



Spelling at Easington Church of England Primary School



Why is spelling important?

Accurate spelling is the cornerstone of effective communication. For this reason, a consistent approach to the teaching of spelling is crucial. In Easington Church of England Primary School we use Spelling Shed to assign spellings for homework which is linked to the Sounds Write approach of teaching phonics.

When does spelling take place?

In EYFS, spelling takes place in the form of the phonics sessions using the Sounds Write approach. During this session the children both read and write the words with specific sounds from the 'set' they are working on.

In KS1, whilst children continue to work through the Sounds Write phonics scheme, they begin to learn the formal spelling rules and statutory spelling words relating to their year group. This takes place in the form of a daily spelling session at the start of each English lesson. During this time children will revise the spelling rule through whiteboard work. During the Basic skills session children will complete their handwriting which will also include some of the spelling words that they are learning, or some of the statutory spelling words. In Year 2, this is recorded in their spelling book, whereas in Year 1 this would be on whiteboards or handwriting books.

In KS2, children will continue to use the beginning of their English lesson to complete revision of the spelling rules that they are learning that week for 10 minutes daily. This will be recorded in their spelling book. They will also revise statutory spellings relating to their year group. During the Basic skills session children will complete their handwriting which will also include some of the spelling words that they are learning, or some of the statutory spelling words.

If it is found that a child has a specific issue with a spelling rule then they will take part in interventions.

Where does spelling take place?

Spelling takes place in the classroom. This can sometimes take place in interventions outside of the classroom.

What does spelling look like?

Spelling should take place on whiteboards and in spelling books. It is an expectation that they record the short date at the top of their work and that they complete spelling work daily.

