



The Woodlands Community Primary School

Spelling Patterns Planning – Year 4

Autumn Term

Week 1 –

Rule: The sound spelt 'y' elsewhere than at the end of words.

myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery.

Word List – arrive, believe, bicycle.

Week 2 –

*Rule: Revision of the understanding of the term 'root words'. **re-** means 'again' or 'back'.*

redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate

Word List – recent, regular, reign.

Week 3 –

*Rule: Revision of the understanding of the term 'root words'. **sub-** means 'under'.*

subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge

Word List – strength, suppose, surprise.

Week 4 –

*Rule: Revision of the understanding of the term 'root words'. **inter-** means 'between' or 'among'.*

interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)

Word List – imagine, increase, important.

Week 5 –

*Rule: Revision of the understanding of the term 'root words'. **super-** means 'above'.*

supermarket, superman, superstar

Word List – special, straight, strange.



Week 6 –

*Rule: Revision of the understanding of the term ‘root words’. **anti-** means ‘against’.*

antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antidote

Word List – address, answer, appear.

Week 7 –

Teach to the gaps.

Half-term

Week 8 –

*Rule: Revision of the understanding of the term ‘root words’. **auto-** means ‘self’ or ‘own’.*

automatic, autograph

Word List – accident, accidentally, actual, actually.

Week 9 –

Rule: Adding prefixes to ‘root words’.

preview, dislike, unhappy, replay.

Word List – natural, naughty, notice.

Week 10 –

Rule: The suffix –ation. The suffix –ation is added to verbs to form nouns.

information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration.

Word List –breath, breathe, build.

Week 11 –

Rule: The suffix –ly. The suffix –ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb.

sadly, happily, angrily, gently.

Word List – weight, woman, women.



Week 12 –

Rule: The suffix –ly. The –ly suffix starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words unless they end with y.

simply, humbly, nobly, basically, frantically, dramatically, completely.

Word List – heard, heart, height.

Week 13 –

Rule: The suffix –ly. If the root word ends with y, the y is changed to i.

usually (usual + ly),
finally (final + ly),
comically (comical + ly)

Word List – history, interest, island.

Week 14 –

Teach to the gaps.

ly Exceptions:

1. If the root word ends with –le, the –le is changed to –ly.
2. If the root word ends with –ic, –ally is added rather than just –ly, except in the word publicly.
3. The words truly, duly, wholly.



Spring Term

Week 1 –

Rule: The sound spelt 'ture'.

creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure.

Word List – certain, circle, complete.

Week 2 –

Rule: The suffix –ous.

poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, glamorous, vigorous.

Word List – group, guard, guide.

Week 3 –

Rule: Endings which are spelt –tion. –tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t (invent) or te (hesitate).

invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion.

Word List – remember, sentence, separate.

Week 4 –

Rule: Endings which are spelt –sion. –sion is used if the root word ends in d or se.

expansion, extension, comprehension, tension.

Word List – therefore, though, although.

Week 5 –

Rule: Endings which are spelt –ssion. –ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or –mit.

expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission.

Word List – purpose, quarter, question.

Week 6 –

Rule: Endings which are spelt –cian. –cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.

musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician.

Word List – medicine, mention, minute.



Week 7 –

Teach to the gaps.

Half-term

Week 8 –

Rule: The sound spelt ch.

scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character.

Word List – busy, business, calendar.

Week 9 –

Rule: The sound spelt –gue .

league, tongue, antique, unique.

Word List – thought, through, various.

Week 10 -

Rule: The sound spelt 'sure'.

measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure.

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: Possessive apostrophe with plural words.

girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's.

Word List – consider, continue, decide.



Summer Term

Week 1 –

Rule: The sound spelt ei.

vein, veil, reign.

Word List – describe, different, difficult, disappear.

Week 2 –

Rule: The sound spelt eigh.

weigh, eight, neighbour.

Word List – early, earth, eight, eighth.

Week 3 –

Rule: The sound spelt ey.

they, obey.

Word List –possess, possession, possible, potatoes.

Week 4 –

Rule: To spell irregular tense changes .

go/ went
can / could
meet / met
creep / crept
speak / spoke

Word List – fruit, grammar, February.

Week 5 –

Teach to the gaps.



Week 6 –

Rule: To spell irregular tense changes.

is / was
are / were
have / had
does / did
get / got

Word List – perhaps, popular, position.

Half-term

Week 7 –

Rule: Homophones or near-homophones.

heel/heal/he'll
knot/not
mail/male
main/mane
meat/meet

Word List – favourite, forward, forwards.

Week 8 –

Rule: Homophones or near-homophones.

medal/meddle
missed/mist
peace/piece
plain/plane

Word List – enough, exercise, experience.

Week 9 –

Rule: Homophones or near-homophones.

rain/rein/reign
scene/seen
weather/whether
whose/who's

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.