



Year 3 and 4 → Year B Overview – Pathways to Spell

Autumn Half Term 1

Week	Review	Mastery focus
1	Common exception words	Word list – year 3 and 4
2	The suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful and -less	- Adding -ing, -ed, -er and -est to words of one syllable ending in a vowel consonant (Y2*) - Adding -ing and -ed to words ending in -e with a consonant before it (Y2*) - Adding -ing and -ed to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it (Y2*)
3	The suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful and -less (to root words ending in -y)	Adding -er, -est to a root word ending in y and e with a consonant before it (Y2*)
4	the suffix -ly (added straight on to most root words and root word ending in -y with a consonant letter)	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
5	the suffix -ly (root words ending in -le, root words ending in -ic and other exceptions)	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letter to words of more than one syllable
6	The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words.	Words with the /k/sound spelt ch

Autumn Half Term 2

Week	Review	Mastery focus
1	Common exception words	Word lists – years 3 and 4
2	The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words	Words spelt with ch making a sh sound
3	the possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Apostrophes to mark plural possession
4	The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Apostrophes to mark plural possession
5	Homophones and near homophones (previously taught)	Homophones and near homophones
6	Homophones and near homophones (previously taught)	Personal spelling log

Spring Half Term 1

Week	Review	Mastery focus
1	Word List - years 3 and 4 (previously taught)	Word list - years 3 and 4
2	Words ending in -tion	Endings which sound like shun spelt -tion and -sion
3	Words with ending -ure (sure, adventure)	Endings that sound like shun spelt -ssion
4	Endings with the shun sound - -sion	Ending which sound like shun spelt -cian
5	Word families based on common words	The suffix -ation
6	Word families based on common words	The suffix -ation

Spring Half Term 2

Week	Review	Mastery focus
1	Word list - years 3 and 4 (previously taught)	Word list - years 3 and 4
2	Adding the prefix -un	More prefixes: sub-, inter-, super-, anti-, auto-
3	More prefixes: dis-, mis-, in-, re-	More prefixes: in- and im-
4	More prefixes: sub-, inter-, super-, anti-, auto-	More prefixes: il- and -ir
5	Homophones and hear homophones (previously taught)	Homophones and near homophones
6	Homophones and hear homophones (previously taught)	Personal spelling log

Summer Half Term 1

Week	Review	Mastery focus
1	Word lists - years 3 and 4 (previously taught)	Word list - years 3 and 4
2	Contractions (common exception words)	Contractions (Y2*)
3	The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou	The suffix -ous
4	The /I/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	The suffix -ous
5	Words with the /eI/ sound spelt ei, eigh or ey	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que
6	Words with the /eI/ sound spelt ei, eigh or ey	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que

Summer Half Term 2

Week	Review	Mastery focus
1	Word list - years 3 and 4 (previously taught)	Word list - years 3 and 4
2	The /i:/ sound spelt -ey	Words with the /s/sound spelt sc
3	The /aI/ sound spelt -y at the end of words Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y	Adding -ing to a root word ending in y, words ending in e and words of one syllable ending in vowel consonant (Y2*) including those with more than one syllable and the suffix (Y3/4*)
4	The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Apostrophes to mark plural possession
5	Homophones and near homophones (previously taught)	Homophones and near homophones
6	Homophones and near homophones	Personal spelling log