

Spelling in Year 6

Every Monday you will be given a spelling sheet. If you lose it you can get a spare copy from the school website. If you are away it is your responsibility to make sure you collect a sheet when you are back. There are about 20 words to practise for the test on Friday. We will go through the list every Monday to identify the pattern and make sure you understand all the words - some weeks are pretty tricky! We will fill in one of the columns on the front as handwriting practise, you should do the rest at home.

On the back of the sheet is where you need to write your sentences. These will not be marked but they will be checked. Sentences should be good quality and have correct punctuation and neat, joined handwriting. If not up to scratch, they will be sent home to re-do. You can bring the sheet back at any time in the week, but it is advisable to keep it at home until Friday so you can practise a little each night for the test on Friday.

If we need to, we will differentiate your spellings, and some of you might work in a separate spelling booster group. Let us know if you are finding the spellings too hard. You should get a good score in the test each week and good scores will be rewarded with trinity cards. A 'good' score might depend on how hard the words are each week - some weeks will be much harder than others and will need more practise time!

If you get a low score and we think it is because you haven't practised, we will send them home again over the weekend for a re-test on Monday, so please work hard on your spellings. Spelling books will be taken home on a Friday so parents/carers can see your scores, then need to be returned on Monday morning. Some weeks the spellings are quite tricky, and this is because in Year 6 as well as revising spelling patterns, you also need to be learning new and varied vocabulary. Each week there are also focus words from the National Curriculum to practise, as these are the types of words that will be in your SATs spelling test in May.