



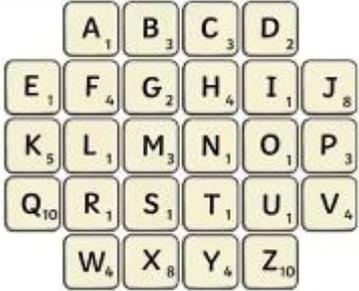
Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, your child will bring home a list of spellings from their year group spelling lists taken from the National Curriculum. These are words which child learn to read and spell throughout primary school. Some of the words may seem challenging, however the spelling lists contain words with spelling patterns that are taught in each year group and words which children use in their writing.

Your child's spelling list will identify which words they have shown they can spell correctly in school and which they still need to practise.

In order to support your child with their spellings at home, here are some ideas to help:

Quick write	Write the word correctly as many times as possible in one minute. Can you beat your score next time?	
Clap the syllables	Clap and count the syllables in the word.	
Drawing an image around the word		This strategy is all about making a word memorable. Draw pictures linked to the meaning of the word to help remember the spelling.
Drawing to connect words	<p>A drawing could also be used to connect words together.</p> <p>For example, to connect words using 'tch' for /ch/, a child has imagined a witch with a patch stitched onto her dress, using a crutch, on a football pitch in the middle of a match, wearing a watch, scratching an itch!</p>	
Pyramid words	<p>p py pyr pyra pyram pyrami pyramid</p>	Write each letter of the word, one at a time, to create a pyramid.

Scrabble words		Write the word. How many points does each word make with the Scrabble letter?												
Dice games	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 468 523 546"></td> <td data-bbox="531 468 860 546">Write your word in a sentence.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 557 523 636"></td> <td data-bbox="531 557 860 636">Draw a picture of your word.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 647 523 725"></td> <td data-bbox="531 647 860 725">Write a synonym of your word.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 736 523 815"></td> <td data-bbox="531 736 860 815">Write an antonym of your word.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 826 523 904"></td> <td data-bbox="531 826 860 904">Write the definition for your word.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 916 523 994"></td> <td data-bbox="531 916 860 994">Write your word three times.</td> </tr> </table>		Write your word in a sentence.		Draw a picture of your word.		Write a synonym of your word.		Write an antonym of your word.		Write the definition for your word.		Write your word three times.	<p>Synonyms are words that mean the same or similar.</p> <p>Antonyms are words which mean the opposite.</p>
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The website Phonics Play is also a great resource to use at home to support children’s reading and phonics skills, which in turn supports their spelling.

The school log-in details are:

Username: meridianprimary

Password: Meridian2019

Thank you for supporting your child at home with their learning.

Kind regards,

Miss Roberts
Assistant Headteacher