



Heatherside Junior School - Year 3 Spelling Overview 25-26



Autumn 1			29/09/25	06/10/25	13/10/25	20/10/25
	Common Exception Words		Y2 Step 15: Words where 'ed' is added to words ending in 'y'	Y2 Step 16: Words where 'er' and 'est' are added to words ending in 'y'	Y2 Step 17: Words where 'ing' is added to words ending in 'e'	Y2 Step 19: Words where 'er', 'est' and 'ed' is added to words ending in 'e'
	Revisiting Common Exception words from Year 1 and 2. Spelling test baseline for all Year 3 children.		copied, replied, spied, fried, applied, relied, identified, multiplied, magnified, supplied	happier, happiest, angrier, angriest, drier, driest, tidier, tidiest, funnier, funniest	hiking, shining, joking, hoping, smiling, surprising, loving, writing, coming, caring	nicer, writer, baker, looser, safer, simpler, hoped, loved, largest, closest
Autumn 2	03/11/25	10/11/25	17/11/25	24/11/25	01/12/25	08/12/25
	Y2 Step 34: Words with an apostrophe for contraction	Y2 Step 35: Words with an apostrophe for possession	Step 10: Words where 'ing', 'er' and 'ed' are added to multisyllabic words	Step 11: Words where 'ing', 'en' and 'ed' are added to multisyllabic words	Step 13: Words with the digraph 'ai' and tetragraph 'aigh'	Step 14: Words with the digraph 'ei' and tetragraph 'eigh'
	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, wasn't, doesn't, mustn't, I'll, she'd	Megan's, Ravi's, Cody's, Sophie's, Sam's, child's, boy's, man's, dog's, lady's	developing, developed, limiting, covering, limited, gardening, gardener, covered, listening, listened	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, propelled, preferred, permitted, regretting, committed, forbidden, equipped	straight, strainer, fainted, claimed, waist, snail, painter, chained, failure, waiter	freight, vein, weigh, reins, eight, eighteen, reign, veil, neighbour, sleigh
Spring 1	05/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	26/01/26	02/02/26	09/02/26
	Step 15: Words where the digraph 'ey' makes an /ai/ sound	Step 1: Words where the digraph 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound	Step 2: Words where the digraph 'ou' makes a /u/ sound	Step 7: Words with the prefix 're-'	Step 8: Words with the prefix 'dis-'	Buffer Week
	obey, osprey, prey, disobey, they, convey, they, survey, surveyor, conveyor, grey	mouth, sprout, around, sound, spout, ouch, hound, trout, found, proud	touch, double, country, trouble, young, cousin, enough, couple, encourage, flourish	redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge	disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree	Address any classroom common spelling errors, recap rules from this half term or look at word list.
Spring 2	23/02/26	02/03/26	09/03/26	16/03/26	23/03/26	
	Step 9: Words with the prefix 'mis-'	Step 19: Words ending in 'al'	Step 20: Words ending in 'le'	Step 21: Words ending in 'ly' where the base word ends in 'le'	Step 22: Words ending in 'ly' where the base word ends in 'ic'	
	mistake, mislead, misbehave, misspell, misplace, misread, mistrust, misunderstanding, misuse, mislaid	arrival, burial, comical, magical, emotional, national, personal, optional, survival, tropical	battle, settle, article, humble, struggle, terrible, possible, example, capable, adjustable	gently, simply, humbly, nobly, durably, terribly, incredibly, responsibly, wrinkly, possibly	basically, frantically, logically, tragically, magically, publicly, dramatically, historically, automatically, specifically	

Summer 1	13/04/26	20/04/26	27/06/26	04/05/26	11/05/26	18/05/26
	Step 23: Words ending in '-ly'; exceptions	Step 4: Words ending in '-sure'	Step 17: Words that are homophones	Step 25: Words with the suffix '-er'	Step 26: Words where the digraph 'ch' makes a /k/ sound	Buffer Week
	truly, slyly, fully, duly, shyly, wholly, drily, coyly, happily, daily	treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure	great, main, grown, missed, meet, grate, mane, groan, mist, meat	teacher, stretcher, dispatcher, catcher, butcher, richer, scorcher, preacher, cruncher, watcher	scheme, chorus, echo, chemist, character, stomach, monarch, school, anchor, chaos	Address any classroom common spelling errors, recap rules from this half term or look at word list.
Summer 2	01/06/26	08/06/26	15/06/26	22/06/26 onwards		Recap and revise from the year to secure any misconceptions and weaknesses.
	Step 27: Words ending in '-gue' and '-que'	Step 5: Words ending in '-ture'	Step 29: Words that are homophones	Challenge words from Y3/4 List		
	vague, league, plague, fatigue, antique, dialogue, unique, grotesque, plaque, mosque	adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture	ball, bawl, break, brake, male, mail, fair, fare, berry, bury	Look at Challenge words from statutory word list Stage 6, 12, 18		