



## Spellings – September 2016

Dear parents/carers

In response to some of the suggestions made by parents at our recent curriculum evenings, we have produced this advice on how to support your child at home with their spellings. We hope you find it useful and informative.

Children will receive weekly spellings in their learning link every Monday and the teacher will advise at the beginning of the year which groups spellings your child should be learning. This may change as the year progresses and you will be informed if this is the case. Spellings are tested each Monday in the children's spelling books and their mark is written on the learning link so you have an indication of how they have performed in school. Children are given up to a maximum of 10 spellings per week, and all 10 will now be tested. Spellings will be made up of a combination of spelling/phonic patterns, tricky words or spellings taken from the key word lists for each year group.

Please try and practise spellings daily if possible and encourage your child to keep their writing neat and sitting on the line. To help your child learn their spellings:

### **Look – Cover – Write – Check**

Please do not learn the spellings in order. Mix them up to check that your child can spell the word. If you fancy a challenge, write your spellings in a sentence or check you know the meaning of the words and find the definition in a dictionary.

Attached are some additional activities that you could complete at home to help your child with learning their spellings. Remember, the emphasis should always be on trying to make it as meaningful and as fun as possible.

The following website also gives lots of expert help on supporting your child with their spelling, punctuation and grammar at home as well as how to encourage reading and writing in general.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-site/expert-help/grammar-punctuation-and-spelling-made-easy>

If you are having difficulties encouraging your child to learn their spellings at home, please speak to your child's class teacher and they can support you.

Thank you for your support

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