



Medium Term Planning - Writing - Year 4

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Purpose	To entertain	To influence	To express	To inform	To entertain To guide	To entertain
Form	- Form poetry (based on Greeks) 'cinquain' - Adventure narrative (based on the novel)	- Letter of complaint (formal) - Letter of persuasion	- Diary - Review with/without bias police report	(Apartheid) - Non-chronological reports - Journalistic style (newspaper)	- Traditional (Myths and legends) - Leaflet	- Imagery poems - Fantasy
Text	- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	- Iron man	- Varjak Paw	- Journey to Johannesburg	- Arthur, High King of Britain	- Lion the Witch and the wardrobe
Paragraph and sentences	- Organising paragraphs around a theme - Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions - Using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause (and place)	- Organising paragraphs around a theme - Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions	- Extended noun phrases, including with prepositions - Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions	- Organising paragraphs around a theme - Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition - organisational devices (headings & subheadings)	- Organising paragraphs around a theme - creating settings, characters and plot	- creating settings, characters and plot - Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions
Vocabulary and punctuation	- possessive apostrophe (regular and irregular plurals)	- Using fronted adverbials - using commas after fronted adverbials - possessive apostrophe (regular	- spell further homophones	- using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense	- possessive apostrophe (regular and irregular plurals) - Proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including	- Proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences - Using and punctuating

		and irregular plurals)			the accurate use of pronouns in sentences	direct speech (including punctuation within and surrounding inverted commas)
Contexts	- Humans (S) - Ancient Greeks (H)	- Electricity (S) - Where on earth are we? (G)	- Humans and animals (S) - Romans (H)	- Sound (S) - The Americas? (G)	- Living things and their habitats (S) - Anglo-Saxons (H)	- States of matter (S) - Is climate cool? (G)

Spellings for Y3 and 4:

The following spelling strategies need to be taught across the year during your word and sentence work activities. Children need to be taught the 'rules' for these spellings, which should be identified on planning.

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 /ɪ/ 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	<p>Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in- below.</p> <p>Like un-, the prefixes dis- and mis- have negative meanings.</p> <p>The prefix in- can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.</p> <p>Before a root word starting with l, in- becomes il.</p> <p>Before a root word starting with m or p, in- becomes im-.</p> <p>Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir-.</p> <p>re- means 'again' or 'back'.</p> <p>sub- means 'under'.</p> <p>inter- means 'between' or 'among'.</p> <p>super- means 'above'.</p>	<p>dis-: disappoint, disagree, disobey</p> <p>mis-: misbehave, mislead, misspell (mis + spell)</p> <p>in-: inactive, incorrect</p> <p>illegal, illegible</p> <p>immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect</p> <p>irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible</p> <p>re-: redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate</p> <p>sub-: subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge</p> <p>inter-: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)</p> <p>super-: supermarket, superman, superstar</p>

	<p>anti- means 'against'.</p> <p>auto- means 'self' or 'own'.</p>	<p>anti-: antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial</p> <p>auto-: autobiography, autograph</p>
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	<p>The suffix -ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply.</p> <p>The suffix -ly starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.</p> <p>Exceptions:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) If the root word ends with -le, the -le is changed to -ly.</p> <p>(3) If the root word ends with -ic, -ally is added rather than just -ly, except in the word <i>publicly</i>.</p> <p>(4) The words <i>truly, duly, wholly</i>.</p>	<p>sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly), comically (comical + ly)</p> <p>happily, angrily</p> <p>gently, simply, humbly, nobly</p> <p>basically, frantically, dramatically</p>
Words with endings sounding like or /ʒə/	<p>The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt -sure.</p> <p>The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is often spelt -ture, but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending - e.g. <i>teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher</i>.</p>	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure
Endings which sound like ʒ/ / ən	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as -sion .	division, invasion, confusion, decision,
The suffix -ous	<p>Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters.</p> <p>Sometimes there is no obvious root word.</p> <p>-our is changed to -or before -ous is added.</p> <p>A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept.</p> <p>If there is an /i:/ sound before the -ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.</p>	<p>poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various</p> <p>tremendous, enormous, jealous</p> <p>humorous, glamorous, vigorous</p> <p>courageous, outrageous</p> <p>serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous</p>
Endings which sound like spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian /ʃən/,	<p>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.</p> <p>-tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te.</p> <p>-ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or -mit.</p> <p>-sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions: <i>attend - attention, intend - intention</i>.</p> <p>-cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.</p>	<p>invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion</p> <p>expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission</p> <p>expansion, extension, comprehension, tension</p> <p>musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician</p>
Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
Words with the sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) /ʃ/		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 /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey

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

