



## NSN Progression in teaching spelling

Spelling	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
NC 2014 Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spell:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught</li> <li>- common exception words</li> <li>- the days of the week</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Name the letters of the alphabet:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- naming the letters of the alphabet in order</li> <li>- using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Add prefixes and suffixes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker or nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs</li> <li>- using the prefix un–</li> <li>- using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1</li> <li>• Write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far.</li> </ul>	<p>Spell by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly</li> <li>• learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones</li> <li>• learning to spell common exception words</li> <li>• learning to spell more words with contracted forms</li> <li>• learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl’s book]</li> <li>• distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones</li> <li>• add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly</li> <li>• apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1</li> <li>• write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1)</li> <li>• spell further homophones</li> <li>• spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1)</li> <li>• place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls’, boys’] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children’s]</li> <li>• use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary</li> <li>• write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.</li> </ul>	<p>use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spell some words with ‘silent’ letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]</li> <li>• continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused</li> <li>• use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in English Appendix 1</li> <li>• use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</li> <li>• use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</li> <li>• use a thesaurus</li> </ul>

See Appendix 1 for specific teaching aspects by Key Stage (pages 49 to 74 of 2014 National Curriculum)