Cherry Tree Primary



English

- pocket
- thunder
- thanks
- hunted

Spelling

Grammar

- apostrophe
- comma
- full stop
- question mark
- reference books
- magazines
- fiction
- comprehension

Reading

Year Four

Spelling – work for years 3 and 4

Revision of work from years 1 and 2

Pay special attention to the rules for adding suffixes.

New work for years 3/4 and 4

Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	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.	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation
The /I/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	These words should be learnt as needed.	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery
The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou	These words should be learnt as needed.	young, touch, double, trouble, country
More prefixes	Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in — below.	
	Like un —, the prefixes dis — and mis — have negative meanings.	dis—: disappoint, disagree, disobey mis—: misbehave, mislead,
	The prefix in — can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.	misspell (mis + spell) in—: inactive, incorrect
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	Before a root word starting with I , in —becomes iI .	illegal, illegible
	Before a root word starting with m or p , in —becomes im —.	immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect
	Before a root word starting with r , in –	irregular, irrelevant,

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	becomes ir–.	irresponsible
	re- means 'again' or 'back'.	re-: redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate
	sub- means 'under'.	<pre>sub—: subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge</pre>
	inter– means 'between' or 'among'.	<pre>inter—: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)</pre>
	super– means 'above'.	super—: supermarket, superman, superstar
	anti– means 'against'.	anti-: antiseptic, anti- clockwise, antisocial
	auto- means 'self' or 'own'.	auto —: autobiography, autograph
The suffix –ation	The suffix –ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
The suffix –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.	sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly), comically (comical + ly)

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	Exceptions: (1) 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.	happily, angrily
	(2) If the root word ends with –le , the –le is changed to –ly .	gently, simply, humbly, nobly
	 (3/4) If the root word ends with -ic, -ally is added rather than just -ly, except in the word <i>publicly</i>. (4) The words <i>truly</i>, <i>duly</i>, <i>wholly</i>. 	basically, frantically, dramatically
Words with endings sounding like /3ə/ or	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt –sure.	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure

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/tʃə/	The ending sounding like /t∫ə/ is often spelt -ture, but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending – e.g. teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher.	creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure
Endings which sound like /ʒən/	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as -sion.	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television
The 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 before the -ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various tremendous, enormous, jealous humorous, glamorous, vigorous courageous, outrageous serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous

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Endings which sound like /∫ən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –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. —tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te. —ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or —mit. —sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions: attend — attention, intend — intention. —cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission expansion, extension, comprehension, tension musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		chef, chalet, machine, brochure
Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin)		league, tongue, antique, unique
Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)	In the Latin words from which these words come, the Romans probably pronounced the c and the k as two sounds rather than one – /s/ /k/.	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
Words with the /eI/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey

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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 <i>is</i> added if the plural does not end in —s (i.e. is an irregular plural — e.g. <i>children's</i>).	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's (Note: singular proper nouns ending in an s use the 's suffix e.g. Cyprus's population)
Homophones and near- homophones		accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's

Word list – years 3 and 4

accident(ally)	early	knowledge	purpose
actual(ly)	earth	learn	quarter
address	eight/eighth	length	question
answer	enough	library	recent
appear	exercise	material	regular
arrive	experience	medicine	reign
believe	experiment	mention	remember
bicycle	extreme	minute	sentence
breath	famous	natural	separate
breathe	favourite	naughty	special
build	February	notice	straight
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion (ally)	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though/although
circle	heard	perhaps	thought
complete	heart	popular	through
consider	height	position	various
continue	history	possess(ion)	weight
decide	imagine	possible	woman/women
describe	increase	potatoes	
different	important	pressure	
difficult	interest	probably	
disappear	island	promise	

This shows the Y4 Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation appendix and should be used to support the planning, teaching and learning of Spelling in Year 4.

Year 4: Detail of	content to be introduced (statutory requirement)
Word	The grammatical difference between plural and possessive –s
	Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms [for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done]
Sentence	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
	Fronted adverbials [for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.]
Text	Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme
	Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
Punctuation	Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech [for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: <i>The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"</i>]
	Apostrophes to mark plural possession [for example, the girl's name, the girls' names]
	Use of commas after fronted adverbials
Terminology for	determiner
pupils	pronoun, possessive pronoun
	adverbial

How can you help with reading at home?

"A little and often." Try to read with your child regularly. 15 -20 minutes, four times a week is much better than a long session only once a week..

"A time and a place." Find a quiet space to share books where you are both comfortable. Choose a time when you are not rushed and where your child is not tired.

"Read and talk." Discuss the book, its characters and events. Reading is about pleasure and understanding and your discussions can reinforce this. Teachers will send home suggested questions each term to prompt discussions

"What do you think about that? Encourage your child to share their opinion. Do you agree with this author's opinion? Can you find evidence in the text to show the author's opinion?

"Read everything and anything." Encourage your child to read a range of texts. These might include newspapers, online texts, poetry, non –fiction books and comics. It's great to revisit the library if you haven't used it for a while.

"Mix it up." Sometimes your child may want to do all the reading; at other times it may be appropriate to share the reading. All children love to listen to stories and this is also a valuable and enjoyable learning experience. It is important to still listen to older readers, read aloud to help them with their phrasing and emphasis according to the punctuation.

"Is this reading?" Playing word games can help in mixing up reading time. Games like *word association* and *pelmanism* can help with vocabulary and new spellings..

"Know your child's reading habits" Children will start to become in interested in series of books and perhaps trilogies. Try to make sure they keep some variety in their reading also