



## Dictations

In class this year, we are going to be spending time working on learning spelling rules to aid us with our writing.

At home, your child will be learning words from the statutory word list. These words are particularly useful because, with many of them, once the root word has been learnt, longer words can be spelt correctly by applying the guidance for adding prefixes and suffixes - for example, interest can be used to spell interestingly and disinteresting in year 3 and 4 and occupy can be used to spell reoccupy, occupied and occupying in year 5 and 6.

Research shows that children need to be exposed to a variety of different methods of learning spellings. It would be helpful if you could support your child in their learning. A selection of strategies can be found below.

The spellings, which they learn at home, will be assessed through dictated sentences. This is because it is a more effective way of encouraging children to apply their learning than a straight forward spelling test of single words.

All children will start on the first dictation list. When they have correctly spelled all 5 words in their dictated passage, they will be able to move on to the second dictation list and the next. We will celebrate this in school with praise for the hard work they have put in to learning these challenging words. We will be grateful if you were to do the same thing at home. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Year 3/4 word lists

<u>List 1</u> mention naughty breath probably arrive	<u>List 2</u> answer often opposite surprise ordinary	<u>List 3</u> weight various women surprise ordinary	<u>List 4</u> favourite February forward through hearts	<u>List 5</u> heard peculiar although strange famous
<u>List 6</u> guide century position group enough	<u>List 7</u> believe grammar increase important interest	<u>List 8</u> perhaps thought strength eight suppose	<u>List 9</u> extreme experiment strength medicine special	<u>List 10</u> notice separate promise occasion remember



<u>List 11</u> fruit experience caught potatoes guard	<u>List 12</u> breathe complete circle learn sentence	<u>List 13</u> disappear accident build centre calendar	<u>List 14</u> minute island natural difficult imagine	<u>List 15</u> reign recent early history appear
<u>List 16</u> describe exercise purpose continue library	<u>List 17</u> actual eight bicycle consider address	<u>List 18</u> knowledge quarter though particular possess	<u>List 19</u> pressure material height occasionally business	<u>List 20</u>

