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Dear Year 3 parents and carers,

Below are autumn term spelling lists for your child to learn at home each week. There is no need to bring spelling practise to school because we will be exploring them in class and regularly assessing how children are using them in their writing.

Also attached are some useful methods to help learn spellings in a variety of fun ways.

Kind regards
Mrs Rowe and Miss Cole.

| Weekly spellings Year 3 |  |  |  |  |
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| $\mathbf{0 3 / 1 0 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 / 1 0 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 / 1 0 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 / 1 0 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 7 / 1 \mathbf { 1 / 2 2 }}$ |
| their | like | could | must | really |
| they're | liked | would | mustn' $\dagger$ | going |
| there | didn' $\dagger$ | should | again | were |
| there's | does |  |  |  |
| these | doesn't | couldn' $\dagger$ | always | we're |
| wouldn' $\dagger$ | because | where |  |  |


| $\mathbf{1 4 / 1 \mathbf { 1 } / \mathbf { 2 2 }}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 / 1 1 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 / 1 1 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 5 / 1 2 / 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 / 1 2 / 2 2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| beautiful | usual | appear | Monday | Saturday |
| people | usually | disappear | Tuesday | Sunday |
| looking | actual | every | Wednesday | finish |
| friends | actually | everyone | Thursday | final |
| something | suddenly | everybody | Friday | finally |

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## Look, say, cover, write, check

Look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the

| - | Write your word in a <br> sentence. |
| :---: | :---: |
| - | Draw a picture of your <br> word. |
| $\vdots$ | Write a synonym of <br> your word. |
| $\vdots$ | Write an antonym of <br> your word. |
| $\because:$ | Write the definition for <br> your word. |
| $\because:$ | Write your word three <br> times. | word that is difficult, look at the part in more detail. Say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable. Cover the word up. Write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so. Check if you have spelt it correctly. If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again look, say, cover, write, check.

## Roll and Spell

Roll a die and complete the activity that matches the number you roll. Ideas for activities could be: Spell the word in your 'grumpy voice'. Spell the word in your 'baby voice'; 'low voice'; 'robot voice'; 'monster voice'; 'alien voice'; 'opera voice'; 'whispering voice' etc. Draw a picture of your word; write a definition; write the word 5 times; write in bubble letters; in dotty letters; write three times really fast; write three time s I o w I y; write teeny tiny; write the word forwards and backwards; with your other hand; in a fancy way; with your eyes closed; in a sentence; in capital letters; circle all the consonants; underline all the vowels.


Write
WEDNESDAY.

## Rolling a Rainbow

Roll a die. Then write one of your spelling words that number of times, using the colour listed next to the number you just rolled. For example, if I roll a two and one of my spelling words is people, I'd write it like this:
people
people
For even more of a challenge, why not try colouring the vowels (a, e, i, o, u) a different colour each time you spot one!

## Make it memorable

Try splitting the word up in to sections, to remember is better. For example conscience can be con-science, bicycle can be bicycle, business can be bus-i-ness and Wednesday wed-nes-day.

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## Slide and reveal

Ask someone to gradually slide a large copy of a word from behind a book or sheet of card. See how long it takes for you to recognise the word.

## What's my letter?

O U I d
Cover up the first letter on a set of words. Ask what the first letter might be and what the word would then be. Use words which have more than one possibility. As an alternative, cover up the last letter.

| P_ncil | Y_cht |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rockt | L_mp |
| Not_ | Xylophon- |
| Or_ng_ | WhL |

What word am I?
Write parts of a word, e.g. ab_ _ e. Then try to complete the word (The example is above).

## Right and wrong

Which word is spelt correctly? Write 3-4 versions of a word you need to learn (e.g. woz, was, wos) and decide which is correct. How can you recognise the correct spelling and what will help you remember it?

## Spot and say

Lay a set of spellings out. Ask someone to read one of the spellings. You look for the word and then when found, put your finger on it. Now say the spelling.


## Spot and draw

Lay a set of spelling out and images related to the words. Now match the image to the spelling. Alternatively, choose a spelling and draw an image to explain the meaning of the word.

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| take | while | Sort and say |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| skirt | nose |  |
| lead | slide |  |
| rage | came | Sords according to how many letters they have got and then <br> read and say them. |
| tick grew scan | Memory game |  |
| Ask someone to lay a small number of words on a table. Have a |  |  |
| look for a while before turning around and closing your eyes. The |  |  |
| person removes a card and asks if you can tell them which card |  |  |
| they removed. (This can also be played using a whiteboard and |  |  |
| rubbing the word away). |  |  |

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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { page } \\ & \text { same } \end{aligned}$ | Rainbow Write <br> First, write the words in pencil. Then trace over them in different colours. Use colours to pick out patterns in the way the words are spelt. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Connect the dots <br> Write your spelling words using dots. Connect the dots you've drawn by tracing over them with a coloured pencil. |
|  | Spiral lettering <br> Write your spellings in a spiral shape, or try writing them in a snake shape. You could use one colour, or a mix of colours. |
|  | Sand spelling <br> Look at your spelling. Carefully copy it as you write it in sand. Rub it out and try again, this time without looking. |
|  | Spot the spelling <br> When you read, how many of your focus spellings can you spot? |
| Mönărchy | Draw an image <br> To help make the word more memorable, thing of a pictures that links to the meaning of the word, one that might make the spelling more recognisable. This isn' $\dagger$ a main method for learning all spellings, but can be good for tricky words that are proving difficult to remember. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { p } \\ \text { py } \\ \text { pyr } \\ \text { pyra } \\ \text { pyram } \\ \text { pyrami } \\ \text { pyramid } \end{gathered}$ | Pyramid words <br> Create a pyramid of a word, building the pyramid shape from the first letter, then one letter at a time until the whole world is completed. |

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| C <br> ca <br> cat <br> catc <br> catch | Waterfall words <br> Create a cascading waterfall of the word, adding one letter at a time until the whole word is written. |
| :---: | :---: |
| grass sun <br> jump dad | Spot the vowels <br> Write each of your spelling words. Then trace over the vowels ( $a$, $\mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$ ) in your words with a in a different colour to the rest of the word. |
| accidentaccidentallyactualactuallyaddress answerappear | Choo Choo words <br> Write a long list of your spelling words end-to-end as one long word. Write each new word in a different colour. |
| $\mathbf{f}^{-1} \mathbf{d}$ | Words without vowels <br> Ask someone to write a word without the vowels and tell you the word. Choose the correct grapheme to put in the space. (The example is field). |
| $\mathbf{-}_{-}^{\mathbf{t} \mathbf{h} \boldsymbol{s} \mathbf{w}_{-} \mathbf{r}}$ | What's the vowel? <br> Write all of your words replacing vowels with a line. Go back and see if you can fill in the vowels. (Examples are other and answer). |
|  | Word shape <br> Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where they are ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write making sure you get the same shape. |
|  | Word search <br> Create a word search containing focus spelling words. Alternative - create a crossword. |
|  | Unjumble the jumbled |

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## See the spelling

Write a word. Look at the word and chant the letters, trying to remember what the word LOOKS like and how it is spelt. Take a 'photo' in your head of the word by looking then closing your eyes

- can you see the word in your mind? Practise a few times before eventually covering the word completely. Then write the word down and check if you've written carefully. Does it look right? Does it read back correctly? If not, which part appears wrong?
cat hat


## Words within words

Write each spelling word and then look for words within your spelling words. Write at least two words made from the spelling. How many hidden words can you make?

## Spot the syllables

Say the word aloud, then break it up into syllables.
Clap the syllables as you say them.

## Pattern post its

Using post-it notes, write down the spellings. Assemble the notes on the wall, grouping any similar patterns/sounds together.
Alternatively, create root words and then look at prefixes and suffixes that could be added to change the word.

## Highlight what's tricky

Use a highlighter to highlight any letters of the main word that you have difficulty remembering.
heir small, crowded ship. They heir small crowded ship. They eached land farther north tha
$\qquad$

## Finger spelling

Spell out the word, writing it in the air with your hand. As you do this, say the letters out loud. Alternatively, try counting the number of letters in the word. Then hold up that number of fingers as you spell out the word. This will help you check you have included the right number of letters in your spelling.

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| assume usually | Which is the odd one out and why? (Could be linked to suffix, prefix, number of vowels, consonants, letter pattern etc.). |
| :---: | :---: |
| answer answer answer | Three times <br> First, write each word in pencil. Then, write each word in crayon. Finally, write each word in a marker! |
| Riddle:I am cute.  <br>  I am young. <br>  I wear nappies. <br> Answer: baby. | Riddles <br> Write a riddle for each of your spelling words. Don't forget to answer them. |
|  | Magazine words <br> Use an old magazine or newspaper and find your words or letters that make up your words. Cut and glue them down. |
|  | Prefixes and Suffixes <br> Look at the prefix or suffix and try to change the word. E.g. -igh, ack, un-. Example: ous- dangerous, courageous, ravenous. |
|  | Word webs <br> Build a word web around a word. Generate as many words as possible for the same prefix, suffix or the word meaning. How many words can you make? |
|  | Pairs and Snap <br> Play spelling games such as snap and pairs, using spellings written on card. This is a great way to spot spelling patterns, as well as being fun! |
| break "lcan't find on on $h$ bike! | Homophones <br> Which word fits the sentence? Ask a friend to write a sentence for you with a gap for the homophone spelling. Can you write the missing homophone? <br> E.g. whether/weather, hole/whole, aloud/allowed. |
|  | Are they alike? |

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| learn could bother <br> near would brother <br> tear shoulder another | Sort your spellings into which words sound alike and which words look alike, but may sound different. What words can you make from the following? -ate, -ack, -all, -ame, -ook, -ink, -ick. |
| :---: | :---: |
| MMV <br> Wouc <br> Bank <br> • personal lists <br> • useful words <br> • spelling rules <br> • difficult words <br> • theme words | Word bank <br> Create a spelling log/word bank of words you use a lot. This can be added to week by week. It's particularly helpful for tricky words and for new topic words. |
|  | Word Iadder <br> Choose one of your spelling words to start with. Then try to change one letter to make a new word. Continue until you can't go any further. Alternatively, fill in the gaps on a word ladder already created. |
|  | Moveable letters <br> Use magnetic letters, letter shapes or letters on individual cards to build words. For example, if you begin with in, you might be able to make sin, then sing, sting, string etc. Or, try to spell one of your spelling words for the letters you have. |
|  | Wordsearch <br> Create a word search of your spelling words. Remember to make a key so you know which words to look for! Or, ask someone to make one for you to solve. Remember your spelling words in the wordsearch can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal. <br> For an extra challenge, some of the spelling words could even be written sdrawkcab (backwards)! |

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| My puppy makes great pizza. | Silly sentence <br> Write the funniest sentence you can including some of your spelling words. It could be a joke, a riddle, or just a hilarious sentence! Highlight the spellings in the sentence you come up with. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Tricky work post its <br> Make a poster, or display post it notes, of your tricky words. Put them somewhere you will see it regularly, so you can keep practising them. |
| PEOPLE <br> people | Upper and lower <br> Write each of your spelling words two times. First write each word in upper case letters. Then write each word in lower case letters. |
| Hhe of of <br>  the  <br> of  the | Not noughts and crosses <br> On the theme of noughts and crosses, choose one of your spelling words and ask a friend to choose one of theirs. Take turns to write your word in a $3 \times 3$ grid. The aim is to complete a whole line of your word, vertically, horizontally or diagonally. The winner is the first person to complete a line and spell their word correctly. |


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