Spelling – Back to the Future!



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Aims of the Evening

- Communicate the key messages in the new curriculum in terms of spelling.
- Provide information on current expectations for each Year Group and our approach.
- To consider different spelling strategies/resources to help support your child at home.
- Q & A session.

Modern life







The 2014 curriculum

What are the key messages?

- Phonic knowledge should continue to underpin spelling after key stage 1.
- The word-lists for years 3, 4, and, 5 and 6 are statutory.
- Bigger emphasis of the teaching of SPaG throughout the curriculum.
- Pupils also need to put words into context.

What is our approach?

- Short, discrete weekly spelling sessions (Daily phonics in KS1)
- KS1 are taught to apply phonics in order to encode (write/spell). They also need to be able to spell high frequency words.
- Children are exposed to a range of spelling strategies to help them.
- All children should be encouraged to apply the spelling rules and patterns they have learned in their own writing across the curriculum.



Key Stage 1

- Phonics is taught daily for 20 mins.
- 4 part session review, teach, practice, apply
- All children are ability streamed
- Spelling is taught explicitly through shared/guided work within lessons.
- Supporting homework given as required Literacy Logs
- Intervention (as required)
- Sessions are lively, fun and interactive.
- 90% passed last year!

Phonics is...

Knowledge of the alphabetic code

Skills of segmentation and blending

Phoneme – smallest unit of sound in a word.

Grapheme – a letter or sequence of letters that represents a phoneme.

Key Stage 2 Spelling

- Focus on common or 'high frequency' words
- Dictation to contextualise words
- Revision of work from previous year
- Weekly discrete spelling sessions focusing on rules and patterns
- Investigations and fun activities (Bug Club)
- 4 part session review, teach, practice, apply
- Children encouraged to underline spellings with a dashed line – purple pen - Spelling Logs
- Rapid phonics intervention

Year 3/4 Word List-Words across the Curriculum

 English	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Learning Related	
address although answer describe library possession question sentence therefore though	calendar circle centre eight/h group height increase length minute opposite quarter regular weight	breath/e experiment heart material medicine natural pressure separate	earth island	century famous history reign recent woman/women	complete consider continue decide describe difficult imagine knowledge learn purpose remember thought	
Hypothetical Language	Time Related	Unstressed Vowels	Rare GPCs			
perhaps possible probably suppose	early occasionally often	business February interest ordinary	guard guide			

Year 3/4 Word List-No Curriculum Links

accident(ally)

actual(ly)

appear

arrive

believe

bicycle

build

busy/business

caught

certain

different

disappear

enough

exercise

experience

extreme

Favourite

February

forward(s)

fruit

heard

important

mention

naughty

notice

particular

peculiar

popular

position

potatoes

promise

special

straight

strange

strength

surprise

through

various

Year 5/6 Word List-Words across the Curriculum

 English	Maths	Science	Geography	Music	History
correspond dictionary language persuade sincerely signature	average forty symbol twelfth	conscious environment equipment muscle physical shoulder stomach system temperature	environment existence foreign lightning neighbour	rhyme rhythm	ancient foreign government parliament privilege sacrifice soldier system
Roles	Unstressed vowels	Spoken Language	Learning Related	Rare GPCs	
amateur committee profession secretary soldier	cemetery desperate definite individual restaurant temperature vegetable	communicate criticise exaggerate explanation interrupt pronunciation relevant suggest	achieve excellent thorough individual	bruise guarantee immediately queue vehicle yacht	

Year 5/6 Word List-No Curriculum Links

accommodate

accompany

according

aggressive

apparent

appreciate

attached

available

awkward

bargain

bruise

category

community

competition

conscience

controversy

convenience

curiosity

definite

determined

develop

disastrous

embarrass

especially

familiar

frequently

harass

hindrance

interfere

leisure

marvellous

mischievous

necessary

nuisance

occupy

occur

opportunity

prejudice

programme

recognise

recommend

sufficient

variety

Pupils need

Phonemic knowledge

The correspondence between letters/graphemes and sounds/phonemes (GPCS).

- **phonics** knowing about letter/sound correspondence.
- spelling patterns and conventions
- homophones words which sound the same but are written differently.
- Phonological
 knowledge –
 understanding syllables
 and rhymes.

Morphological knowledge

The spelling of grammatical units within words.

- root words are made up of one morpheme and cannot be split into smaller grammatical units.
- compound words two root words which make another word when joined.
- **suffixes** added at the end of root words and change its meaning and sometimes the spelling.
- prefixes added at the beginning of a root word to change its meaning. Spelling usually unchanged.

Etymological knowledge

The understanding of the origin of words.

• **etymology** - word derivations. Knowing the different sources of English words.

Spelling Learning Sequence

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Revisit, Explain, Use Let children make links to the strategies they already know.	Teach, Model, Define Give the children a love of words! -Investigation -Formulating patterns/rules -Spelling strategies -Teacher modelling	Practise, Explore, Investigate Let the children use the strategies that work for them! -Creating word banks -Look, cover, write -Word games/challenges -Sky-write -Mnemonics -Songs -syllables to break words down	Apply, Assess, Reflect Link words/spelling to writing across the curriculum and throughout the learning journeyDictation -Paired spelling tests -Proof reading -Purple pens -Spelling logs



Why use investigations?

- They appeal to problem-solving instincts
- Children have to be more active in deconstructing words
- They model a self-help strategy
- An interesting way to learn
- They aid memory
- They are more likely to lead to children applying correct spellings to their work than learning lists

Use spelling logs to note:

Spelling Logs

- words under current investigation
- words for homework
- exceptional or 'tricky words'
- vocabulary linked to the wider curriculum
- personal spellings words identified by pupil in own writing as words they need to know how to spell
- rules and strategies
- words and phrases from reading that pupils would like to use in their own writing

Proof Reading

Proof reading has a high profile in the 2014 curriculum. Proof reading is carried out to check a written text for **accuracy**. It should take place after the completion of the editing process in which pupils **improve** their writing by making, for example, changes to word choices, sentence types, cohesive devices and order of paragraphs.

When proof reading, pupils are checking the accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar. For example:

- subject verb agreement
- consistency of tense
- punctuation used to mark grammatical boundaries
- spelling of words

Resources and Freebies!

- Websites e.g
- phonics play
- Bug club
- Ict games see handout!

Thank you for listening Any questions?