

# Spelling

**Priority: Ensure that the teaching of writing includes the secure development of pupils' ability to spell words correctly.**

## Why is this a priority for us?

Although our Writing and SPaG results are strong and are significantly above national % for both the Expected Standard and the Higher Standard at the end of Key Stage 2, spelling is less strong for some children and this is reflected across the school.

We need to ensure that our pupils are able to support their skills with secure spelling knowledge.

Some children find spelling particularly difficult and we are especially focusing on supporting them.

Spelling was identified in our Ofsted inspection as something on which we should focus.



## What impact is this having?

Spelling has become a high priority and focus across the school, ensuring that there is a real emphasis in all classes on developing children's spelling.

## What are we doing?

### Dedicated Spelling sessions

Across the EYFS and Key Stage 1, spelling is taught through daily Phonics sessions. In Key Stage 2, there are regular, discrete sessions to teach spellings in all classes.

### Focus within English lessons

English lessons begin with a focus on an aspect of spelling and spelling is reinforced through, for example, shared writing.

### Whole Class Feedback

Our Whole Class Feedback sheets include a Spelling section so that common mistakes can be identified daily and explicitly taught in the next lesson.

### Interventions

We have a range of intervention programmes, both computer-based and adult-led, for those children who need additional support.

### Spelling Shed

All Key Stage 2 classes are now using the very enjoyable and effective - and competitive - Spelling Shed programme.

### Training

Some staff have attended external training in Spelling and / or Phonics. Our English Lead has delivered training to all teaching staff and Teaching Assistants on spelling strategies.

### Collaborative Working

Our English Lead is working with colleagues from the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust West Hub as developing children's spelling is currently a priority in several local schools.