St Joseph's Catholic Primary School





St. Alban Catholic Schools' Partnership

Knowledge and Skills – Progression Ladder

	Subject: Writing (Spelling) Years: 1-6							
EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6		
To use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. Set 1 (CVC, constant digraphs, CCVC CVCC) green words Set 2 (vowel digraphs) Some common irregular words	Revision of Reception work: All letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent. consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent Vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent The process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds Words with adjacent consonants guidance and rules which have been taught. And then: The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are usually spelt as ff, ll, ss, zz and ck The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k division of words into syllables The /tf/ sound is usually spelt as tch if it comes straight after a single vowel letter	The /dʒ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —le at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —el at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —al at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —al at the end of words Adding —el at the end of words Adding —es to nouns and verbs ending in —y Adding —es to a root word ending in —y with a consonant before it Adding the endings — ing, —ed, —er, —est and —y to	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable The // I sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words The /n/ sound spelt ou The suffix -ly Words with endings sounding like /3ə/ or /tʃə/ Words with endings sounding like /3ə/ or /tʃə/ 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 (French in origin) Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey Adding the prefix -re Words ending in -ary Words containing the short -u and -ou sound. Homophones and near homophones Common exception words	More prefixes —dis, -un, - in The suffix —ation Endings which sound like /ʒən/ The suffix —ous Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt —tion, —sion, — ssion, —cian Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin) Possessive apostrophe with plural words Words with a 'soft c' spelt —ce and —ci Adding the prefix —ex Adding the prefix —non Homophones Common exception words	Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ spelt -cial or - tial Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c Words containing the letter-string ough Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Homophones and other words that are often confused Common exception words	Endings which sound like /Jəs/ spelt –cious or –tious Words ending in –ant –ance/–ancy, –ent, – ence/–ency Words ending in –able and –ible Words ending in –ably and – ibly Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer Homophones and other words that are often confused Common exception words		

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The /v/ sound at the end of	words ending in –e with	
words	a consonant before it	
Adding s and es to words	Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –	
(plural of nouns and the	est and –y to words of	
third person singular of	one syllable ending in a	
verbs)	single consonant letter	1
Adding the endings –ing, –ed	after a single vowel	
and –er to verbs where no	letter	1
change is needed to the root	The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a	
word	before I and II	
Adding –er and –est to	• The /n/ sound spelt o	1
adjectives where no change	The /i:/ sound spelt –ey	1
is needed to the root word	The /p/ sound spelt a	1
Vowel diagraphs and	after w and qu	
trigraphs	The /3:/ sound spelt or	
Words ending –y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)	after w	1
New consonant spellings ph	The /ɔ:/ sound spelt ar	1
and wh	after w	
Using k for the /k/ sound	The /ʒ/ sound spelt s	
Adding the prefix –un	The suffixes –ment, –	
Compound words	ness, –ful , –less and –ly	
Common exception words	• Contractions	
	The possessive	1
	apostrophe (singular	
	nouns)	
	Words ending in –tion	
	Homophones and near-	
	homophones	
	Common exception	
	words	