



# Tankersley C of E (A) Primary School

## KS1 & KS2 – English Overview

### Spoken Language

Class	
Class 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers</li> <li>□ ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge</li> </ul>
Class 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary</li> <li>□ articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions</li> </ul>
Class 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings</li> <li>□ maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments</li> </ul>
Class 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas</li> <li>□ speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English</li> </ul>
Class 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates</li> <li>□ gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)</li> </ul>
Class 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others</li> <li>□ select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.</li> </ul>

### Reading

Class	<u>Reading-word reading</u>	<u>Reading-comprehension</u>
Class 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words</li> <li>□ respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes</li> <li>□ read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught</li> <li>□ read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word</li> <li>□ read words containing taught GPCs and -s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er and -est endings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:</li> <li>□ listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently</li> <li>□ being encouraged to link what they read or hear read to their own experiences</li> <li>□ becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics</li> <li>□ recognising and joining in with predictable phrases</li> <li>□ learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs</li> <li>□ read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)</li> <li>□ read aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words</li> <li>□ re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known</li> <li>□ understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:</li> <li>□ drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher</li> <li>□ checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading</li> <li>□ discussing the significance of the title and events</li> <li>□ making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done</li> <li>□ predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far</li> <li>□ participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say</li> <li>□ explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them.</li> </ul>
<b>Class 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent</li> <li>□ read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes</li> <li>□ read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above</li> <li>□ read words containing common suffixes</li> <li>□ read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word</li> <li>□ read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered</li> <li>□ read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation</li> <li>□ re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:</li> <li>□ listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently</li> <li>□ discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related</li> <li>□ becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales</li> <li>□ being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways</li> <li>□ recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry</li> <li>□ discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary</li> <li>□ discussing their favourite words and phrases</li> <li>□ continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear</li> <li>□ understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:</li> <li>□ drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher</li> <li>□ checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting</li> </ul>

		<p>inaccurate reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done</li> <li>□ answering and asking questions</li> <li>□ predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far</li> <li>□ participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say</li> <li>□ explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lower Key Stage 2</b></p> <p><b>Class 3</b></p> <p><b>Class 4</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (etymology and morphology) as listed in <u>English Appendix 1</u>, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words they meet</li> <li>□ read further exception words, noting the unusual correspondences between spelling and sound, and where these occur in the word.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:</li> <li>□ listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks</li> <li>□ reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes</li> <li>□ using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read</li> <li>□ increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, myths and legends, and retelling some of these orally</li> <li>□ identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upper Key Stage 2</b></p> <p><b>Class 5</b></p> <p><b>Class 6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), as listed in <u>English Appendix 1</u>, both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by:</li> <li>□ continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks</li> <li>□ reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes</li> <li>□ increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions</li> </ul>

## Writing

<u>Class</u>	<u>Writing-transcription</u>	<u>Writing-handwriting</u>	<u>Writing-composition</u>	<u>Writing-vocabulary, grammar and punctuation</u>
<b>Class 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ spell:</li><li>□ words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught</li><li>□ common exception words</li><li>□ the days of the week</li><li>□ name the letters of the alphabet:</li><li>□ naming the letters of the alphabet in order</li><li>□ using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound</li><li>□ add prefixes and suffixes:</li><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 [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]</li><li>□ apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English Appendix 1</li><li>□ write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception</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' (i.e. letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ write sentences by:</li><li>□ saying out loud what they are going to write about</li><li>□ composing a sentence orally before writing it</li><li>□ sequencing sentences to form short narratives</li><li>□ re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense</li><li>□ discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils</li><li>□ read aloud their writing clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English Appendix 2 by:</li><li>□ leaving spaces between words</li><li>□ joining words and joining clauses using and</li><li>□ beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark</li><li>□ using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'</li><li>□ learning the grammar for year 1 in English Appendix 2</li><li>□ use the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.</li></ul>

	words taught so far.			
Class 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ spell by:</li> <li>□ segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly</li> <li>□ learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one 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>□ learning to spell more words with contracted forms</li> <li>□ learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book]</li> <li>□ distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones</li> <li>□ add suffixes to spell longer words, including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly</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 un joined</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:</li> <li>□ writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)</li> <li>□ writing about real events</li> <li>□ writing poetry</li> <li>□ writing for different purposes</li> <li>□ consider what they are going to write before beginning by:</li> <li>□ planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about</li> <li>□ writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary</li> <li>□ encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence</li> <li>□ make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by:</li> <li>□ evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils</li> <li>□ re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form</li> <li>□ proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly]</li> <li>□ read aloud what they have</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop their understanding of the concepts set out in <u>English Appendix 2</u> by:</li> <li>□ learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly (see English Appendix 2), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)</li> <li>□ learn how to use:</li> <li>□ sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command</li> <li>□ expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]</li> <li>□ the present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the progressive form</li> <li>□ subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)</li> <li>□ the grammar for year 2 in English Appendix 2</li> <li>□ some features of written Standard English</li> <li>□ use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 in discussing their writing.</li> </ul>

			written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	
<p><b>Lower Key Stage 2</b></p> <p><b>Class 3</b></p> <p><b>Class 4</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them (English Appendix 1)</li> <li>□ spell further homophones</li> <li>□ spell words that are often misspelt (English Appendix 1)</li> <li>□ place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's]</li> <li>□ use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary</li> <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 [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant; that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch].</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ plan their writing by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar</li> <li>□ discussing and recording ideas</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ draft and write by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures (<u>English Appendix 2</u>)</li> <li>□ organising paragraphs around a theme</li> <li>□ in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot</li> <li>□ in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ evaluate and edit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements</li> <li>□ proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ proof-read for spelling and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop their understanding of the concepts set out in <u>English Appendix 2</u> by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including when, if, because, although</li> <li>□ using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense</li> <li>□ choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition</li> <li>□ using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause</li> <li>□ using fronted adverbials</li> <li>□ learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in English Appendix 2</li> <li>□ indicate grammatical and other features by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ using commas after fronted adverbials</li> <li>□ indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns</li> <li>□ using and punctuating direct speech</li> </ul> </li> <li>□ use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<p>punctuation errors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Upper Key Stage 2</b></p> <p><b>Class 5</b></p> <p><b>Class 6</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them</li> <li>□ spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]</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 English Appendix 1</li> <li>□ use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words</li> <li>□ use the first three or four letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary</li> <li>□ use a thesaurus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:</li> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ plan their writing by:</li> <li>□ identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own</li> <li>□ noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary</li> <li>□ in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed</li> <li>□ draft and write by:</li> <li>□ selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning</li> <li>□ in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action</li> <li>□ précis longer passages</li> <li>□ using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ develop their understanding of the concepts set out in <u>English Appendix 2</u> by:</li> <li>□ recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms</li> <li>□ using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence</li> <li>□ using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause</li> <li>□ using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely</li> <li>□ using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility</li> <li>□ using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (i.e. omitted) relative pronoun</li> <li>□ learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in English Appendix 2</li> <li>□ indicate grammatical and other features by:</li> <li>□ using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing</li> <li>□ using hyphens to avoid ambiguity</li> <li>□ using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis</li> <li>□ using semi-colons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent</li> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]</li> <li>□ evaluate and edit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing</li> <li>□ proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning</li> <li>□ ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing</li> <li>□ ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register</li> <li>□ proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>clauses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ using a colon to introduce a list</li> <li>□ punctuating bullet points consistently</li> <li>□ use and understand the grammatical terminology in English Appendix 2 accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading.</li> </ul>
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## Spelling

Class				
Class 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ all letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent</li> <li>□ consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent</li> <li>□ vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent</li> <li>□ the process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds</li> <li>□ words with adjacent consonants</li> <li>□ guidance and rules which have been taught</li> </ul>			



	<p><b><u>Statutory requirements</u></b></p> <p>The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck</p> <p>The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k</p> <p>Division of words into syllables</p> <p>-tch</p> <p>The /v/ sound at the end of words</p> <p>Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)</p> <p>Adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word</p> <p>Adding -er and -est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word</p> <p><b><u>Vowel digraphs and trigraphs</u></b></p> <p>ai, oi ay, oy a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e ar ee ea (/i:/) ea (/ɛ/) er (/ɜ:/) er (/ə/) ir ur oo (/u:/) oo (/ʊ/) oa oe ou ow (/aʊ/) ow (/əʊ/) ue ew ie (/aɪ/)</p> <p>ie (/i:/) igh or ore aw au air ear ear (/ɛə/) are (/ɛə/)</p> <p>Words ending -y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)</p> <p>New consonant spellings ph and wh</p> <p>Using k for the /k/ sound</p> <p>Adding the prefix -un</p> <p>Compound words</p> <p>Common exception words</p>
<b>Class 2</b>	<p><b><u>Statutory requirements</u></b></p> <p>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</p> <p>The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y</p> <p>The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words</p> <p>The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words</p> <p>The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -le at the end of words</p> <p>The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -el at the end of words</p> <p>The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -al at the end of words</p> <p>Words ending -il</p> <p>The /aɪ/ sound spelt -y at the end of words</p> <p>Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in</p> <p>-y</p> <p>Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it</p> <p>Adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it</p> <p>Adding -ing, -ed,</p> <p>-er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter</p> <p>The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll</p>

	<p>The /ʌ/ sound spelt o</p> <p>The /i:/ sound spelt –ey</p> <p>The /ɒ/ sound spelt a after w and qu</p> <p>The /ɜ:/ sound spelt or after w</p> <p>The /ɔ:/ sound spelt ar after w</p> <p>The /z/ sound spelt s</p> <p>The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful , –less and –ly</p> <p>Contractions</p> <p>The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)</p> <p>Words ending in –tion</p> <p>Homophones and near-homophones</p> <p>Common exception words</p>
<p><b>Class 3</b></p> <p><b>Class 4</b></p>	<p><u>Statutory requirements</u></p> <p>Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable</p> <p>The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words</p> <p>The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou</p> <p>More prefixes</p> <p>The suffix –ation</p> <p>The suffix –ly</p> <p>Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/</p> <p>Endings which sound like /ʒən/</p> <p>The suffix –ous</p> <p>Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian</p> <p>Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)</p> <p>Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)</p> <p>Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin)</p> <p>Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)</p> <p>Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey</p> <p>Possessive apostrophe with plural words</p> <p>Homophones and near-homophones</p>

<b>Class 5</b>	<b><u>Statutory requirements</u></b> Endings which sound like /jəs/ spelt –cious or –tious Endings which sound like /jəl/
<b>Class 6</b>	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 Use of the hyphen 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 Homophones and other words that are often confused