



Parent's Guide to Spelling at Cwmaber Juniors



The Curriculum in Wales is changing. At Cwmaber Juniors we are excited to introduce our new way of teaching spelling. During Language, Literacy and Communication lessons, pupils are given the opportunity and also encouraged to look for patterns in the spelling of words and to invent rules and sayings to help them improve their work. Good spelling is a fundamental part of a pupil's literacy development.

In Class

Pupils will continue to be taught spelling patterns, explore the meaning of the word and to ensure they are able to use and apply the patterns and words in context; as and when the need/opportunity arises. We will no longer be testing the pupil's ability to spell words weekly.

At Home

Weekly Spelling lists will be replaced with a copy of the 200 High Frequency Words and then termly word lists for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We encourage you to select the appropriate list for your child to work on and to help consolidate their understanding of the spelling patterns and the meaning of each word on the lists. There will not be formal weekly spelling tests carried out in school. Assessment of pupils spelling will be ongoing and assessed at the beginning and end of each year.

Please see below some useful tips, games and websites for you and your children to explore and enjoy!

How Can You Make Learning Spellings At Home More Fun?

Rhymes and Pictures

Use rhymes or pictures to go with words to help them remember.

1. You hear with your ear
2. The word separate has "a rat" in it (separate).
3. Donkeys, monkeys - There are keys in donkeys and monkeys.
4. The word here is also in its opposite there.
5. Villain - A villain is one who lives in a villa.

Matching pairs Find matching pairs of words with a spelling pattern in. E.g. train/rain

Mnemonic Write a mnemonic to remind you of the spelling. The first letter of each word in the sentence spells the word. E.g. where: what has everyone really eaten

Spelling Games

Hangman, Boggle, Scrabble, Word searches, Crosswords, Bananagrams

With A Computer or Tablet:

Type it out: Open up a document to type on. Call out the word for the child to spell. They can then play around with the word: increase the font size, change the colour etc.

Websites to support learning different spelling patterns

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnv>

<https://www.spellingcity.com/spelling-games-vocabulary-games.html#>

<https://mrnussbaum.com/games/word-searches>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Useful website with information for parents:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-spelling/>