

### Spelling Procedure

All children at Ewanrigg Junior School are taught Spelling from Year 3 to Year 6 in differentiated family groups. Most children are taught spelling in their chronological age group by their English Teacher. Children with specific spelling and reading needs are taught in smaller groups.

We have a whole school approach to spelling. Our 25 minute spelling lessons are taught four mornings each week and children progress from basic letters and sounds in Junior Spelling 1, to more complex vowel digraphs and spelling rules in Junior Spelling 6. We also have Challenge Groups for children who have mastered and are secure in Junior Spelling 6; in these groups children concentrate on grammar for writing, higher level vocabulary, sentence work and complex spelling patterns which prepare them for SATS and secondary school. We have incorporated the words from the new National Curriculum year group word lists into our Junior Spelling Groups. All children in school receive homework spellings and weekly spelling tests.

Our Spelling programme is based on the Additional Literacy Support Programme (ALS) for Junior Schools. The programme has been adapted and expanded to accommodate higher ability readers and spellers and differentiated to accommodate children not making their Key Stage 1 targets. Through our small Junior Spelling groups, children who find it difficult to read and spell phonetically can easily be identified and targeted for other intervention programmes.

Our children are assessed in the Summer Term and entered onto a Junior Spelling Level ready for the new academic year. Year Two children are also assessed during this term. Each child's progress is monitored throughout the year to ensure any gaps in their learning are quickly identified.

It is our aim for all children to learn at their own pace through the spelling programme, acquiring essential knowledge and skills to make them confident readers and spellers.