

# Spelling

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# Aims

- To know some of the implications for spelling within the new primary curriculum
- To understand how spelling is being taught in school
- To know how you can support spelling at home

# New Curriculum Expectations

- Word lists are particularly demanding
- Significant increase in expectations across all year groups. Greater focus on spelling rules and conventions
- Greater focus on word roots and origins
- Skills need to be embedded

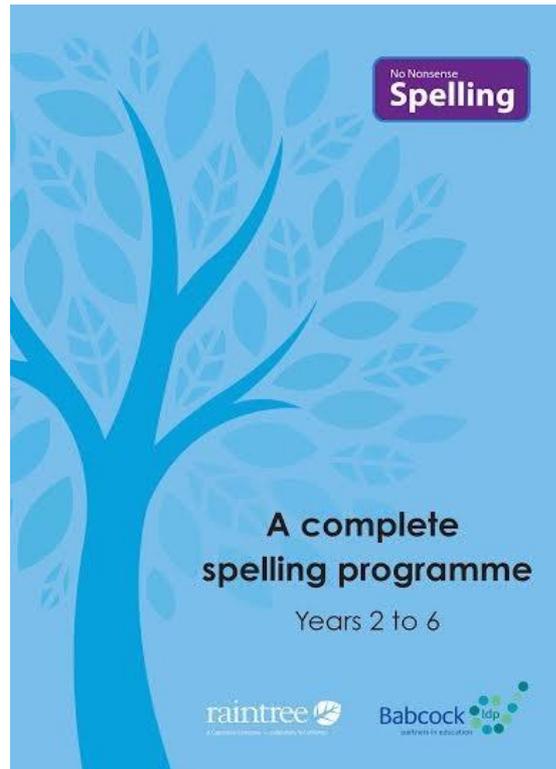
# What Does The Research Say?

- Teaching children strategies for correcting spelling is far more important than giving them the correct spelling of a word
- Spelling strategies and major spelling patterns are taught much more effectively through lessons than through workbooks or spelling tests
- If children learn spellings for tests and don't use those words in their own writing, they will forget them within days
- Individualised spelling dictionaries are useful as children are trying to get a grasp of new spellings
- Children often get key rules wrong. The top 12 misspelt words were the same for the 7-10 age group as for children aged 11-14

# What Does The Research Say?

- There's a need for both schools and parents to spend more time on the basics
- We often wrongly assume that if children read widely they will be good spellers. This presupposes they are understanding and processing every word

# No Nonsense Spelling





# What Are We Doing at St Wilfrid's?

- Structuring spelling so that it is taught across several sessions each week
- Using the teaching sequence:  
**Revisit - Teach - Practice - Apply**
- Providing opportunities for children to investigate, make generalisations, discover rules and embed their learning
- Supporting the use of individual spelling logs
- Using a range of visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approaches
- Assessing spelling termly through children's writing and activities
- Building the word list words into teaching as appropriate
- Keeping parents informed

# Strategies

- Segmentation Strategy - using phonemes and Have a Go sheets

## Complex Speed Sounds

### Consonant sounds:

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
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b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck				ge							
	ch				dge							

### Vowel sounds:

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				ā-e	y	i-e	ō-e
					ai	ea	ie	oa
						e	i	o
							y	

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear	ure
ū-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi			
ue			ore		er					
ew			aw							
			au							

My column	Teacher's column

- Words without vowels – h\_\_\_\_t, l\_\_\_\_,
- Cl\_\_\_\_n

# Strategies

- Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

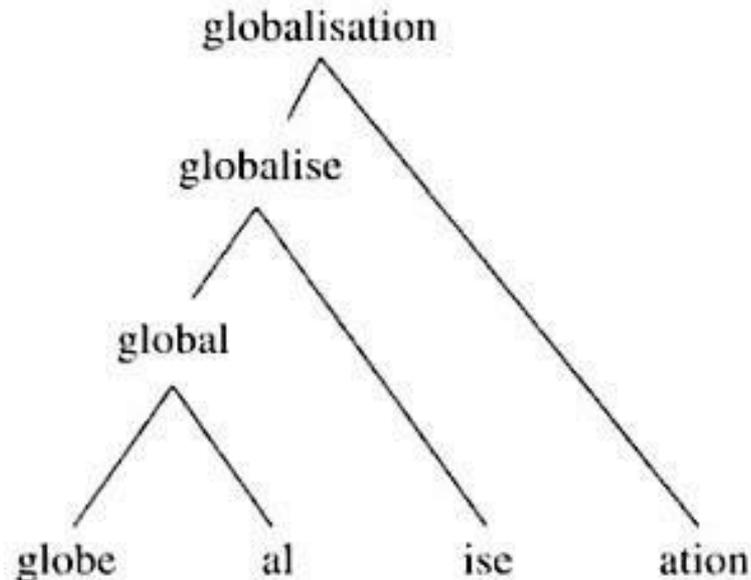


Words	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

- Trace, Copy, Replicate, Check

# Strategies

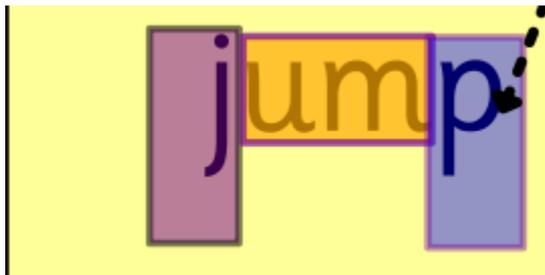
- Morphology – learning rules for adding affixes (prefixes and suffixes) to root words. Prefix and Suffix activity.



- Activity: colour the root word in one colour and the suffix a different colour.
- Useful Spelling Guidelines for other spelling conventions – rules for spelling /le/ and making nouns plural

# Strategies

- Quickwrite: in two minutes write as many words as possible with the /i:/ phoneme. This can be turned into a variety of competitive games including working in teams and developing relay race approaches.
- Draw around the word to show the shape



# Strategies

- Drawing an image around the word



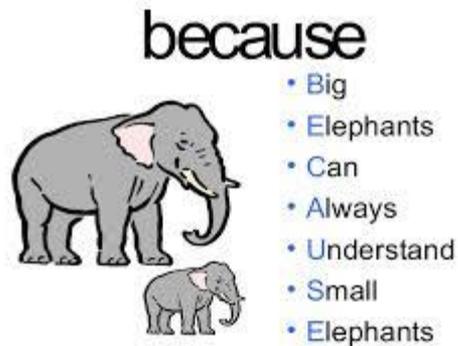
- Pyramid words

p  
py  
pyr  
pyra  
pyram  
pyrami  
pyramid

# Strategies

- Rainbow writing
- Silly sentences containing the word
- Pronouncing the silent letters ('naughty letters')
- Clapping and counting syllables
- Mnemonics- techniques to aid memory

**SUBTLE**  
**INDIGIT**  
**RECEIPT**  
**PLUMBER**  
**ISIV DOUBT**



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- To know some of the implications for spelling within the new primary curriculum
- To understand how No Nonsense spelling strategies are being taught in school
- To have the opportunity to ask questions
- To know how you can support spelling at home

# Questions

# Final Thought...

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