

# Mrs Welham's Spelling Group – Autumn Term 1

(Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

## Week 1

The letter 'j' making a /juh/ sound is never used at the end of English words. Instead it is either spelt '-dge' or '-ge'. If it comes after a short vowel sound, the '-dge' spelling is used (i.e. badge, fudge, hedge). If it comes after a long vowel sound or any other sound, the '-ge' spelling is used (i.e. change, barge, forge)

dodge hedge badge fudge bridge change huge barge age  
forge

## Week 2

SOFT 'C' - A hard 'c' occurs most often and makes a /k/ sound when followed by the letters 'a', 'o' and 'u' (i.e. cat, cot, cut) A soft 'c' makes an /s/ sound when followed by the letters 'e', 'y' and 'i'.

race circle bouncy city spice circus pencil ice prince twice

## Week 3

The 'k' and the 'g' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of years ago and still sounding these letters, when learning how to spell the words, really helps (and it's fun!)

knock knee knight know knit gnashers gnat gnaw gnome  
gnu

## Week 4

The /r/ sound spelt 'wr' at the beginning of words. Again, this spelling probably reflects an old English pronunciation.

write wrap wrong wrist wren wrote wrinkle wriggle wreck  
written

## Week 5

The /l/ sound spelt 'le' and 'al'.

table apple puddle giggle wobble metal royal local  
equal capital

## Week 6

The /l/ sound spelt 'el' and 'il'

camel towel tunnel squirrel travel tinsel pencil fossil nostril  
April

## Week 7

ASSESSMENT - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

'le' at the end of a word. This ending is generally used when it follows ascending and descending letters (i.e. apple, little, puddle, giggle, ladle, waffle, bubble) and is the most common spelling for this sound.

'el' at the end of a word. This is generally used after **m, n, r, s, v** and **w** (i.e. camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel) and is a lesser common spelling for this sound.

'il' at the end of a word (i.e. civil, pencil, evil, fossil, nostril) Apparently there are not many of these at all - so if you fancy a challenge, see how many you can find!

'al' at the end of a word. These words are mainly adjectives but there are some nouns too. There is no spelling rule - you just need to learn them!