



Heatherside Junior School - Year 4 Spelling Overview



Autumn 1	08.09.25	15.09.25	22.09.25	29.09.25	06.10.25	13.10.25	20.10.25					
	Y3 Step 3: Words where ‘y’ makes an /i/ sound	Step 1: Words that are homophones	Step 19: Words where ‘au’ makes an /or/ sound	Step 16: Words ending in y when a suffix is added	Step 9: Words ending ‘-ly’	Pre-teaching of words linked to history unit	Buffer Week					
	symbol, gym, myth, synonym, Egypt, lyrics, pyramid, system, mystery, gymnastics	accept, except, knot, not, peace, piece, plain, plane, weather, whether	automatic, August, launch, haul, astronaut, cause, author, applaud, autumn, audience	merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily, prettiest, nastiness, beautiful, pitiful, silliness	sadly, completely, wildly, bravely, gently, foolishly, proudly, horribly, nervously, happily	Egyptian, Pharoah, artefact, Egypt, hieroglyphs, sphinx, tomb, descent, papyrus, ancient, pyramid, mummification	Address any classroom common spelling errors, recap rules from this half term or look at word list.					
Autumn 2	03/11/25		10/11/25		17/11/25		24/11/25		01/12/25		08/12/25	
	Step 10: Words ending ‘-lly’		Step 32: Words that are plurals with possessive apostrophes		Step 4: Words with the prefix ‘sub-’ meaning ‘below’ or ‘further divided’		Step 5: Words with the prefix ‘inter-’ meaning ‘between’ or ‘among’		Step 12: Challenge Words		Step 24: Challenge Words	
	usually, finally, beautifully, thoughtfully, wonderfully, carefully, faithfully, peacefully, cruelly, generally		girls’, boys’, babies’, children’s, men’s, mice’s, ladies’, cats’, women’s, geese’s		subdivide, subheading, subject, submarine, submerge, submit, substandard, subtitle, subtropical, subway		interact, intercept, interchange, intercity, intercom, interface, interfere, international, internet, interview		Favourite, complete, continue, experiment, February, naughty, material, knowledge, remember, famous		Surprise, separate, group, height, potatoes, though, particular, through, caught, woman.	
Spring 1	05/01/26		12/01/26		19/01/26		26/01/26		02/02/26		09/02/26	
	Step 2: Words with the prefix ‘in-’ meaning ‘not’		Step 3: Words with the prefixes ‘il-’, ‘im-’ and ‘ir-’		Step 30: Words with the prefix ‘bi-’ meaning ‘two’		Step 25: Words that are homophones		Step 11: Words where ‘ch’ makes a /sh/ sound		Buffer Week	
	inability, inactive, inadequate, incorrect, incurable, indefinite, inelegant, inflexible, insecure, invisible		illegal, illegible, immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect, irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible		bicycle, biplane, biped, bicentennial, biannual, bilingual, biscuit, biceps, binoculars, bisect		scene, who’s, affect, hear, whose, heal, effect, here, heel, seen		chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute, chute, chaperone, chandelier, crochet, quiche		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	
	Y3 Step 28: Words where the digraph 'sc' makes a /s/ sound	Step 26: Words spelled with 'c' before 'i' and 'e'	Step 14: Words ending in '-ous'	Step 15: Words ending in '-ous' incl. those where 'ge' from the base word remains	Step 17: Words ending in '-ious' and 'eous'	
	science, scene, discipline, scissors, ascends, scented, fascinate, scenery, crescent, descend	circle, century, centaur, circus, princess, voice, medicine, celebrate, celery, pencil	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, marvellous, perilous, tremendous, enormous, jealous, precious, disastrous	courageous, outrageous, nervous, famous, adventurous, disadvantageous, ridiculous, carnivorous, rapturous, torturous	serious, obvious, curious, hideous, spontaneous, courteous, furious, various, victorious, gaseous	
Summer 1	13/04/26	20/04/26	27/06/26	04/05/26	11/05/26	18/05/26
	Step 7: Words ending in '-ation'	Step 8: Words ending in '-ation'	Step 13: Words ending in '-sion'	Step 29: Words with the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-' and 'auto'	Step 28: Words containing 'phon' and 'sign'	Buffer Week
	information, sensation, preparation, vibration, decoration, donation, duration, registration, population, determination	adoration, admiration, coronation, detonation, observation, location, generation, exploration, combination, illustration	expansion, extension, comprehension, tension, suspension, exclusion, provision explosion, erosion, invasion	supermarket, superhero, superstar, superhuman, antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial, autobiography, autograph, automatic	signal, telephone, assign, microphone, homophone, sign, phonics, signature, megaphone, design	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		
	Step 20: Words ending in '-tion'	Step 21: Words ending in '-sion'	Step 22: Words ending in '-cian'	Challenge words from Y3/4 List		
	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion, stagnation, nomination, migration, communication, selection	expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission, impression, obsession, procession, omission, concussion	musician, magician, electrician, politician, mathematician, technician, optician, beautician, physician, dietician	Look at Challenge words from statutory word list Stage 34, 35, 36		