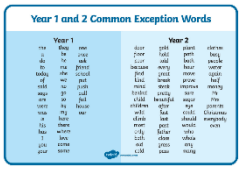
Spellings in Year 4



Your child has been sent home with the full list of Common Exception Words for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 & 4. We have completed an initial baseline assessment of your child's spelling knowledge to determine the spelling words they need to focus on. The highlighted words on the Year 1 and Year 2 lists are the spellings your child will need to focus on to develop their skills. Once they have learnt and are able to accurately spell these words they will need to practise the spelling words on the Year 3 & 4 spelling list.

Spelling strategies to support your child

We have also provided some examples of spelling strategies that you can use with your child to help them practise their spelling skills at home. These strategies are designed to make learning spellings more fun and engaging. Using a range of spelling strategies will help your child gain spelling confidence and enable them to spell more words accurately. **We recommend that your child practises their spelling for 10-15 minutes at least 3 times a week.**

Focus Five Spellings

My Focus Five
where
were
improve
believe
question

In Year 4 children are given 5 spellings to focus on at a time, this may increase as we progress through the year. These spellings are personal to each child depending on their spelling ability. At various times throughout the week children will have their Focus Five spellings checked by an adult in school and if they can confidently spell these words they will be given 5 new spellings to focus on. Children will be given time and support to practise these words in school but they should also practise their Focus Five spellings at home.

Spelling lessons

During our spelling lessons in school your child will focus on learning spelling rules which will include; letter sounds, root words, homophones, plurals, prefixes, suffixes, apostrophes and word meaning. At different times throughout the year your child will be given homework to support their learning of new spelling rules that have been introduced during their spelling lessons in school.

If you have any questions about your child's spellings, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us via email.

Thank you for your support.
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