



Spelling at Wren's Nest Primary School

Teaching Spelling at Wren's Nest Primary School is about developing an understanding of the different rules and building confidence when meeting new vocabulary. Children will value the importance of spelling and become confident enough to experiment with adventurous vocabulary by using the spelling rules or knowing when it is best to check with a dictionary or thesaurus. Children at Wren's Nest understand why it is important to take ownership of their learning and spelling through games built into the spelling programme and through team teaching sessions where they can feel a sense of pride in their achievements and support of each other through their learning. This will also reinforce the fact that language is something that can be built on and developed throughout their lives and not just during specific sessions at school.



Big Ideas

- ✓ Phonics letters and sounds
- ✓ Enquiry
- ✓ Vocabulary development
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Investigation of patterns
- ✓ Dictionary skills work



Content and Sequencing

- ✓ **Years 1 and 2** - Children complete a set of pre-programme exercises revising the previously taught phonics skills thoroughly. They will then progress onto the spelling programme completing 29 units of work all focusing on a different spelling rule as set out in the KS1 National Curriculum.
- ✓ **Years 3 and 4** - Children deepen their knowledge of the spelling rules from KS1 and move on to learning another 28 spelling rules focusing on more complex prefixes and suffixes. They will also learn rules for more complex sound patterns and trickier homophones.
- ✓ **Years 5 and 6** - Children in Upper Key Stage 2 will continue their spelling journey by looking again at more complex suffixes and prefixes with similar sound patterns. They will identify spellings with silent letters and look at how irregular plural nouns work. These rules follow the National Curriculum requirements and continue to build on the rules and patterns from previous year groups.



Cross curricular links

- ✓ Direct links with writing across the curriculum:
 - History
 - Maths
 - Literature
 - British Values
 - Religious Education
 - PSHE
- ✓ Wren's Nest Schema Webs of Food, Fashion and Technology.



Retrieval

- ✓ Quizzes
- ✓ Tasks and activities
- ✓ Peer Team Teach sessions
- ✓ Assessments
- ✓ Rules applied in all subjects
- ✓ Homework



Progress

- ✓ Low-stake quizzes
- ✓ End of unit challenges
- ✓ Formative assessments
- ✓ Children's books
- ✓ Improvement in writing across the curriculum
- ✓ Children's workbooks
- ✓ Working Walls
- ✓ Year group's statutory spelling words linked into standalone handwriting sessions



Support

- ✓ Inclusion for all children.
- ✓ Children in provision sets to access strength lessons in year groups
- ✓ Tiered Vocabulary
- ✓ Spelling mats available
- ✓ Groups across school
- ✓ Working walls
- ✓ Adult support in the classrooms
- ✓ Wren's Nest Writing Pathway
- ✓ CPD for staff
- ✓ High quality resources
- ✓ Ruth Miskin consultant
- ✓ Scheme of work