

Spellings at Carrington Junior School



Firm foundations

The process of learning spellings starts before junior school, when pupils learn phonics, the building block for everything they learn between the ages of 7 and 11.

At Carrington Junior School we appreciate the importance of having firm foundations to any learning and have a comprehensive phonics programme in place Year 3 and phonics booster groups for pupils that need them further up the school. Pupils in year 3 will have their needs assessed in the first half term and will be taught phonics if they have any gaps in their learning, as well as being exposed to age appropriate spelling patterns.

National Curriculum word lists

The National Curriculum includes a word list for years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6. This provides an indication of the types of words they should know and might be expected to spell by the end of a particular year group. This list can be found in the National Curriculum spelling appendix.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf

Weekly spellings at Carrington Junior School

Weekly spellings are based around linked spelling patterns, which are taught in class before the lists come home. Each year group gradually develops spelling patterns of increasing difficulty. Some patterns are revisited in subsequent years in a slightly different context or with harder words. Most pupils will learn spellings from their year group list, however in some instances pupils will be given a personalised spelling list suitable to their individual needs.

How to learn spellings

There are a range of strategies that can be used to help children to learn spellings. Different methods work for different pupils, or indeed in different family settings. It is however highly recommended that pupils have an adult or much older sibling to help them with their learning.

Why not try:

- Spelling out loud in the car or on the walk home
- Writing spellings out
- Writing spellings out in different colours
- Using the look-cover-write-check method
- Using a sand tray or paint tray to mark out spellings in a more sensory way using a fingertip
- Writing spellings in the air using a whole arm, or well-balanced foot
- Reading spellings just before the bedtime story
- Spellings at the dinner table
- Writing spellings in context in a sentence
- Tracing spellings
- Spelling against the clock- sometimes the element of competition helps to focus the mind!

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Spelling patterns by year group

The tables below show the spelling patterns learned in each year.

Year 3

sp , spr	y+er . y+est	contractions	ly ending
all, al	ing, ed endings	homophones	sure, ture
soft c	soft g, ge, dge	silent letters o, h and c	wh, ph
silent letters b and k	wa, qua	ei , y and other tricky words	compound sounds
le, el, al, il endings	tion, ation	ous	silent w
some y endings	sion	dis, mis, in, im, il, ir	words in words
making plurals	adding suffixes	un, de, re, pre, non	dictionary work

Year 4

ea rhyming words	ly ending	ship, hood	homophones
ask, ast, ass	sure, ture	Words from French ch, que, gue	syllables
ur, ure	ious, ous, eous	igh	ive
double consonants	tion, ation	a, al, ad, af	able, ible
silent letters o, h and c	sion, ssion, cian	f, ff, fe, ves	unstressed vowels
dis, mis, in, im, il, ir	auto, circ, anti	en, on	word roots
de, re, pre, non (adding target prefixes)	trans, tele, bi, sub, super	using apostrophes	dictionary work

Year 5

ar, are	unusual plurals	hyphens and apostrophes	ie
word roots	able, ible, ably, ibly	ough	ei
ir, ire	mnemonics	ost, oll	ey
y endings	ow endings	same letters, different sound	ild, ind
adding s or es	et endings	homophones	e or (-e)
words ending in a l o u	ull, ul	ious, eous, cious, tious	tricky words
silent letters	fer + suffixes	cal, cial, tial	using a thesaurus

Year 6

simple plurals	tricky words 1	silent letters	a + double letters
tricky plurals	word roots	useful connectives	ie, ei
using prefixes	word origins	homophones	unstressed vowels
using suffixes	unstressed letters	er, ar, or endings	tricky words 4
using suffixes	tricky words 2	ery, ary, ory endings	ICT words
maths and science words	geog and hist words	tricky words 3	tricky words 5
ph	ent, ence, ant, ance	British vs American	using a dictionary

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Word list – years 3 and 4

accident(ally)	early	knowledge	purpose
actual(ly)	earth	learn	quarter
address	eight/eighth	length	question
answer	enough	library	recent
appear	exercise	material	regular
arrive	experience	medicine	reign
believe	experiment	mention	remember
bicycle	extreme	minute	sentence
breath	famous	natural	separate
breathe	favourite	naughty	special
build	February	notice	straight
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion(ally)	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though/although
circle	heard	perhaps	thought
complete	heart	popular	through
consider	height	position	various
continue	history	possess(ion)	weight
decide	imagine	possible	woman/women
describe	increase	potatoes	
different	important	pressure	
difficult	interest	probably	
disappear	island	promise	

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Word list – years 5 and 6

accommodate	embarrass	persuade
accompany	environment	physical
according	equip (–ped, –ment)	prejudice
achieve	especially	privilege
aggressive	exaggerate	profession
amateur	excellent	programme
ancient	existence	pronunciation
apparent	explanation	queue
appreciate	familiar	recognise
attached	foreign	recommend
available	forty	relevant
average	frequently	restaurant
awkward	government	rhyme
bargain	guarantee	rhythm
bruise	harass	sacrifice
category	hindrance	secretary
cemetery	identity	shoulder
committee	immediate(ly)	signature
communicate	individual	sincere(ly)
community	interfere	soldier
competition	interrupt	stomach
conscience*	language	sufficient
conscious*	leisure	suggest
controversy	lightning	symbol
convenience	marvellous	system
correspond	mischievous	temperature
criticise (critic + ise)	muscle	thorough
curiosity	necessary	twelfth
definite	neighbour	variety
desperate	nuisance	vegetable
determined	occupy	vehicle
develop	occur	yacht
dictionary	opportunity	
disastrous	parliament	