



Spellings at Little Melton: A Guide for Parents (November 2021)

The school follows all of the requirements of the National Curriculum for English.

This can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-english-programmes-of-study>

Reception and Year 1

In the early years at school, the focus is on phonics. Children are also taught common exception words- ie words which do not follow a regular phonetic pattern or rule. They will learn these separately alongside the taught sounds. We now use the Little Wandle scheme to deliver our phonics lessons.

At the end of Year 1, the children take the Phonics Screening Check.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children continue to be taught spelling patterns and rules alongside common exception words. We use the 'Vocabulary Ninja' teaching resources to support this.

Any child in Year 2, who did not pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1, or is not fully fluent in reading words with the Phase 5 GPCs will also continue to be taught phonics daily.

Years 3 and 4

In Years 3 and 4, the children continue to be taught spelling patterns and rules alongside the National Curriculum statutory words list. We again use the 'Vocabulary Ninja' teaching resources to support this.

Year 5 and 6

In Years 5 and 6, the children continue to be taught spelling patterns and rules alongside the National Curriculum statutory words list. In Eagle Owls we use the 'Purple Mash' teaching resources to deliver this because it enables excellent consolidation resources for less able spellers who have already been through the Vocabulary Ninja approach, and also because it enables the use of online spelling lists which are part of a conscious effort to best prepare children for similar independent learning resources at post-11.

Adjustments for less able spellers or SEND children

Throughout the school the intended teaching coverage plans are adapted and adjusted to support less able spellers. We also make use of additional resources to support individual children where appropriate.

School Website

All of the overview teaching plans for spellings (and phonics) can be found on this page of the school website.