

Year 4 Spellings

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have had a lovely break. We are very excited for our new school year. In order for children to meet the standard for Year 4 in writing, we are approaching the teaching of spellings by using spelling words that are drawn from the common exception and high frequency word lists. These words are crucial for building your child's reading and writing fluency, as they often appear in everyday texts but may not always follow regular spelling rules. I have put a copy of the words your child can spell independently and those they need to learn (highlighted) into their homework book. These words are different for each child and I would recommend choosing between 5 and 8 words at a time to focus on. A full list of words is accessible on the website. We will focus on the high frequency words initially (if appropriate for your child) and then move on to the Year 3 and 4 word list.

To support your child in mastering these spellings, we encourage you to practice them regularly at home. You can do this in a variety of fun and engaging ways, such as:

- **Daily Practise:** Spend a few minutes each day reviewing the spellings together. Repetition helps reinforce learning.
- **Use in Sentences:** Encourage your child to use each word in a sentence. This helps them understand the word's meaning and context.
- **Spelling Games:** Turn practice into a game, like spelling bees or word searches, to make learning more enjoyable.
- **Writing Practice:** Have your child write the words out in different colours or in fun patterns. Writing by hand can help with memorisation.

At the end of the half-term, we will conduct a spelling check to assess your child's progress. Any words they find challenging will be sent home so that you can continue practicing them together. This will help ensure your child is confident and successful in their spelling.

Consistent practice at home will greatly benefit your child's progress in school. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in their learning journey.

Kind regards

Mr Webb