

Wellington Primary School



Spelling
Upper Key Stage 2

Spelling in Years 5 & 6

Children in Year 5 and 6 receive spellings each week in a purple spelling book. These words need to be learnt at home ready for the spelling test the following week.

The purple book is intended to help the children to learn their spellings as there is space to practise them. Each week there is a sheet for children to complete - look, say, cover, write and check five times.

Learning weekly spellings is really important for a number of reasons. It helps the children to become more fluent writers and is a crucial part of the end of key stage tests (SATs).

Children complete a Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar test. Part of this includes a spelling test with 20 words. Each spelling is worth a mark.

The National Curriculum now includes a statutory work list for children in years 3 - 6. We thought it would be useful to send a copy of this home so you can help your child to learn these words.

It is important to note that although the curriculum is new for Year 6 this year, they are expected to know how to spell all of the words in the lists.

Word list – years 3 and 4

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

Word list – years 5 and 6

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

