

Dear Parents

Spelling is a key feature of the curriculum, with an increasing expectation in the number of words children can spell by the end of the key stage. In order to help your child with this we send home the words we are working on for the week and it would be really great if you could help support your child in learning to spell them. The words will be put on to a label and stuck into their Reading Record Book each Monday. Words will include tricky words, words in spelling and phonic families and spelling rules. The children will not be formally tested on these words but we will be looking to see evidence that they are spelling them correctly in their written work.

There are lots of fun ways to learn to spell them. Here are some ideas to try...

- Use magnetic letters to spell out your words
- Play scrabble and use the tiles to make your words of the week
- Make a word search to find the key words in. Here's a great website to make your own word searches.
http://www.abcya.com/make_a_word_search.htm
- Make the words out of things like play dough or pipe cleaners
- Put sand, flour or glitter in a tray and get the children to write the words in them
- Type the words on the computer
- Use letter beads to thread and make the words
- Shower spelling - write them on the shower door in the steam

If you find your child learns the words very quickly or knows the words of the week already then challenge them to use the words in a sentence or see if they can even make their own word searches. Maybe they could even teach someone else how to spell the words!

Many thanks for your support