

Relaunch of Christ Church's spelling scheme



Christ Church, Church of England (VC) Primary
School
Aspire, Celebrate and Learn within an Inclusive
Community



What is the Christ Church Spelling Scheme?

- It is individualised.
- Children go round the world in a series of booklets.
- Booklets are grouped into continents.
- Children learn one booklet at a time and are then tested.
- A series of bookmarks are available to support learning.



Why have we adapted the scheme?

- New National Curriculum expectations-Application
- Consolidation of previous learning needed
- Learning secure prior to moving on
- To ensure children learn the key common exception words



How have we adapted the scheme?

- Homophone booklets- National Curriculum expectation
- Revision and dictation stages
- Mathematical vocabulary
- Scientific vocabulary
- Extra booklet of commonly misspelt words at the end of scheme
- Stopping the scheme 3 times a year to learn common exception words for children's specific year group.
- The learning log has the new continuum at the back



Ensuring Application

- Words taken from independent writing
- Growing green for incorrect spellings
- Response to marking
- Classroom resources
 - Book marks
 - Phoneme mats
 - Tricky word walls

let's			isn't		
it's			want		
there's			where		
he's			who		
don't			knew		
we're			everyone		
I'm			our		



How can you help at home?



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Learning key words

Ways to remember sequences of letters

Mark out the syllables

be/fore some/times re-mem-ber

Look for words within words

when what where together = to/get/her

Focus on the part you find tricky

should almost

Look at words in the same family

could /would /should night /light /bright back /sack /pack

Make up mnemonics to help

Because - Big elephants can always use small elephants.

Activities for Practising Spellings

- Look at the word, cover it up, write and then check
- Write a word as many times as possible in 30 seconds/a minute
- Play hangman with the words on your child's list
- Rainbow writing - write the word several times in different colours
- Spell words in a sand tray
- Use magnetic letters or alphabet letters for the bath
- Write a word on the shower screen
- Use chalk on the patio, wet paint brush writing on paint and a cotton wool bud



Resources to take home

- The new key word continuum
- The National Curriculum common exception words list
- How to help at home

