| National Curriculum English Appendix 1: Spelling Year 1 | | | | |
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| English Appendix 1: Spelling Year 1 content | Curriculum example words (from English - Appendix 1: Spelling) | Read Write Inc. Phonics - reading | Read Write Inc. Phonics - writing | Read Write Inc. Spelling The Read Write Inc. Spelling programme covers Years 2–6, but provides activities to assess and revise the Year 1 content of English Appendix 1: Spelling. |
| The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck | off, well, miss, buzz, back | Taught as alternatives to Set 1 Sounds as part of the Storybook activity; ck practised using Additional Speed Sound Cards (Read Write Inc. Phonics Online). | Throughout | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 huff, bell, pass, buzz, duck |
| The /ŋ / sound spelt n before k (bank, sunk) | bank, think, honk, sunk | As nk and ng are very frequent sound combinations, nk and ng are taught together as part of Set 1. | Throughout | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 bank |
| Division of words into syllables | | In the Story Green Words activity, children read multi- syllabic words and learn how a word can be split into syllables. | | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2; Pre-programme Activity 5 question 2 If you feel children need further practice, work through Pre- programme Special focus 2 (available online). |
| -tch | catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch (rich, which, much, such) | Taught as an alternative to Set 1 ch as part of the Storybook activities. | Throughout | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 catch |
| The /v/ sound at the end of words | have, live, give | Taught as an alternative to Set 1 v as part of the Storybook activities. | Throughout | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 give |
| Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third | cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches | Throughout fiction and non- fiction | See Grammar activity for Yellow Storybook 6 <i>Lost</i> . | Quick check: Pre-programme Activity 5 question 4 If you feel children need further |

| person singular of | | | Children will also use plural | practice, work through Pre- |
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| verbs) | | | nouns and third person singular verbs ending with s | programme Special focus 4 and special focus 5 (available online). |
| | | | and es where appropriate in | special locus 5 (available offilite). |
| | | | their writing as modelled by | |
| | | | the teacher. | |
| Adding the andings | hunting hunted hunter | Throughout fiction and non- | | Outlete charles Dra programma |
| Adding the endings | hunting, hunted, hunter, | | See Grammar activity for | Quick check: Pre-programme |
| -ing, -ed and -er to | buzzing, buzzed, buzzer, | fiction | Yellow Storybook 4 The | Activity 5, questions 5 and 6 |
| verbs where no | jumping, jumped, jumper | | gingerbread man. | If you feel children need further |
| change is needed to | | | | practice, work through Pre- |
| the root word | | | Children will also use these | programme Special focus 7 and |
| | | | forms where appropriate in | Special focus 8 (available online). |
| | | | their own writing after seeing | |
| | | | them modelled by the teacher. | |
| Adding –er and –est | grander, grandest, fresher, | Throughout fiction and non- | See Grammar activity for | Quick check: Pre-programme |
| to adjectives where | freshest, quicker, quickest | fiction | Yellow Storybook 4 The | Activity 5, questions 5 and 6 |
| no change is needed | | | gingerbread man. | If you feel children need further |
| to the root word | | | | practice, work through Pre- |
| | | | Children will also use these | programme Special focus 6 |
| | | | forms where appropriate in | (available online). |
| | | | their own writing after seeing | |
| | | | them modelled by the teacher. | |
| ai, oi | rain, wait, train, paid, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | afraid, oil, join, coin, point, | | | Activity 2 train spoil |
| | soil | | | |
| ay, oy | day, play, say, way, stay | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Pink Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | boy, toy, enjoy, annoy | | | Activity 2 day boy |
| а-е | made, came, same, take, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | safe | | | Activity 2 make |
| e-e | these, theme, complete | Practised using Additional | | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | | Speed Sound Cards (Read | | Activity 2 theme |
| | | Write Inc. Phonics Online). | | |
| i-e | five, ride, like, time, side | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | | | , | Activity 2 kite |
| о-е | home, those, woke, hope, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Blue and Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | hole | | | Activity 2 smoke |

| u-e | June, rule, rude, use, tube, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 rude |
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| ar | car, start, park, arm, | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Orange Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 car |
| ee | see, tree, green, meet, week | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Pink Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 see |
| ea (/i:/) | sea, dream, meat, each, read (present tense) | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Blue and Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 dream |
| ea (/ε/) | head, bread, meant, instead, read (past tense) | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Blue and Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 head |
| er (/ɜ:/) | (stressed sound): her, term, verb, person | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 verb |
| er (/ə/) | (unstressed schwa sound): better, under, summer, winter, sister | Not taught in Phonics as the unstressed schwa because so many sounds can be pronounced this way in natural spoken English. Sounds are individually taught if stressed. | | |
| ir | girl, bird, shirt, first, third | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Blue and Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 whirl |
| ur | turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 burn |
| oo (/u:/) | food, pool, moon, zoo, soon | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Pink Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 zoo |
| 00 (/ʊ/) | book, took, foot, wood, good | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Orange Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 look |
| oa | boat, coat, road, coach, goal | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Grey Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 boat |
| oe | toe, goes | Taught as an alternative to Set 3 o-e as part of the Storybook activities. | Blue Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 toe |
| ou | out, about, mouth, around, sound | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Orange Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 shout |
| ow (/aʊ/) | now, how, brown, down, town | ow (brown) – Speed Sounds Set 3; | Pink Level onwards for Set 2 ow; | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 blow, brown, blue, |

| ow (/əʊ/) | own, blow, snow, grow, | ow (snow) – Speed Sounds Set | Yellow Level onwards for Set 3 | chew |
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| | show | 2; | ow, ew and alternative ue. | |
| ue | blue, clue, true, rescue, | ue taught as an alternative to | | |
| | Tuesday | Speed Sounds Set 3 ew and | | |
| ew | new, few, grew, flew, | practised using Additional | | |
| | drew, threw | Speed Sound Cards (Read | | |
| | | Write Inc. Phonics Online). | | |
| ie (/aɪ/) | lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, | Practised using Additional | Blue Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | dried | Speed Sound Cards (Read | | Activity 2 tie |
| | | Write Inc. Phonics Online). | | |
| ie (/i:/) | chief, field, thief | Taught as an alternative to Set | Blue and Grey Level | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | | 2 ee. | _ | Activity 2 chief |
| igh | high, night, light, bright, | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Pink Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | right | | | Activity 2 high |
| or | for, short, born, horse, | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Pink Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme. |
| | morning | | | Activity 2 for |
| ore | more, score, before, wore, | Taught as an alternative to Set | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | shore | 2 as part of the Storybook | | Activity 2 snore |
| | | activities. | | |
| aw | saw, draw, yawn, crawl | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | | | | Activity 2 law |
| au | author, August, dinosaur, | Taught as an alternative to Set | Grey Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | astronaut | 3 aw as part of the Storybook | | Activity 2 author |
| | | activities and practised using | | |
| | | Additional Speed Sound Cards | | |
| | | (Read Write Inc. Phonics | | |
| | | Online). | | |
| air | air, fair, pair, hair, chair | Speed Sounds Set 2 | Pink Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | | | | Activity 2 fair given as example |
| ear | dear, hear, beard, near, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | year | | | Activity 2 ear given as example |
| ear (/εə/) | bear, pear, wear | | | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | | | | Activity 2 bear |
| are (/εə/) | bare, dare, care, share, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |
| | scared | | | Activity 2 care |
| Words ending -y | very, happy, funny, party, | Speed Sounds Set 3 | Yellow Level onwards | Quick recap: Pre-programme |

| (/i:/ or /ɪ/) | family | | | Activity 2 happy |
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| New consonant spellings ph and wh | dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant when, where, which, wheel, while | ph taught as an alternative for Set 1 f; wh taught as an alternative for Set 1 w. | Ditties | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 which, photo |
| Using k for the /k/ sound | Kent, sketch, kit, skin, frisky | k taught as an alternative sound for Speed Sound Set 1 ch. | Throughout | Quick recap: Pre-programme Activity 2 ski |
| Adding the prefix -un | unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock | Not explicitly taught. | See Grammar activity for Yellow Storybook 5 <i>Robin</i> <i>Hood</i> . | Quick check: Pre-programme Activity 5, question 3 If you feel children need further practice, work through Pre- programme Special focus 3 (available online). |
| Compound words | football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry | Not explicitly taught. | Covered in the Vocabulary activity in Yellow Storybook 8 Danny and the Bump-a-lump and the Grammar activity in Blue Non-fiction 4 At the seaside. | Quick check: Pre-programme Activity 5, question 1 If you feel children need further practice, work through Pre- programme Special focus 1 (available online). |
| 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 | The majority of the common exception words are practised as Red Words (high frequency words with a low frequency grapheme). Children practise spelling Red Words in the Red Rhythms activity (Yellow–Grey Levels). In the Write About activities for each Storybook, children will use a range of Red Words in their writing compositions. | | Practised as Red Words in activities in every unit of the programme in Year 2 Spelling. These words are available to print and make into cards in the Red Words Word bank. |