



The Woodlands Community Primary School

Spelling Patterns Planning – Year 3

Autumn Term

Week 1 –

Rule: homophones. (Recap from Y2).

to / too / two
there / their / they're

Word List – arrive, believe, bicycle.

Week 2 –

Rule: Adding –ed to root words.

copied, cried, replied.

Word List – recent, regular, reign.

Week 3 –

Rule: Adding –ing to root words.

copying, crying, replying.

Word List – strength, suppose, surprise.

Week 4 –

Rule: Adding –er to root words.

copier, happier.

Word List – imagine, increase, important.

Week 5 –

Rule: Adding –est to root words.

happiest, deepest, slowest.

Word List – special, straight, strange.



Week 6 –

Rule: The sound spelt 'ou'.

young, touch, double, trouble, country.

Word List – address, answer, appear.

Week 7 –

Teach to the gaps.

Half-term

Week 8 –

Rule: Beginning to understand the term 'root word'. Adding prefixes to 'root words'.

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.

The prefix **in-** can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.

Before a root word starting with **l**, **in-** becomes **il**

Before a root word starting with **m** or **p**, **in-** becomes **im-**.

Before a root word starting with **r**, **in-** becomes **ir-**.

Word List – accident, accidentally, actual, actually.

Week 9 –

Rule: Prefix un-

unhappy, unlucky, unkind, untie, untrue.

Word List – natural, naughty, notice.

Week 10 –

Rule: Prefix dis-

disappoint, disagree, disobey.

Word List –breath, breathe, build.

Week 11 –

Rule: Prefix mis-

misbehave, mislead, misspell.

Word List – weight, woman, women.



Week 12 –

Rule: Prefix in-.

inactive, incorrect, incapable.

Word List – heard, heart, height.

Week 13 –

Rule: Prefix il-.

illegal, illegible, illogical.

Word List – history, interest, island.

Week 14 –

Teach to the gaps.



Spring Term

Week 1 –

Rule: Prefix im-.

immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect.

Word List – certain, circle, complete.

Week 2 –

Rule: Prefix ir-.

irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible.

Word List – group, guard, guide.

Week 3 –

Rule: Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable.

forgetting, forgotten,
beginning, beginner,
prefer, preferred,
gardening, gardener,
limiting, limited, limitation

Word List – remember, sentence, separate.

Week 4 –

Rule: The suffix –ation.

information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration.

Word List – therefore, though, although.

Week 5 –

Rule: The suffix –ly.

sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly),
finally (final + ly),
comically (comical + ly)
happily, angrily
gently, simply, humbly, nobly
basically, frantically, dramatically

Word List – purpose, quarter, question.



Week 6 –

Rule: The sound spelt 'sure'.

measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure.

Word List – medicine, mention, minute.

Week 7 –

Teach to the gaps.

Half-term

Week 8 –

Rule: q' is written as 'qu' and does not stand alone.

quick, queen, quarrel

Word List – busy, business, calendar.

Week 9 –

Rule: The 'sion' ending.

division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television.

Word List – thought, through, various.

Week 10 -

Rule: The sound spelt ch.

chef, chalet, machine, brochure.

Word List – pressure, probably, promise.



Week 11 -

Rule: The sound spelt sc.

science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent.

Word List – caught, centre, century.

Week 12 -

Rule: The sound spelt ei.

vein, veil, reindeer.

Word List – consider, continue, decide.



Summer Term

Week 1 –

Rule: The sound spelt ey.

they, obey.

Word List – describe, different, difficult, disappear.

Week 2 –

Rule: The sound spelt eigh.

weigh, eight, neighbour.

Word List – early, earth, eight, eighth, potatoes.

Week 3 –

Rule: To use the apostrophe to spell shortened versions of words.

do not—don't
can not—can't
will not—won't
does not—don't
he is—he's
is not— isn't

Word List –possess, possession, possible.

Week 4 –

Rule: To use the apostrophe to spell shortened versions of words.

I have—I've
I would—I'd
I will—I'll
I am—I'm
there is/has –there's

Word List – fruit, grammar, February.

Week 5 –

Teach to the gaps.

Week 6 –

Rule: Possessive apostrophe with plural words.

girls', boys', babies',

Word List – perhaps, popular, position.



Half-term

Week 7 –

Rule: Possessive apostrophe with plural words.

children's, men's, mice's

Word List – favourite, forward, forwards.

Week 8 –

Rule: Homophones or near-homophones.

accept/except
affect/effect
ball/bawl
berry/bury
brake/break

Word List – enough, exercise, experience.

Week 9 –

Rule: Homophones or near-homophones.

fair/fare
grate/great
groan/grown
here/hear

Word List – experiment, extreme, famous.

Week 10 –

Word List – occasion, occasionally, often, opposite, ordinary, particular, peculiar.

Week 11 –

Word List – knowledge, learn, length, library, material.

Week 12 –

Teach to the gaps.