

## Spelling homework in Key Stage 2

We have recently had a few queries about spelling homework in Key Stage 2, so to clarify...

The spelling policy was reviewed in consultation with parents the year before last, and the following decisions were made:

- Spelling sheets are given out on a Monday morning within the Literacy/spelling lesson. The reason for this being that this is when the spelling pattern is taught; word meanings are explained and handwriting patterns are practised. The aim is to make sure the children have a really good understanding of the week's words to help them learn them deeply, rather than just practise for the test on Friday. We want the children to be able to continually apply spelling rules they have learnt.
- Spelling sheets with sentences written on are handed in on a Friday, on test day. The sentence writing should be twofold – to help learn/reinforce the patterns and to ensure the children can use the words in context.

A few parents have asked about having the spelling sheets on a Friday due to busy schedules. We would kindly ask that you follow the agreed procedures as outlined above so we can spend time on Monday morning teaching the spellings, but if you would prefer to access the homework over the weekend to allow extra time for writing sentences or practising then please download the relevant sheets from the school website. It is absolutely fine if your child uses a downloaded sheet to write their sentences on rather than the one given out in class on a Monday.

Teachers will upload the whole half term of spelling sheets at the beginning of each half term. The only slight differences might be the challenge words, as sometimes teachers add words depending on topics or particular spelling issues in class – which are addressed on a Monday morning.

If you have any difficulties accessing the school website and really feel that your child needs extra time on their spellings, please see the class teacher or myself (in Year 6).

Many thanks

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