Burlington Junior School Spelling Progression 2024-2025

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
Spell (words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught, common exception words, days of the week)	Add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly .	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable Eg forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation	Use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them.
Name the letters of the alphabet in order	Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the gpcs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far.	Year 3 focus 3 The short <i>i</i> sound spelt with the letter y	Spell some words with 'silent' letters, e.g. knight, psalm, solemn. doubt, island, lamb, thistle
Add prefixes and suffixes	The /dʒ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y.	Year 4 focus The short u sound spelt ou	Continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused. advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy farther: further father: a male parent guessed: past tense of the verb guess guest: visitor heard: past tense of the verb hear herd: a group of animals led: past tense of the verb lead lead: present tense of that verb, or else the metal which is very heavy (as heavy as lead) morning: before noon mourning: grieving for someone who has died past: noun or adjective referring to a previous time (e.g. In the past) or preposition or adverb showing place (e.g. he walked past me) passed: past tense of the verb 'pass' (e.g. I passed him in the road) precede: go in front of or before proceed: go on principal: adjective – most important (e.g. principal ballerina) noun – important person (e.g. principal

				of a college) principle: basic truth or belief profit: money that is made in selling things prophet: someone who foretells the future stationary: not moving stationery: paper, envelopes etc. steal: take something that does not belong to you steel: metal wary: cautious weary: tired who's: contraction of who is or who has whose: belonging to someone (e.g. Whose jacket is that?)
Apply simple spelling rules as outlined in English Appendix 1. Division of words into syllables	The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y. The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words.	More prefixes Year 3 (dis-, in-) Adding the prefixes disand in- Year 3 (im-) Adding the prefix im- to root words beginning with m or p Year 3 (re-) Adding the prefix re- Year 3 (anti-) Adding the prefix anti- Year 3 (super-) Adding the prefix super- Year 3 (sub-) Adding the prefix sub- Year 4 (mis-) Adding the prefix mis- Year 4 (auto-) Adding the prefix auto- Year 4 (inter-) Adding the prefix inter- Year 4 (il-, un-, mis-, dis-) Adding il- and revising un-, in-, mis- and dis Year 4 (ir-) Adding ir- to words beginning wit The suffix —ation Year 3 Adding -ation to verbs to form		Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words.
	The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words.	The suffix –ly	Year 3 Adding the suffix -ly (to adjectives to form adverbs) Year 4 Adding the suffix -ly (to adjectives to form adverbs)	Use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary.

The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck	The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –le at the end of words.	Words with endings sounding like /3ə/ or /tʃə/	Year 3 Words ending in –ture Year 4 Words ending in zhuh spelt -sure	Use a thesaurus.	
The /ŋ / sound spelt n before k (bank, sunk)	Words ending –il.	Year 4 Words ending in zhun spelt -sion		Year 5 Words ending in <i>shus</i> spelt -cious Year 5 Words ending in <i>shus</i> spelt -tious	
Division of words into syllables	The /aɪ/ sound spelt –y at the end of words.	The suffix –ous	Year 3 Adding the suffix -ous Year 4 Words ending in -ous	Year 5 Words ending in <i>shul</i> spelt -cial or -tial	
-tch (fetch, hutch)	Adding —es to nouns and verbs ending in —y.	Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, – ssion, –cian	Year 3 Adding the suffix -ion (to root words ending in t or te) Year 3 Adding the suffix -ian (to root words ending in c or cs) Year 4 Adding the prefix super-Year 4 Adding the prefix sub-	Words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, – ence/–ency.	Year 5 Words ending in - ent Year 5 Words ending in - ence Year 5 Words ending in - ant, -ance and -ancy
The /v/ sound at the end of words (have, live)	Adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root word ending in –y with a consonant before it.	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)	Year 3 Words with the c sound spelt ch	Year 5 Words ending in -ible Year 5 Words ending in -able	
Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)	Adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before it.	Year 3 Words with the <i>sh</i> sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		Words ending in –ably and –ibly.	Year 5 Words ending in - ibly and -ably Year 6 Words ending in - ible and -able
Adding the endings —ing, —ed and —er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word	The /dʒ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y.	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que	Year 4 The c sound spelt -que and the g sound spelt -gue	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer.	Year 6 Suffixes (adding suffixes beginning with a vowel)

		(French in origin)		
Adding –er and –est to adjectives	The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i	Year 4 Words with the s sound spelt sc	Year 6 Hyphens	
where no change is needed to the	and y.	(Latin in origin)		
root word				
ai, oi (rain, oil)	The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less	Year 4 Words with the ay sound spelt ei,	Words with the /i:/	Year 5 The ee sound
ay, oy (day, enjoy)	often) gn at the beginning of	eigh, ey	sound spelt ei after c.	spelt ei
a-e (made, safe)	words.			Year 6 The spellings ei
e-e (these, complete)				and ie
i-e (five, ride)	The /r/ sound spelt wr at the			
o-e (home, hope)	beginning of words.			
u-e (June, rude)	The /I/ or /əl/ sound spelt –le at	Year 4 Possessive apostrophes with plural	Words containing the	Year 5 letter-string ough
ar (car, garden)	the end of words.	words	letter-string ough.	Year 6 words containing
ee (see, green)	The /I/ or /əl/ sound spelt –el at	Eg girls', boys', babies', children's, men's,		the letter-string ough
ea (/i:/) (sea, each)	the end of words.	mice's		
ea (/ε/) (bread, instead)	The /I/ or /əl/ sound spelt –al at			
er (/ɜ:/) (her, person)	the end of words.			
er (/ə/) (better, sister)	Words ending –il.			
ir (girl, third)	The /aɪ/ sound spelt -y at the end			
ur (turn, burst)	of words.			
oo (/u:/) (food, soon)	Adding –es to nouns and verbs			
oo (/೮/) (book, good)	ending in –y.			
oa (boat, goal)	Adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a			
oe (toe, goes)	root word ending in –y with a			
ou (out, sound)	consonant before it.			
ow (/aʊ/) (now, brown)	Adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er,			
ow (/อซ/) (own, show)	−est and −y to words ending in −e			
ue (blue, rescue)	with a consonant before it.			
ew (new, drew)	Contractions.	Homophones and near-homophones	Years 5 and 6 word list.	
ie (/aɪ/) (tie, dried)		accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl,	Accommodate, accompany, according, achieve	
ie (/i:/) (chief, thief)		berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare,	aggressive, amateur, an	cient, apparent, appreciate
igh (high, right)	Possessive apostrophe (singular	grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear,	attached, available, average, awkward, bargain	
or (for, horse)	nouns).	heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male,	bruise, category, cemetery, committee,	
ore (more, shore)	Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the	main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle,	communicate, community, competition conscience*	
aw (saw, yawn)	child's, the man's	missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane,	conscious* controversy, convenience, correspond	
au (author, dinosaur)		rain/rein/reign, scene/seen,	criticise (critic + ise) curiosity, definite	
air (fair, pair)		weather/whether, whose/who's	desperate, determined	, develop, dictionary

ear (dear, year)
ear (/ɛə/) (bear, pear)
are (/ɛə/) (dare, care)
Words ending –y
(/i:/ or /ɪ/) (happy, funny)
New consonant spellings ph and wh
(dolphin, where)
Using k for the /k/ sound (kit, skin)
Adding the prefix -un

Words ending in -tion.

Compound words

football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry

Common exception words

the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our

Homophones and near-homophones.

Eg there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight

Common exception words.

door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas

Years 3 and 4 word list

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

disastrous, embarrass, environment equip (-ped, -ment) especially, exaggerate excellent, existence, explanation, familiar foreign, forty, frequently, government, guarantee harass, hindrance, identity, immediate(ly), individual, interfere, interrupt, language, leisure lightning, marvelous, mischievous, muscle, necessary neighbor, nuisance, occupy, occur, opportunity parliament, persuade, physical, prejudice, privilege profession, programme, pronunciation, queue recognize, recommend, relevant, restaurant, rhyme rhythm, sacrifice, secretary, shoulder, signature sincere(ly), soldier, stomach, sufficient, suggest symbol, system, temperature, thorough, twelfth variety, vegetable, vehicle, yacht