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Homophones	accept / except	
/ near	affect / effect ball	
homophones	/ bawl berry /	
	bury brake /	
	break fair / fare	
	grate / great	
	groan / grown	
	here / hear heel /	
	he'll knot / not	
	mail / male meat	
	/ meet medal /	
	meddle messed /	
	mist peace / piece	
	plain / plane rain	
	/ rein / reign	
	scene / seen	
	weather /	
	whether whose /	
	who's	



Spelling

Years 3 and 4

Throughout Crowle Primary Academy, we teach spelling daily. In Foundation Stage and year 1, it is taught as a part of phonics sessions and in some writing lessons. From year 2, children take part in dedicated spelling lessons.

The National Curriculum outlines which patterns should be taught at each stage; we teach these patterns to the children through a variety of activities. This booklet is intended to show you which spelling patterns your child will be taught this year and provides you with any spelling rules, examples of the rules being used and exceptions to the rules, to enable you to support your child at home.

The spelling curriculum is organised into the following sections: year 1, year 2, years 3 & 4 and years 5 & 6.

If you have any questions about this spelling guide, please speak to your child's teacher.

	Use sion when the root word ends d or se Use cian when the	expand - expansion comprehend - comprehension tense - tension music - musician	Attend – attention Intend – intention
	root word ends c or	magie – magician politics - politician	
Possessive apostrophes (plural words)	If the plural ends in s, add an apostrophe after the s	girls – the girls' toys babies – the babies' room	
	If the plural does not end in s, add 's	children – the children's toys mice – the mice's cage	
k sound spelt ch	No rule	scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character	
sh sound spelt ch	No rule	chef, chalet, machine, brochure	

g sound spelt gue	No rule	league, tongue	
k sound spelt que	No rule	antique, unique	
s sound spelt sc	No rule	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent	
ay sound spelt ei, eigh or ey	No rule	vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey	

super prefix	means 'above'	supermarket,	
		superman, superstar	
anti prefix	means 'against'	antiseptic,	
		anticlockwise,	
		antisocial	
auto prefix	means 'self' or	autobiography,	
	'own'	autograph	
re prefix	means again or	redo, refresh, return,	
	back	reappear	
i sound spelt	Word just need to be	myth, gym, Egypt,	Not used at
у	learnt – no pattern	pyramid, mystery	the end of
			words
u sound	Word just need to be	young, touch, double,	
spelt ou	learnt – no pattern	trouble, country	
sure and	The pronunciations		Add er
ture endings	are different – say		when root
	the word out loud		words end in
	sure – 'zjure'	measure, treasure,	ch or tch:
	sound	pleasure, enclosure	teach -
			teacher
	ture – often used	creature, furniture,	catch -
	when the sound is	picture, nature,	catcher
	'chure'	adventure	
sion endings	If the ending sound	division, invasion,	
	like 'shun' when	decision, collision,	
	you say the word	television	
	out loud, add sion		

tion, sion, ssion & cian endings	tion is the most common spelling. Use tion after words ending t or te	invent – invention hesitate – hesitation complete - completion	
	Use ssion when the root word ends ss or mit	express – expression confess - confession permit – permission	

Spelling	Rules / guidance	Examples	Exceptions
	Kules / guidance	Liampies	Liceptions
pattern			
suffixes	When words have		
words starting with a vowel (eg.	more than one syllable (beat) including the suffix check:		
ing)	Is the last syllable stressed when you say the word out loud without the suffix?	be <u>gin</u> for <u>get</u> pre <u>fer</u>	
	Does the word end single vowel, single consonant?	begin forget prefer	
	If these rules apply, double the last letter before adding the suffix	beginning, forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, preferred	
	If the last syllable is not stressed, do not double the final letter	garden – gardening, gardener limit – limited, limitation	

ation suffix	Add ation to verbs	verb noun	
	to make a noun	inform information	
		adore adoration	
	(previously learnt	sense sensation	
		admire admiration	
	using ation)		
	rules eg. removing the 'e' apply when using ation)	prepare preparation admire admiration	

ly suffix	Add ly to	sad – sadly	Other
	adjectives to make	complete –	exceptions:
	adverbs, usually	completely usual	truly, duly,
	without any change	- usually	wholly
	to the root word.	final – finally	
		commercial -	
		commercially	
	If the root word	hap py – happily	
	ends consonant, v	mappy mappey	
	and the word has		
	more than one		
	syllable, change the		
	y to an i:		
	words ending le -		
	change le to ly:	gentle – gently simple	
	change ie to ty	– simply humble –	
		humbly	
		noble – nobly	
	words ending ic	basic – basically	
	use ally	frantic – frantically	
		dramatic –	
		dramatically	

ous suffix	Usual suffix rules apply	danger – dangerous poison – poisonous mountain – mountainous	
	Word ending e – remove the e Words ending y – change y to an i	fame – famous vary – various	Keep the e when you can still hear the 'g' sound in the new word:
	Words ending our – change to or	humour - humorous glamour – glamorous vigour – vigorous	courageous, outrageous

ous suffix	If there is an 'ee'	serious, obvious,	A few words
	sound before ous, it	curious	use 'e:'
	is usually spelt i		hideous,
			spontaneous,
			courteous

prefixes	Most prefixes can be added without a change to the root (original) word dis and mis change	appoint – disappoint	
	the meaning to the opposite:	agree – disagree obey – disobey behave – misbehave lead – mislead spell – misspell	
	in means not	active – <u>in</u> active correct – <u>in</u> correct	in can mean in; side – inside
	before l, the prefix is il	legal – illegal legible – illegible	<u>m</u> side
	before m or p, the prefix is im	mature — immature mortal — immortal possible — impossible patient — impatient	
	before r, the prefix is ir	regular – irregular responsible – irresponsible	
sub prefix	means 'under'	subdivide, subheading,	
		submarine, submerge	
inter prefix	means 'between' or	intercity, international,	
	'among'	international,	