



Dear Y6 parents/carers,

Below is a copy of the spellings which will be tested this half term. All spellings will follow a spelling pattern, which the children must learn to help them spell accurately. Occasionally, children will meet CHALLENGE WORDS, which are taken from the Y5 and Y6 statutory spellings. A copy of these words will also be available from the school website should you need to replace them. Many thanks for your continued support.

Week 1 Test Date: 07 Mar		Week 2 Test Date: 14 Mar		Week 3 Test Date: 21 Mar	
Spelling Rule:		Spelling Rule:		Spelling Rule:	
1. graph 2. pheasant 3. phone 4. photo 5. physical	6. alphabet 7. dolphin 8. elephant 9. pamphlet 10. sphere	1. hoist 2. easel 3. restaurant 4. pyjamas 5. bungalow	6. veranda 7. ballet 8. blizzard 9. gymkhana 10. origin	1. explanatory 2. environment 3. secretary 4. jewellery 5. poisonous	6. company 7. desperate 8. definitely 9. reference 10. temperature
Spelling Rule: Words with the /f/ sound spelled 'ph'		Spelling Rule: Words with origins in other countries and languages		Spelling Rule: Words with unstressed vowel sounds	

Week 4 Test Date: 28 Mar		Week 5 Test Date: 4 April		Week 6 Test Date: 11 April	
Spelling Rule:		Spelling Rule:			
1. antisocial 2. official 3. superficial 4. special 5. artificial	6. social 7. racial 8. crucial 9. facial 10. beneficial	1. influential 2. martial 3. spatial 4. partial 5. confidential	6. essential 7. substantial 8. potential 9. sequential 10. torrential		
Spelling Rule: Words with 'cial' /shul/ after a vowel		Spelling Rule: Words with 'tial'/shul/		Spelling Rule: This week, children will be tested on a mix of words from previous week's spellings.	

How do we learn spellings best?

Repeated practice, **short-term retrieval** and **small-step goal achievement** is at the heart of the way we learn to spell and key to spelling improvement. To ensure this happens, children **MUST** practice their spellings at home using the technology-driven games provided on **Spelling Shed**.

Mr Phillips says: Little and often – establish a routine (10-minutes a night, every night, is better than squeezing it into 3 hours on one night)

All spelling tests will take place on a Friday, unless other school events mean it needs to be changed.

Spelling lessons in school have the following key areas below embedded in its core:

“Orthography: is how patterns of letters are used to make certain spoken sounds in a language.”

Students will continue to build on the firm foundations built whilst studying phonics in their early years of education. They will continue to break down spellings into the smallest units of sound and cluster them into syllables in order to read and write words efficiently. Through adult-led discussion and investigation children will become more secure in their knowledge of English orthography based on the frequency and position of the sounds within words.

“Morphology: describes how words are structured into subcomponents to give meaning.”

Children will study words; word parts; their meanings and how this affects spelling. There are lessons throughout the scheme that consolidate children’s knowledge of common morphemes such as root

“Etymology: describes the origins of words, which can lead to certain patterns of spelling.”

Most lessons in the scheme include an etymology element that teaches the children about the origin of the words that they are learning about. Children will be able to see how the English language has, over time, borrowed and integrated words and spellings from a range of source languages. For example, the latin verbs which follow Latin prepositions in English words such as: -act (do), -pute (think) or -opt (choose).ormations, prefixes and suffixes.

If you have any questions then please get in touch.

Thank you

MrP

Helping your child.

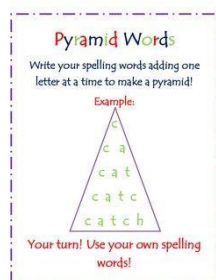
One method of helping your child learn their spelling is

‘Look, cover, write, check’

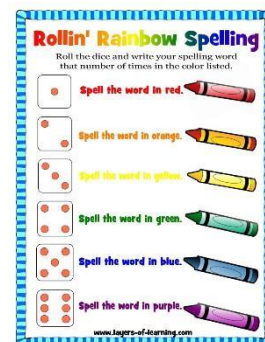
Children look at a word and sound it out, cover it, practice writing it and then check it.

If you wish to challenge your child even further you could ask them to say a sentence using the word or even write a sentence and then try to improve it.

Other ways to help learn spellings:



Spelling Roll-A-Word	
	Write your word in a sentence.
	Draw a picture of your word.
	Write a synonym of your word.
	Write an antonym of your word.
	Write the definition for your word.
	Write your word three times.



Memory Strategies:

Syllables: Listen to how many syllables there are and break the word into smaller chunks to remember. *September = Sep – tem – ber* (clap them out if it helps)

Root words: Find the root word of the longer word. *Smiling = smile + ing*

Analogy: Use words that you already know to help spelling. *Would, Should, Could*

Mnemonic: Make up a sentence to help remember the word:

Caught = Can An Ugly Goat Have Teeth

SPELLING HOMEWORK: All weekly spelling words are on SPELLING SHED for children to practice as part of their homework.