

Y4 Spelling

Spelling Overview

Spelling at St. Alban's begins once a child has successfully completed RWInc. There are two sets of words they are expected to learn: **Common Exception Words** and **Spelling Pattern Words**. The children alternate (weekly) which words they are learning. They learn Spelling Pattern words through RWInc. Spelling in one week and then Common Exception Words through the Overlearning Packs the next week.

Spelling Pattern Words

We use RWInc. Spelling to teach the spelling pattern words for children once they have completed the RWInc. Phonics Programme. By using the same company, we are ensuring a smooth transition from one scheme to the next.



Y4 Units:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefix mis- • zhuh spelt -sure • Prefix auto- • Suffix -ly • Prefix inter- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ay sound spelt eigh, ei, ey • Words ending -ous • s sound spelt sc • Words ending zhun spelt -sion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding il- • c sound spelt -que • g sound spelt -gue • Adding ir- to words beginning r • Suffix -ion
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Common Exception Words

Common exception words, sometimes called "Tricky Words, Red Words or Statutory Words" are words that are not phonetically decodable or do not follow any particular pattern.

We broke these words into 31 separate units of approximately 12 words per unit using advice from the Educational Psychologist. For each unit, we created an activity booklet which allows the children to over-learn each spelling. The activities are the same from unit 1-31 to allow for consistency across the year groups and keeping it simple for children to learn their spellings.

Unit 8	
any	these
many	once
don't	saw
because	very
walk	every
talk	find

Spelling within Pathways

The unit spelling booklet enables children to work on words that are bespoke to them. To ensure children encounter cohort specific words, we have mapped all of the statutory words to each of the Pathways units.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrive • busy • certain • ordinary • peculiar • strange • remember • weight • occasionally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appear • disappear • famous • favourite • imagine • material • occasion • popular • special 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accident • century • continue • earth • history • perhaps • probably • woman • women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • build • centre • circle • decide • different • early • group • island • natural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actually • caught • business • complete • consider • guard • increase • important • notice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accidentally • breath • breathe • interest • knowledge • learn • naughty • possess • possession