


### English Progression Ladder 1

	Phonic & Whole word spelling	Other word building spelling	Transcription	Handwriting
EYFS	See separate progression ladder			
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• words containing each of the 40+ phonemes taught</li> <li>• common exception words</li> <li>• the days of the week</li> <li>• name the letters of the alphabet in order</li> <li>• using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for 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</li> <li>• apply simple spelling rules and guidance from Appendix 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly</li> <li>• begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place</li> <li>• form capital letters</li> <li>• form digits 0-9</li> <li>• understand which letters belong to which handwriting ‘families’ and to practise these</li> </ul>
Year 2	<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 1 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>• distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• learning the possessive apostrophe (singular)</li> <li>• learning to spell more words with contracted forms</li> <li>• add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly</li> <li>• apply spelling rules and guidelines from Appendix 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another</li> <li>• start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</li> <li>• write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters</li> <li>• use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.</li> </ul>

Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spell further homophones</li> <li>• spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them</li> <li>• place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals</li> <li>• use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</li> <li>• increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spell further homophones</li> <li>• spell words that are often misspelt (Appendix 1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them</li> <li>• place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals and in words with irregular plurals</li> <li>• use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined</li> <li>• increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting</li> </ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spell some words with 'silent' letters</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 Appendix 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</li> <li>• use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</li> <li>• use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</li> </ul>	/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters</li> <li>• choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• spell some words with 'silent' letters</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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</li> <li>• use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</li> <li>• use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</li> </ul>	/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters</li> <li>• choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task</li> </ul>

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