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| **Testing period: week commencing** | **Tuesday 3rd January** | **9th January** | **16th January** | **23rd January** | **30th January** | **6th February** |
| **Round 1:**  **Key Words** | excellent  occur  symbol  bruise  queue  convenience | equipment  opportunity  system  category  hindrance  controversy | parliament  temperature  cemetery  familiar  harass  pronunciation | thorough  committee  foreign  physical  yacht  conscious | communicate  forty  prejudice  variety  frequently  privilege | **6 mystery key words from this term** |
| **Round 2: Spelling Rule** | **Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c**  conceive  perceive  caffeine  either (‘ee-ther’)  neither (‘nee-ther’) | **ough: “aw” sound**  wrought  sought afterthought overbought outfought | **ough: “uh” sound**  clough  chough  tough Middlesbrough Peterborough | **ough: “ow” sounds**  although  cough\*  plough breakthrough furlough | **Silent letters: b and n**  comb  climb  bomb  subtle  condemn | **2 mystery spellings from each of the rules this term** |
| **Round 3:**  **Mystery Spellings**  Learn the rule.  You will be tested on 5 more words which follow this week’s rule. | The ‘**i** before **e** except after **c**’ rule applies to words where the sound spelt by **ei** is /i:/.  **Exceptions**: *protein*, *caffeine*, *seize* (and *either* and *neither* if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound)*.* | **ough** is one of the trickiest spellings in English – it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.  This week, we are just looking at words which rhyme with the /ɔː / sound: yawn at dawn. | **ough** is one of the trickiest spellings in English – it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.  This week, we are just looking at words which rhyme with the /^ / vowel sound: under, up, puddle | This week we are looking at a number of different sounds.  1. words which rhyme with this phonic sound: blow the snow  2. words which rhyme with this phonic sound: brown cow  3. Exceptions\* | Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago.  The **silent** **b** often comes before *t*, or after *m* at the end of a word.  The **silent n** often follows *m* at the end of a word. |
| **Round 4: Homophones** | whose/who’s | wary/weary | steal/steel | stationary/  stationery | profit/prophet | guest/guessed |