Word Level Work - An Index of Themes.

The index only covers Key Stage 2. It shows the themes and the term(s) in which they are taught.

Theme	Activity/Knowledge/Skill	Year 3 Term			Year 4 Term			Year 5 Term			Year 6 Term		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Alphabetical order	using the first 2 letters		✓										
	using second & third place letters				✓								
Apostrophes	to spell shortened form of words		✓	✓									
	for possessives and contractions						✓						
Dictionaries	purpose and organisation of dictionary/thesaurus	✓											
	using for spelling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	know the quartiles		✓										
	use to check spellings & definitions		✓										
	information about word origins, meanings and spelling			✓									
	using a rhyming dictionary					✓							
	compile own class/group dictionary									✓			
	efficient use of dictionary; use a range of dictionaries									✓			
	range of									✓			
	etymological dictionary										✓		
Handwriting	formation of basic joins	✓	✓	✓									
	consistency in size and proportions of letters and spacing,	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	speed fluency & legibility		✓	✓									
	use neat hand or informal writing, appropriately				✓								
	use of joined style except where other forms are required,				✓	✓	✓						
	build up speed					✓	✓						
	use a range of presentational skills						✓						
Prefixes	using them to generate new words e.g. antonyms	✓		✓									
Phonemes	blends for reading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	identify in speech and writing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	segment words into, for spelling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Reading	use context to infer meaning	✓	✓										
	discriminate syllables	✓	✓	✓									
	high frequency words	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	words with silent letters		✓										
	understanding common suffixes -ly, -ful, -less		✓										
	prefixes miss-, non-, ex-, co-, anti-,			✓									
	understanding meanings of common homophones				✓								
	suffixes -al, -ary, -ic, -ship, -hood, -ness, -ment				✓								
	words in Appendix List 2				✓	✓							
	using phonic/spelling knowledge as a cue				✓	✓	✓						
Spelling Strategies	discriminate syllables	✓	✓	✓									
	practise by "look, say, cover, write, check" strategy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	independent strategies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	identify mis-spelt words in own work	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	identify short words within longer words			✓									
	using I.T.Spell Checkersfor spelling							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	use known spellings as a basis for spelling other words							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	using word roots, prefixes & suffixes										✓		
Spelling - using apostrophes	apostrophes for spelling shortened forms of words		✓	✓									
	apostrophes for possessives and contractions						✓						
Spelling- changing and creating words	use suffixes to generate new words from root words		✓										
	extending and compounding words						✓						
	changing tenses, making comparatives									✓			
	word origins and derivatives											✓	
	inventing rules and mnemonics											✓	✓
Spelling- prefixes	understanding prefixes un-, de-, dis-, re-, pre-	✓											
	miss-, non-, ex-, co-, anti-			✓									
	al-					✓							
	auto, bi, trans, tele, circum								✓				
	in-, im-, ir-, il-, pro-, sus-										✓		
Spelling patterns and rules	-le pattern	✓											
	2 syllable words containing double consonants				✓								
	pluralisation, rules for							✓					
	patterns of consonants								✓				
	unstressed vowels in polysyllabic words									✓			
	rules for words ending in modifying e, words ending in y									✓			
	patterns for unstressed vowels										✓		
	unstressed vowels in polysyllabic words												✓

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Spelling words	words containing long vowel phonemes	✓	✓	✓									
	verbs ending in "ing"	✓											
	high frequency words	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	compound words		✓										
	noun when "s" is added		✓										
	words with silent letters		✓										
	regular verb endings - s, ed, ing; irregular tense changes				✓								
	words in appendix list 2				✓	✓							
	homophones				✓				✓				
	words with common endings -ight					✓							
	words with common letter strings but different pronunciations						✓						
	words with common roots						✓						
	words ending in vowels other than the letter "e"							✓					
	possessive pronouns								✓				
	words with different pronunciations								✓				
	connectives- therefore, notwithstanding, furthermore										✓		
Spelling suffixes	er, est, and y also -ly, -ful, -less		✓										
	-al. -ary, -ac, -ship, -hood, -ness, -ment				✓								
	suffixes added to words ending in "f"					✓							
	-ible, -able, -ive, -tion, -sion						✓						
	-cian, etc.								✓				
Syllables	identify patterns in multi-syllabic words				✓	✓	✓						
Thesaurus	purpose and organisation	✓											
Terms	prefix	✓											
	synonym	✓											
	definition		✓										
	plural		✓										
	singular		✓										
	suffix		✓										
Vocabulary - use of	use accurate/interesting words/expressions					✓							
	use adverbs in writing dialogue							✓					
Vocabulary - exploring and understanding	synonyms: generate synonyms for high frequency words	✓											
	synonyms: collecting synonyms			✓									
	synonyms and shades of meaning							✓					
	opposites		✓										
	antonyms								✓				
	homonyms			✓									
	words which imply gender					✓							
	compound words						✓						
	identifying word roots, derivations, spelling patterns							✓					
	onomatopoeia								✓				
	metaphorical expressions and figures of speech								✓				
	metaphors and similes												✓
	words borrowed from other languages									✓			
	how words vary across dialects									✓			
	how words and expressions have changed over time										✓		
	origins of proper names										✓		
	how new words are added to the language										✓		
	understanding that meanings of words change over time											✓	
	inventing word games, puns etc.												✓
Vocabulary- changing and generating words	generate new words using prefixes	✓		✓									
	generate new words using suffixes		✓										
	write own definitions of words		✓		✓								
	making nouns and adjectives into verbs				✓								
	making nouns and verbs into adjectives					✓							
	use alternative words/expressions that are more interesting/accurate than common choices					✓							
	forming diminutives						✓						
	how words are formed from longer ones									✓			
	creating new words												✓
	inventing words using known roots, prefixes and suffixes												✓
Vocabulary - collecting	use personal dictionaries: glossaries to collect words	✓	✓	✓									
	for introducing and concluding dialogue	✓											
	collect, investigate & classify common expressions			✓									
	collect words that are now little used; that vocabulary changes over time					✓							

collect and classify idiomatic phrases, cliches and expressions							✔				
collect, define and spell technical words								✔			
collect useful terms/phrases for argument										✔	
collect proverbs, explain meanings and origins of											✔