Implementation

At St James, teaching and learning of spelling in the EYFS and Key Stage 1 is underpinned by the use of a high quality phonics programme, alongside the National Curriculum requirements for spelling in Years 1 and 2.

Year 2 onwards follows the Spelling Seeds programme, from the Literary Curriculum scheme of work. It provides contextualised sequences of sessions for the teaching of spelling that include open-ended investigations and opportunities to practise and apply within meaningful and purposeful contexts.

The objectives and spelling words match the Literary Curriculum text being covered to make for purposeful application.

Spelling is closely linked to language acquisition and, as such, the spelling words, strategies and rules ensure children are exposed to a wide variety of varied and often challenging vocabulary, linked to a range of learning opportunities.

We understand at St James that children will all learn to spell in differing ways and as such, we employ a wide variety of approaches to support the acquisition of these spelling skills, including phonic, contextual, semantic, structural and visual.



Curriculum intent

At St James, we encourage children to be critical readers and confident and informed writers. we aim to develop children's phonic and spelling knowledge skills to enable them not only to read, but to be able to spell confidently and accurately. This in turn allows them to communicate their skills more assertively in a literary context.

Key Skills developed

Children are:

- encouraged to look carefully at the words
- taught spelling rules and given the opportunity to apply them in writing
- understand how the English spelling system works and how its history has influenced our spelling
- helped and encouraged to develop their confidence as competent spellers, because the ability to spell most words correctly is often closely associated with good self-esteem. This affects performance in other areas of the curriculum
- encouraged to develop and extend their vocabulary through shared, guided and independent spelling activities.

Early Years	blends and digraphs. In Reception and Year 1 the children follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. Children begin identifying the sounds and then representing the sounds with a letter or letters. Daily spelling takes place, focusing on words which sound. Teachers talk through the words by 'chunking' them into memorable pieces and discussing patterns, helping to embed the w children's long term memory. They use white boards to practice writing the words and they are encouraged to underline the graphemes/diagraphs/trigraphs. From Year 2 onwards, children progress to the Spelling Seeds programme which works alongside Literary Curriculum. It builds upon the principal foundations of Little Wandle; by following high quality reading texts, chosen to engage support children to be critical readers and confident and informed writers.		
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 1	Autumn 1 Review Phase 3 and 4 Phase 5 /ai/ ay play /ow/ ou cloud /oi/ oy toy /ea/ ea each Review tricky words Phases 2–4: the put* pull* full* push* to into I no go of he she we me be was you they all are my by sure pure said have like so do some come love were there little one when out what says here today.	Spring 1 Phase 5 graphemes /ee/ y funny /e/ ea head /w/ wh wheel /oa/ oe ou toe shoulder /igh/ y fly /oa/ ow snow /j/ g giant /f/ ph phone /l/ le al apple metal /s/ c ice /v/ ve give /u/ o-e o ou some mother young /z/ se cheese /s/ se ce mouse fence /ee/ ey donkey /oo/ ui ou fruit soup New tricky words any many again who whole where two school call different thought through friend work	Summer 1: Phonics screening check review – no new GPCs or tricky words Summer 2 Phase 5 graphemes /ai/ eigh aigh ey ea eight straight grey break /n/ kn gn knee gnaw /m/ mb thumb /ear/ ere eer here deer /zh/ su si treasure vision /j/ dge bridge /i/ y crystal /j/ ge large /sh/ ti ssi si ci potion mission mansion delicious /or/ augh our oar ore daughter pour oar more
	Autumn 2 Phase 5 graphemes /ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute /ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw New tricky words their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want	Spring 2 Phase 5 graphemes /ur/ or word /oo/ u oul awful could /air/ are share /or/ au aur oor al author dinosaur floor walk /ch/ tch ture match adventure /ar/ al a half* father* /or/ a water schwa in longer words: different /o/ a want /air/ ear ere bear there /ur/ ear learn /r/ wr wrist /s/ st sc whistle science /c/ ch school /sh/ ch chef /z/ ze freeze schwa at the end of words: actor New tricky words once laugh because eye	New tricky words busy beautiful pretty hour move improve parents shoe

Year 2	Themes: Autumn 1: A twist in the tale Autumn 2: Creation and conservation Objectives: Common exception words Adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before i Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est & –y to w of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before I and II The /i:/ sound spelt –ey The /p/ sound spelt a after w and qu The, /ʒ/ sound spelt s The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful, –less and –ly Contractions The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Themes: Spring 1: Bravery vs. fear Spring 2: Change and relationships Objectives:	Themes: Summer 1: Fictional worlds & fantasy Summer 2: Urban metropolis Objectives: Common exception words The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y The /l/ or /el/ sound spelt —le at the end of words The /l/ or /el/ sound spelt —el at the end of words The /l/ or /el/ sound spelt —al at the end of words Words ending —il (Recall) Adding —ing, —ed, —er, —est & —y to w of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter The /s:/ sound spelt ar after w The /o:/ sound spelt ar after w
Year 2 Common exception words coverage	Autumn again, any, bath, beautiful, behind, break, child, Christmas, clothes, every, everybody, eye, fast, father, floor, grass, great, half, hour, improve, kind, many, mind, most, move, Mrs, Mr, parents, path, plant, poor, pretty, should, wild, who, whole hold, cold	Spring again, any, bath, beautiful, behind, both, break, children, door, even, everybody, gold, kind, last, mind, money, old, only, pass, pretty, poor, prove, steak, sugar, sure, told, water, wild, who, whole, would find, class	Summer after, any, beautiful, behind, busy, Christmas, climb, clothes, could, doors, even, everybody, eye, fast, floor, gold, great, improve, kind, last, many, money, most, path, pass, parents, people, past, people, poor, should, sugar, water, wild, who because, every

Year 3	Themes Autumn 1: Magic & wonder Autumn 2: Dreams & curiosity Objectives Word list words More prefixes (dis-, mis-, in-, il,- imir-re- sub-, inter-, super, anti-, auto-) The suffix -ation The suffix - ous Endings which sound like /ʃən/,spelt tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian Possessive apostrophe with plural words	Themes Spring 1: Disaster, hope & healing Spring 2: Overcoming adversity Objectives	Themes Summer 1: From mystery to discovery Summer 2: Confidence & caution Objectives • (Recall) Word list words • (Recall) More prefixes (dis-, mis-, in-, il,- imir-re- sub-, inter-, super, anti-, auto-) • (Recall) The suffix -ation • The suffix -ly • Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ • Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)
Year 3 statutory word list coverage	Autumn address, appear, believe, describe, disappear, early, earth, experience, famous, grammar, guard, heard, imagine, important, interest, potatoes, purpose, remember, sentence, special, suppose, surprise, though/although, thought actual, arrive, circle	spring answer, breath, breathe, build, centre, century, certain, consider, continue, decide, different, difficult, February, forward(s), heard, height, history, increase, island, natural, notice, often, possess(ion), pressure, reign, straight, through eight, fruit, quarter	Summer accidentally, answer, busy, bicycle, caught, certain, difficult, experience, experiment, favourite, height, learn, length, material, mention, naughty, notice, occasion(ally), perhaps, popular, possess(ion), probably, recent, reign, separate, strange, various library, actually, extreme

Year 4	Themes Autumn 1: Finding freedom Autumn 2: Invention & innovation Objectives Word list words More prefixes (dis-, mis-, in-, il,- imir-re- sub-, inter-, super, anti-, auto-) The suffix -ation The suffix -ly Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ Endings which sound like /ʒən/ The suffix - ous Endings which sound like /ʃən/,spelt tion, —sion, —ssion, —cian	Themes Spring 1: Darkness & light Spring 2: Taking courage Objectives • (Recall) Word list words • (Recall) Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to polysyllabic words • (Recall) Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/ • (Recall) Endings which sound like /ʒən/ • Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) • Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) • Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt —gue and the /k/ sound spelt —que • Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)	Themes Summer 1: Exploration & discovery Summer 2: Different worlds Objectives • (Recall) Word list words • The /i/sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of a word • (Recall) More prefixes (dis-, mis-, in-, il,-imir-re- sub-, inter-, super, anti-, auto-) • (Recall) The suffix -ly • (Recall) Words with endings sounding like /3ə/ or /tʃə/ • (Recall) The suffix - ous • Possessive apostrophe with plural words • Homophones and near-homophones
Year 4 statutory word list coverage	Autumn appear, breathe, certain, complete, consider, decide, describe, different, disappear, experiment, group, guide, height, important, increase, learn, length, natural, notice, often, possible, pressure, promise, purpose, regular, straight, thought, weight woman, women, therefore	Spring address, busy/business, breathe, difficult, disappear, early, earth, enough, experience, February, heart, history, imagine, minute, naughty, ordinary, potatoes, pressure, question, recent, regular, remember, sentence, special, strange, particular, calendar, eighth	Summer accidentally, believe, centuries, certain, continue, different, earth, exercise, experience, forward(s), grammar, group, guard, guide, heart, history, interest, learn, material, opposite, ordinary, peculiar, popular, position, reign, surprise, strange, various strength, medicine, knowledge

Year 5	Themes Autumn 1: Ambition & desire Autumn 2: Power vs. principles Objectives Word list words Words containing the letter-string ough Use of the hyphen Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in —fer Words ending in —able and —ible, ably and —ibly Words ending in —ant, —ance/—ancy, Endings which sound like /ʃəl/	Themes Spring 1: Belonging & acceptance Spring 2: Legends & folklore Objectives	Themes Summer 1: Lessons from history Summer 2: Mystery & truth Objectives • (Recall) Word list words • (Recall) Words containing the suffix –ate, –ify, – en • Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) • (Recall) Words containing the letter-string ough • Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c • (Recall) Use of the hyphen • (Recall) Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious
Year 5 statutory word list coverage	Autumn achieve, amateur, ancient, competition, controversy, correspond, desperate, disastrous, embarrass (+ment), excellent, guarantee, interfere, lightning, marvellous, mischievous, physical, prejudice, privilege, programme, relevant, sincere(ly), signature, twelfth, yacht aggressive, average	Spring accompany, according, achieve, attached, available, awkward, controversy, curiosity, desperate, disastrous, familiar, identity, immediate(ly), interfere, leisure, mischievous, necessary, persuade, prejudice, privilege, recommend, suggest, sufficient bruise, category	Summer correspond, criticise (critic + ise), disastrous, embarrass, especially, exaggerate, excellent, harass, hindrance, immediate(ly), marvellous, occupy, occur, recommend, restaurant, sincere(ly), signature, soldier, twelfth, yacht develop, dictionary

Year 6	Themes Autumn 1: Migration & movement Autumn 2: Evolution & inheritance Objectives Word list words Homophones and other words that are often confused (continued) Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c Use of the hyphen Words ending in	Themes Spring 1: Enterprise & activism Spring 2: Utopia vs. dystopia Objectives • (Recall) Word list words • (Recall) Homophones and other words that are often confused (continued) • Words ending in –able and –ible, ably and –ibly • (Recall) Words ending in –ent, –ence/–ency • (Recall) Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ • Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –	Themes Summer 1: Fate vs. free will Summer 2: Crossing borders Objectives (Recall) Word list words (Recall) Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Words containing the letter-string ough (Recall) Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c (Recall) Use of the hyphen Adding suffixes beginning with vowel
	 -ant, -ance/-ancy, Words ending in -ent, -ence/-ency Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ 	cious or –tious	letters to words ending in –fer (Recall) Words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, (Recall) Words ending in –ent, –ence/–ency
Year 6 statutory word list coverage	Autumn accommodate, amateur, appreciate, bargain, community, communicate, correspond determined, equipped, familiar, foreign, government, guarantee, identity, individual, language, lightning, necessary, occupy, occur, opportunity, pronunciation, queue, recognise, temperature	Spring apparent, cemetery, committee, communicate, community, controversy, desperate, definite, disastrous, equip (–ped,–ment), existence, explanation, forty, interrupt, government, identity, mischievous, neighbour, parliament, prejudice, profession, thorough, variety, vegetable	Summer communicate, community, convenience, conscience, controversy, disastrous, frequently, identity, language, mischievous, prejudice, privilege, recognise, rhyme, rhythm, secretary, shoulder, stomach, vehicle
	muscle, nuisance	symbol, system	sacrifice, conscious

Statutory words/common exception words in blue = extra statutory spelling words which are not covered in Spelling Seeds curriculum overview