Year 4 Spelling Summary

Please note that the order in which the spelling patterns are taught may vary slightly.

Week	Spelling pattern with examples
1	Double Consonant To spell two-syllable words containing double consonants common kettle apple dinner cotton
2	Homophones To distinguish between the spelling and meaning of common homophones to/ too/two hear/here see/sea wait/weight new/knew
3	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
4	Regular Verb Ending To spell regular verb endings (s, ed and ing) cooks cooked cooking plays played playing jumps jumped jumping works worked working
5	Regular Verb Endings To spell regular verb endings (s, ed and ing) carry carries carried carrying cry cries cried crying try tries tried trying touch touches touched touching rush rushes rushed rushing
6	Irregular Tense Changes To spell irregular tense changes grow / grew know / knew sing / sang run / ran swim / swam
7	Suffixes To recognise and spell suffixes –al, -ary and -ic National Medical Dictionary February

8	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
9	Suffixes To recognise and spell the suffixes -ship and -hood membership ownership childhood neighbourhood
10	Suffixes To recognise and spelling the suffixes -ness and -ment kindness fitness loveliness enjoyment management environment
11	Suffixes To recognise that nouns and adjectives can be made into verbs by using the suffixes ate/en/ify/ise medicine medicate apology apologise deep deepen note notify
12	Suffixes To recognise that nouns and adjectives can be made into verbs by using the suffixes tion/ity/ness educate education stupid stupidity mad madness
13	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
14	Words ending with f To investigate what happens to words ending in f when suffixes are added calf calves elf elves knife knifes thief thieves
15	Words ending with ff To investigate what happens to words ending in ff when suffixes are added bluff bluffs cliff cliffs sniff sniffs puff puffs
16	Letter string ight To spell words with the ending -ight light

25	Letter strings To spell words with common letter strings but different pronunciations
24	Letter strings To spell words with common letter strings but different pronunciations tough/through/plough bear/fear light/weight
23	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
22	wa and wo words To explore the occurrence of the letter strings wa and wo within words was swamp war swat woman swollen wok sword
21	v and k investigation To explore the occurrence of v and k within words van river vase diver kick broken back keep tickle trick
20	Prefixes To recognise and spelling words with the prefixes al / af / ad / a admire affection almost around
19	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
18	Letter string ious To spell words with the ending -ious serious infectious curious obvious
17	Letter string tion To spell words with the ending -tion promotion reaction addition ambition
	fight fright right night

	To investigate compound words and recognise that they can aid spelling windmill
34	Compound words
33	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
32	Its and it's To distinguish the two forms Its (possessive and contains no apostrophe) It's (it is contracted and contains an apostrophe)
31	Suffixes To recognise and spelling the suffixes –ible and -able horrible possible breakable miserable
30	Suffixes To practise extending words by adding parts –ic and -ist comic allergic artist specialist
29	Suffixes To practise extending words by adding —ful, -ly and -ive painful beautiful quickly jokingly forgive explosive
28	High Frequency words Teacher to select words which are often spelt incorrectly in pupils' written work
27	Words from roots Collect and clarify words with common roots / investigate origins and meanings Octo - eight (octagon and octopus) Micro - small (microscope and microlight) Naus - ship (nausea and nautical) Annus - year (annual and anniversary) Aqua - water (aquarium and aqueduct)
26	Words from roots Collect and clarify words with common roots Advent/invent/prevent Phone/telephone/microphone
	hour/pour/journey aunt/haunt/because notice/police/twice/Alice

	weekend football tablecloth
35	Prefixes and suffixes To understand how diminutives are formed minibus minimum mini-beast duckling sapling weakling
36	Prefixes and suffixes To understand how diminutives are formed microscope microphone microfilm brunette cigarette