Spelling



Reception → Year 2

Read Write Inc. Phonics

From Reception, children learn to read and write using Read Write Inc. Phonics. This builds the foundations for their spelling, reading and writing skills.



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From Year 2 Onwards

Read Write Inc. Spelling

Read Write Inc Spelling is a systematic programme for Years 2–6 that teaches spelling in short daily lessons, building on Read Write Inc. Phonics and delivered through resources and online tools from Oxford Owl and Ruth Miskin Training.



- Daily 15-minute lessons that fit easily into the school timetable.
- Uses engaging characters and videos to explain spelling rules.
- Includes Practice Books for structured progression.

We complete spelling tests for Read Write Inc Spelling at the end of each unit.

Common Exception Words

From Reception, children are taught to read and write common exception words. These are high-frequency words that cannot be decoded using standard phonics rules, such as the, said, here, door, floor, because and people. These words appear frequently in reading and writing. Because their spelling patterns are irregular, learning them early helps children read more fluently and spell more accurately.

We test these words every half-term.

the	said	here	door
floor	because	people	

At Wheelock from Year 1 Onwards

We have explicit daily practice 3 x a week of common exception words.

We focus on a set amount of words per week (between 3–6).

Children will complete activities like:



Spelling pyramids

said
said
said

Writing three times

door

Fancy writing of the words

Small Steps Big Progress