same or different) the ending is simple added on.			Days of the Week Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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			strings/sounds		
Term 1			Spellings of /ai/		Common Words because
			Spellings of /ee/		most
			Spellings of /igh/		
			Spellings of /oa/		
			Spellings of /oo/		
			/dʒ/ spelled 'g', 'ge' and 'dge' The letter 'j' is never used for the /dʒ/ sound at the end of English words. At the end of a word, the /dʒ/ sounds is spelt 'dge' straight after short vowel sounds. After all other sounds, the /dʒ/ sounds is spelt as 'ge' at the end of a word. In other positions in words, the /dʒ/ sounds is often spelt as 'g' before e, i and y. The /dʒ/ sounds is always spelt as 'j' before a, o and u.		
			/n/ spelled 'kn' and 'gn' The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of year ago.		
			/r/ spelled 'wr' This spelling probably reflects an old pronunciation.		

	/s/ spelled 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y'	
	I and y	
	/l/ spelled 'il' There are not many of these	
	words	
	/or/ spelled 'oor'	
	e.g. door, floor, poor, moor	
	/n/ spelled 'o'	
	e.g. other, mother, nothing	
	/p/ spelled 'a' after 'w'	
	and 'qu' 'a' is the most common spelling	
	of the /ɒ/ (h <u>o</u> t) sound after 'w'	
	and 'qu'	
	/or/ spelled 'a' and 'al'	
	/i:/ spelled 'i'	
	e.g. climb, mind, sign, find, child, tiger	
Term 2	/zh/ spelled 's' and 'si'	Homophones blue/blew
	/ur/ spelled 'or'	knight/night quite/quiet pair/pear
	/or/ spelled 'ar', 'a' and	be/bee to/two
	ʻal'	to, the
	/dʒ/ spelled 'g', 'ge' and	
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The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of year ago. /r/ spelled 'wr' This spelling probably reflects an old pronunciation. /s/ spelled 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y' /i:/ spelled 'ey'
The plural of these words is formed by the addition of '-s' /n/ spelled 'o' e.g. other, mother, nothing /oo/ spelled 'o' e.g. who, to, approve, move, prove, improve /h/ spelled 'wh' e.g. whom, who, whole, whose /ai/ spelled 'ea' e.g. great, break, steak /p/ spelled 'a' after 'w' and 'qu'

	Additionally a sufficient	'a' is the most common spelling of the /b/ (hot) sound after 'w' and 'qu'		
Term 3	Adding the suffix '-ed' by doubling consonants - /id/, /t/ and /d/ spellings Adding the suffixes '-er', '-est' and '-ing' by doubling consonants Adding the suffix '-y-' by doubling consonants	/l/ or /əl/ spelled 'el', 'le' and 'al' at the end of words The 'el' spelling is much lesson common that 'le'. It is ued after m, n, r, s, v, w and usually s. The 'le' spelling is the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words. Not many nouns end in 'al' bu many adjectives do /oa/ spelled 'o' e.g. cold, old, gold, told, hold, stroll only, both, post, echo, most, going /e/ and /ee/ spelled 'e' e.g. ever, every, everybody, eve, even, evening		Homophones ate/eight which/witch one/won here/hear sun/son buy/by sea/see he'll/heal dear/deer
Term 4	Adding the suffixes '-ing', '-ed', '-er', '-est' and '-y' to words ending in 'e' The 'e' at the end of the root word is dropped before any suffix beginning in a vowel is added	'-tion' endings /oo/ spelled 'oul' e.g. would, should, could	Apostrophes for contraction In contractions, the apostrophe shows where letter or letters would be if the words were written in full Apostrophes for possession (singular nouns)	Common words people busy water
Term 5	Suffixes '-ment' '-ly', '- ful', '-less' and '-ness' with no change to the root word If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any			

	change to the last letter of those words Adding '-ly' and '-ness' to another suffix ('-ful', '-less')			
Term 6	Adding '-ed', 'er' and 'est' to words ending in 'y' The 'y' is changed to an 'i' before the suffix is added Plural '-es' to words ending in 'y' The 'y' is changed to an 'i' before -es is added Adding the suffix '-y' by doubling consonants	'y' spelling /igh/ or /ee/ This is by far the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words.		Comparatives and superlatives Common words sugar eye again any many beautiful hour parents sure clothes
	Opportun	ity to revise Y2 spellings a	s needed	

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			strings/sounds		
Term 1	un-, dis- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. These prefixes have negative meanings.	Revise suffixes –s, -es, -er, -ed, -ing Apply Y2 rules for adding suffixes	/eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', 'aigh', 'ey'		Homophones where wear brake break grate great eight ate weight wait Hot List busy

					eight eighth fruit learn library potatoes reign sentence
Term 2	mis- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. mishas a negative meaning. re- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. remeans 'again' or 'back'.		/I/ sound spelt with 'y' elsewhere than at the end of words (myth, gym, pyramid, mystery) Words ending in /g/ spelt 'gue' These words are French in origin Words ending in /k/ spelt 'que' These words are French in origin		Hot List address arrive build caught different guard opposite special strange
Term 3	Sub- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. submeans 'under'. tele- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. telemeans 'at a distance' or 'long distance'.	Revise suffixes —ness, -ful Apply Y2 rules for adding suffixes -ly The suffix —ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply. The suffix —ly starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.	/k/ sound spelt 'ch' These words are Greek in origin /ʃ/ sound spelt 'ch' These words are mostly French in origin		Hot List famous favourite February group heard heart history important popular
Term 4	Super- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. supermeans 'above'. auto- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. automeans 'self' or 'own'.			Adding 'sion' and 'ssion' to change a verb to a noun	Homophones meat meet knot not here hear heel heal he'll which witch won one allowed aloud main mane fair fare

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				appear
				difficult
				disappear
				height length
				ordinary
				quarter
				straight
T F	Davida all praviavaly	David CDCs for /s/	Amantua mban fau	weight
Term 5	Revise all previously-	Rare GPCs for /ɪ/	Apostrophes for	Hot List
	taught suffixes		contraction	early
		Revise vowel digraphs		earth
	Suffix 'ly' when there is	for sounds /ai/ /ee/		mention
	an exception			minute
	If the root word ends in –y with a			natural recent
	consonant letter before it, the y			woman
	is changed to i, but only if the root word has more than one			women
	syllable.			
	If the root word ends with -le,			
	the -le is changed to -ly.			
	If the root word ends with –ic, –ally is added rather than just –			
	ly, except in the word publicly.			
Term 6		/ʌ/ sound spelt 'ou'		Homophones
		(young, touch, double, country)		grown groan
				rain reign rein plain plane
				missed mist
				berry bury
				Near-homophones
				accept except
				quite quiet
				affect effect
				Hot List
				enough
				forward(s)
				often
				perhaps regular
				though

				although thought through			
	Opportunity to revise Y3 spellings as needed						

	Prefixes	Suffixes	Letter	Spelling rules	Words to learn
			strings/sounds		
Term 1			Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt –sure. Revise /ʃ/ sound spelt 'ch' These words are mostly French in origin. Revise /ʌ/ sound spelt 'ou' These words should be learnt as needed. Revise /eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei', ;eigh, 'aigh', 'ey'		Homophones: main mane they're there their piece peace whose who's medal meddle weather whether Hot List actual actually answer breath breathe centre describe grammar medicine
Term 2	in-, il-, im-, ir- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. These prefixes have negative meanings. il- is used before a root word starting with 'l'. im- is used before a root word starting with 'm' or 'p'. ir- is used before a root word starting with 'r'.	Suffixes —er, -ed, -ing, -en to multi-syllabic words If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.		Apostrophes for singular possession	Hot List bicycle business experiment island naughty position possible probably question

Term 4	anti- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. antimeans 'against'. inter- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling. intermeans 'between' or 'among'.		Words with endings sounding like /tʃə/ The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is often spelt -ture, but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending. Revise words ending in /g/ spelt 'gue' These words are French in origin Revise words ending in /k/ spelt 'que' These words are French in origin Endings which sound like /ʒən/, it is spelt as -sion. Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt -sion, -cian Strictly speaking, the suffixes are - ion and -ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word. -sion is used if the root word ends in d or secian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.	Possessive apostrophe with plural words The apostrophe is placed after the plural form of the word; –s is not added if the plural already ends in –s, but is added if the plural does not end in –s.	Homophones scene seen mail male bawl ball Hot List calendar certain complete continue imagine material purpose separate strength Hot List decide extreme guide interest notice particular peculiar remember surprise
Term 5		Suffix –ous Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters. Sometimes there is no obvious root word. –our is changed to – or before –ous is added. A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept. If there is an /i:/ sound	Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –ssion Strictly speaking, the suffixes are – ion and –ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word.		Hot List accident accidentally believe century increase occasion occasionally possess possession

		before the –ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.	-tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or tession is used if the root word ends in ss or -mit. /s/ spelt 'sc' These words are Latin in origin.		
Term 6	Revise all previously- taught prefixes	Revise all previously-taught suffixes. Revise suffix 'ly' when there is an exception If the root word ends in –y with a consonant letter before it, the y is changed to i, but only if the root word has more than one syllable. If the root word ends with –le, the –le is changed to –ly. If the root word ends with –ic, –ally is added rather than just – ly, except in the word publicly.	Revise word etymology	Adding 'ation' to change a verb to a noun The suffix –ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	Hot List consider exercise experience knowledge pressure promise suppose therefore various
		Opportuni	ty to revise Y3/4 spellings	as needed	

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Term 1			Words containing the letter-string ough ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English – it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.		Homophones isle aisle aloud allowed affect effect herd heard past passed
			Words ending in –able and –ible The –able/–ably endings are far more common than the –ible/–		Hot List achieve ancient criticise develop

			ibly endings. As with –ant and – ance/–ancy, the – able ending is		dictionary excellent
			used if there is a related word ending in –ation. If the –able		forty muscle
			ending is added to a word ending in –ce or –ge, the e after		occupy occur
			the c or g must be kept as those		queue
			letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds before the a		soldier
			of the –able ending. The –able		
			ending is usually but not always		
			used if a complete root word can		
			be heard before it, even if there is no related word ending in –		
			ation. The first five examples		
			opposite are obvious; in reliable,		
			the complete word rely is heard, but the y changes to i in		
			accordance with the rule. The –		
			ible ending is common if a		
			complete root word can't be heard before it but it also		
			sometimes occurs when a		
			complete word can be heard		
			(e.g. sensible).		
			Words with 'silent'		
			letters		
			Some letters which are no longer		
			sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago: e.g. in		
			knight, there was a /k/ sound		
			before the /n/, and the gh used		
			to represent the sound that 'ch' now represents in the Scottish		
			word loch.		
Term 2	Use of the hyphen	Revise plural suffixes		Revise the use of the	Homophones
	Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if	-s, -es, -ies		apostrophe for	there they're their to two too
	the prefix ends in a vowel letter			contraction and	our are
	and the root word also begins			possession	of off
	with one.				new knew where wear were we're
					where wear were were which witch
					weather whether
					Hot List

beginning with vowel letters to words ending in —fer The r is doubled if the —fer is still stressed when the ending is added. The r is not doubled if the —fer is no longer stressed. and —ibl¹ The —able4 more comit ibly ending is a ending in — ending in — ending in — ending in — ending is a ending is a ending is a ending is used if a complete attention. The incomplete is no relate attention in the complete in t	Aably endings are far non than the –ible/– s. As with –ant and – w, the – able ending is to is a related word ation. If the –able dded to a word ce or –ge, the e after nust be kept as those ld otherwise have sounds before the a ending. The –able sually but not always enderore it, even if there is dword ending in – first five examples to e obvious; in reliable, the word rely is heard, nanges to i in ea with the rule. The – is common if a core word can't be re it but it also occurs when a word can'be heard ole). Guarantee yacht immediately wehicle Hot List bruise desperate determined disastrous guarantee immediately language opportunity temperature twelfth vehicle yacht
	vith the /i:/ Using word etymology Noun/verb homophones

		The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/.		In these pairs of words, nouns end –ce and verbs end –se. Advice and advise provide a useful clue as the word advise (verb) is pronounced with a /z/ sound – which could not be spelt c. Hot List accommodate amateur equip equipped equipment harass hindrance identity neighbour nuisance suggest variety
Term 5		Revise endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt - sion, -cian, -tion, -ssion Strictly speaking, the suffixes are - ion and -ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root wordtion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or tession is used if the root word ends in ss or -mitsion is used if the root word ends in d or secian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.	Using word etymology	Homophones cereal serial farther father guessed guest morning mourning who's whose Hot List competition explanation familiar foreign interfere interrupt persuade physical privilege profession pronunciation signature Modal verbs and adverbs of possibility should could

		would ought might possibly definitely obviously certainly surely maybe			
Term 6		Revise Y5/6 statutory words taught this year			
	Opportunity to revise all Y5 spellings as needed				

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Term 1	Revise previously- taught prefixes	Revise previously- taught suffixes			Homophones there they're their which witch to two too our are your you're it's its where wear were we're new knew allowed aloud know no right write hear here some sum might mite whole hole Revise Y3/4 statutory words
Term 2		Revise adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer	Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious Not many common words end like this. If the root word ends in		Hot List according attached cemetery community

	The r is doubled if the –fer is still stressed when the ending is added. The r is not doubled if the –fer is no longer stressed.	-ce, the /ʃ/ sound is usually spelt as c. Revise words ending in —able and —ible and words ending in —ably and —ibly The —able/—ably endings are far more common than the —ible/—ibly endings. As with —ant and —ance/—ancy, the — able ending is used if there is a related word ending in —ation. If the —able ending is added to a word ending in —ce or —ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds before the a of the —able ending. The —able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard before it, even if there is no related word ending in — ation. The first five examples opposite are obvious; in reliable, the complete word rely is heard, but the y changes to i in accordance with the rule. The — ible ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).	controversy especially frequently government leisure parliament prejudice sacrifice sincere sincerely
Term 3		Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ -cial is common after a vowel letter and -tial after a consonant letter, but there are some exceptions. Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency	Hot List aggressive apparent available average category convenience individual relevant restaurant rhyme rhythm shoulder

		Use –ant and –ance/–ancy if there is a related word with a /æ/ or /ez/ sound in the right position; –ation endings are often a clue. Use –ent and –ence/–ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g (/dʒ/ sound) and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear /ɛ/ sound in the right position. There are many words, however, where the above guidance does not help. These words just have to be learnt. Revise words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/. Revise words containing the letter-string ough ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English – it can be used to spell a number of	symbol vegetable
Term 4			Revise noun/verb homophones In these pairs of words, nouns end—ce and verbs end—se. Advice and advise provide a useful clue as the word advise (verb) is pronounced with a /z/ sound—which could not be spelt c. Homophones here hear knot not meet meat missed mist heard herd

grate great ate eight brake break son sun weight wait bridle lead led steal steel	
brake break son sun weight wait bridal bridle lead led	
son sun weight wait bridal bridle lead led	
weight wait bridal bridle lead led	
bridal bridle lead led	
lead led	
steal steel	
farther father	
cereal serial	
guest guessed	
morning mourning	
who's whose	
compliment complement	nt .
desert dessert	-
principal principle	
profit prophet	
stationary stationery	
draft draught	
dissent descent	
assent ascent	
altar alter	
precede proceed	
wary weary	
Hot List	
appreciate appreciate	
awkward	
bargain	
committee	
correspond	
definite	
environment	
exaggerate	
existence	
necessary	
programme	
recommend	
secretary	
Term 5 Revise words with Revise Y5/6 statu	utory
'silent' letters words	,
Some letters which are no longer	
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hundreds of years ago: e.g. in	
knight, there was a /k/ sound	
before the /n/, and the gh used	
to represent the sound that 'ch'	

	now represents in the Scottish word loch.		
Term 6	Opportunity to revise KS2 spellings	as needed	