

Year 1 Spring 2 2026

Week 1 - w/b 23/02/2026

Graphemes			
or (ur)	u (oo)	are (air)	oor (or)
Words			
word	awful	share	floor
world	playful	square	door
Tricky Words			
once	our	laugh	their

Week 2 - w/b 02/03/2026

Graphemes			
tch (ch)	ture (ch)*	al (ar)	a (ar)
Words			
catch	picture	calf	father
itchy	nature	half	nasty
Tricky Words			
because	eye	once	our

* The grapheme 'ture' has a slight schwa at the end in words so we pronounce it 'chuh'. For ease of reference, it is under under /ch/ in the 'Grow the code' chart.

Week 3 - w/b 09/03/2026

Graphemes			
a (or)	Longer words	a (o)	ear (air)
Words			
always	difficult	swap	bear
small	animal	watch	tear
Tricky Words			
who	whole	people	thought

Week 4 - w/b 16/03/2026

Graphemes			
ear (ur)	wr (r)	sc st (s)	our or (or)
Words			
learn	write	scent	colour
early	wrong	listen	actor
Tricky Words			
any	many	two	friend

Week 5- w/b 23/03/2026

Graphemes			
ch (c)	ze (z)	a (o) (ar) (or) (ai)	Longer words
Words			
school	freeze	ball	gigantic
echo	squeeze	salt	difficult
Tricky Words			
laugh	eye	once	because

Dictation Sentences

- Challenge your child to apply their secure phonic knowledge in short, dictated sentences.
- The children will have read and written these sentences in class during their phonics lessons.
- The purpose of these dictations is to practise accurate spelling.
- The dictation routine we use in school is as follows:
 - Write the sentence - while you are writing encourage your child to start reading the sentence.
 - Practise saying the sentence until your child is confident and fluent recalling the sentence.
 - Ask your child to identify any tricky words and circle them.
 - Ask your child to identify any trigraphs/ digraphs/ split digraphs/ alternative sounds and underline them.
 - Give your child one last chance to look at the sentence and then cover it up or hide it.
 - Ask your child to write the sentence.
 - Check the sentence together.
 - Remind your child to check and correct their spelling.

See dictation sentences below:

Week 1:

- A worm's work is never done.
- The playful octopus dances in the pudding.
- Would you dare to scare a worm?
- The astronaut met the dinosaur on the jungle floor.

Week 2:

- Can you fetch the cheese from the kitchen please?
- It would be an adventure to see an octopus in nature.
- I saw a calf being born in the farmyard.
- I am making a mask in the craft lesson.

Week 3:

- The ball always goes over the wall.
- A crocodile is a wild animal.
- Watch out, there is a wasp near your juice!
- The hairy bear eats pears in the kitchen.

Week 4:

- I heard the children whispering about wasps.
- The wrapping paper on the box makes it look cool.
- Listen to the wind whistle through the castle.
- The gigantic caterpillar was a blue colour.

Week 5:

- The children shriek as they chase each other through the school.
- The loud sneeze woke me up from my snooze.
- I use salt and water when I am baking pizza.
- I had a colourful caterpillar that turned into a butterfly.