

Year 3 National Curriculum requirements

Pupils should be taught to

- develop a range of personal strategies for learning new and irregular words*
- develop a range of personal strategies for spelling at the point of composition*
- develop a range of strategies for checking and proofreading spellings after writing*
- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1)
- spell further homophones
- spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1)
- place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals (for example, *girls'*, *boys'*) and in words with irregular plurals (for example, *children's*)
- use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far
- proofread for spelling errors.

* non-statutory

Year 3 lesson plans

Year 3 Term 1 overview

Block 1 – autumn first half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Revise Suffixes from Year 2 ('-s', '-es', '-er', '-ed', '-ing')	Lesson 2 Practise Suffixes from Year 2 ('-s', '-es', '-er', '-ed', '-ing')	Lesson 3 Revise/Teach Revise prefix 'un-' Teach prefix 'dis-' <i>(disappoint, disagree, disobey)</i>
Week 2	Lesson 4 Practise/Apply Practise prefix 'dis-' Apply prefix 'un-'	Lesson 5 Revise From Year 2: Apostrophes for contractions	
Week 3	Lesson 6 Learn Strategies for learning words: Words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 7 Revise/Teach Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go	
Week 4	Lesson 8 Teach Rarer GPCs: words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei' (vein), 'eigh' (eight), 'aigh' (straight) or 'ey' (they)	Lesson 9 Practise Rarer GPCs: words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei' (vein), 'eigh' (eight), 'aigh' (straight) or 'ey' (they)	Lesson 10 Assess Rarer GPCs: words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt 'ei' (vein), 'eigh' (eight), 'aigh' (straight) or 'ey' (they): dictation
Week 5	Lesson 11 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 12 Teach Homophones (brake/break, grate/great, eight/ate, weight/wait, son/sun)	
Week 6	Lesson 13 Practise Homophones (brake/break, grate/great, eight/ate, weight/wait, son/sun)	Lesson 14 Assess Homophones (brake/break, grate/great, eight/ate, weight/wait, son/sun)	

Block 2 – autumn second half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Revise Statutory words learnt last half term Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go	Lesson 2 Revise Homophones	Lesson 3 Revise Year 2 prefixes and suffixes
Week 2	Lesson 4 Teach Prefixes 'mis-' and 're-'	Lesson 5 Practise Prefixes 'mis-' and 're-'	
Week 3	Lesson 6 Apply Prefixes 'mis-' and 're-'	Lesson 7 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	
Week 4	Lesson 8 Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists: pair-testing	Lesson 9 Teach The /ɪ/ sound spelt 'y'	Lesson 10 Practise/Apply The /ɪ/ sound spelt 'y'
Week 5	Lesson 11 Teach Proofreading	Lesson 12 Practise Proofreading	
Week 6	Lesson 13 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 14 Teach Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt '-gue' and the /k/ sound spelt '-que' (French in origin)	

Year 3 Term 2 overview

Block 3 – spring first half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Revise/Teach From Year 2: suffixes '-ness' and '-ful' following a consonant	Lesson 2 Practise/Apply From Year 2: suffixes '-ness' and '-ful' following a consonant	
Week 2	Lesson 3 Teach Prefixes 'sub-' and 'tele-'	Lesson 4 Practise Prefixes 'sub-' and 'tele-'	Lesson 5 Apply Prefixes 'sub-' and 'tele-'
Week 3	Lesson 6 Practise From Year 2: apostrophe for contraction	Lesson 7 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	
Week 4	Lesson 8 Apply Words from statutory and personal spelling lists: pair testing	Lesson 9 Teach Words with the // sound spelt 'ch' (mostly French in origin) as well as 's', 'ss(ion/ure)'	Lesson 10 Practise Words with the // sound spelt 'ch' (mostly French in origin) as well as 's', 'ss(ion/ure)'
Week 5	Lesson 11 Assess Words with the // sound spelt 'ch' (mostly French in origin) as well as 's', 'ss(ion/ure)': dictation	Lesson 12 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	
Week 6	Lesson 13 Revise/Teach Revise suffixes '-ness' and '-ful' Teach suffixes '-less' and '-ly'	Lesson 14 Practise Suffixes '-less', '-ness', '-ful' and '-ly'	Lesson 15 Assess Suffixes '-less', '-ness', '-ful' and '-ly': spelling test

Block 4 – spring second half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Practise/Revise Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go Elements from the previous half term that require practice	Lesson 2 Practise/Revise Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go Elements from the previous half term that require practice	Lesson 3 Practise/Revise Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go Elements from the previous half term that require practice
Week 2	Lesson 4 Teach Prefixes 'super-' and 'auto-'	Lesson 5 Practise Prefixes 'super-' and 'auto-'	
Week 3	Lesson 6 Apply Prefixes 'super-' and 'auto-'	Lesson 7 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 8 Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists: pair testing
Week 4	Lesson 9 Teach Strategies at the point of writing: homophones	Lesson 10 Practise Strategies at the point of writing: homophones	
Week 5	Lesson 11 Apply Homophones	Lesson 12 Revise Proofreading	Lesson 13 Apply Proofreading
Week 6	Lesson 14 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 15 Teach/Apply Words with the /k/ sound spelt 'ch' (Greek in origin)	

Year 3 Term 3 overview

Block 5 – summer first half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Revise Previously taught suffixes ('-ed', '-ing', '-s', '-es', '-ness', '-ful', '-less' and '-ly')	Lesson 2 Practise Previously taught suffixes ('-ed', '-ing', '-s', '-es', '-ness', '-ful', '-less' and '-ly')	Lesson 3 Apply Previously taught suffixes: dictation
Week 2	Lesson 4 Teach Suffix '-ly' with root words ending in 'le' and 'ic'	Lesson 5 Practise Suffix '-ly'	Lesson 6 Apply Suffix '-ly'
Week 3	Lesson 7 Revise From Year 2: Apostrophes for contractions	Lesson 8 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 9 Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists
Week 4	Lesson 10 Teach Rare GPCs (/ɪ/ sound)	Lesson 11 Practise Rare GPCs (/ɪ/ sound)	
Week 5	Lesson 12 Apply Rare GPCs (/ɪ/ sound)	Lesson 13 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 14 Practise Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists
Week 6	Lesson 15 Apply/Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 16 Revise From Years 1 and 2: vowel digraphs	

Block 6 – summer second half term

Week 1	Lesson 1 Revise Strategies at the point of writing: Have a go Spellings learnt in the last half term	Lesson 2 Revise Spellings learnt in the last half term	Lesson 3 Revise Spellings learnt in the last half term
Week 2	Lesson 4 Teach The /ʌ/ sound spelt 'ou'	Lesson 5 Practise The /ʌ/ sound spelt 'ou'	
Week 3	Lesson 6 Apply The /ʌ/ sound spelt 'ou': dictation	Lesson 7 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 8 Assess Words from statutory and personal spelling lists: pair testing
Week 4	Lesson 9 Teach Homophones (including heel/heal/he'll, plain/plane, groan/grown and rain/rein/reign)	Lesson 10 Practise Homophones (including heel/heal/he'll, plain/plane, groan/grown and rain/rein/reign)	
Week 5	Lesson 11 Apply Homophones (including heel/heal/he'll, plain/plane, groan/grown and rain/rein/reign)	Lesson 12 Teach Proofreading	Lesson 13 Learn Strategies for learning words: words from statutory and personal spelling lists
Week 6	Lesson 14 Apply Words from statutory and personal spelling lists	Lesson 15 Revise Aspects from this half term	