

Spelling

The new National Curriculum very clearly outlines the continuity and progression of spelling for Key Stages 1 & 2. We use a resource from Training Space called: The Spelling Bee. This resource contains termly spelling lists for each year group that follow the National Curriculum, spelling cards that can be shared with parents and a guaranteed system for full coverage of all spelling rules and exceptions.

The children are given a termly Spelling Bee card, which is sent home and can be assessed from each class' web page. From this teachers will select a group of words linked to a spelling rule and these are stuck in weekly into the children's reading diaries.

The children have a weekly spelling lesson where they are tested on a set of words linked to a particular spelling rule, the teacher will test some words that were not given to assess the children's knowledge of the rule. It is critical we take an investigative approach to the teaching of spelling and make time for the exploration of spelling patterns, rules and shapes.

At the end of each term the children are assessed on all the words, done in small amounts over a 2 week period and the top three spellers are entered into the school's Spelling Bee competition. This is to encourage and excite our pupils and to take the opportunity to recognise children who achieve highly or make super progress in their spelling!