



KS2 Spelling Guidance **Summer 2019**

In Key Stage Two we teach spellings to the children in class groups, concentrating on several spelling patterns across the term. As well as these sessions the children may receive additional booster sessions or intervention groups, if appropriate. We are now into our third year of teaching spellings in this manner, and have seen huge improvements in the children's retention of words and their patterns. This was demonstrated with the children making excellent progress last academic year.

There will continue to be no set weekly spelling lists. However, if you would like to re-enforce spellings at home, especially if your child finds spelling challenging, then please focus on this term's patterns, or the high frequency words and spelling lists which are available on the school's website. If you would like any further advice, or have any questions about how we teach spellings, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Message from your child's teacher **In Year 3 and Year 4**

This term's patterns are:-

- Words with the 'ay' sound spelt ei, eigh, ey e.g.: weigh, reign, neighbour
- Possessive apostrophe with plurals e.g.: girls', boys', babies'
- Homophones and near homophones e.g.: accept/except, bury/berry, brake/break

We will also be reviewing the Year 3 & 4 key words. It would be really beneficial if you could support your child learn these at home.

Useful links include:-

- Type in spelling games Woodlands Junior into Google. This website has lots of spelling games on it.
- bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words and then select spellings.
- The Squeebles APP is also recommended, and we have seen children who made fantastic progress using this programme this year.

Ways to support your child at home:-

- Always have a dictionary close and encourage your child to use it to find the correct spelling of words for themselves.
- Play games where you spell a word taking turns in saying alternate letters.
- When practising spellings use felt-pens, paint, sand or condensation!