

Read Write Inc, Spelling

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Aspiration
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Empathy
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What is Read Write Inc, Spelling?

- ▶ Robust, fast-paced, systematic spelling programme for children in years 2-6.
- ▶ Matched to the National Curriculum for spelling.
- ▶ Proven effect in raising attainment in spelling.

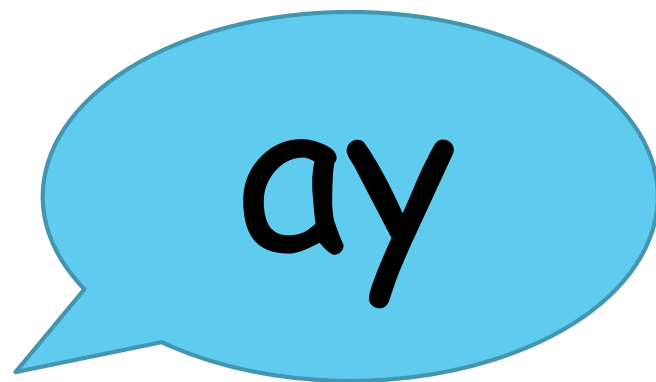
The English language

- ▶ Many languages around the world have a simple alphabetic code - each sound is represented by one letter and this is the same wherever the sound is in the word.
- ▶ German, Italian, Spanish, Finnish, Polish, Greek and Welsh children learn to read and spell very quickly.
- ▶ English, however, has many ways of writing the same sound because we have more sounds than letters.
- ▶ This can mean that it takes longer for children to learn to read and spell because there is so much to learn and master.
- ▶ English has the most complex alphabetic code in the world!

play rain

eight

rein



reign

make

break

straight

The English language

- ▶ Children are taught the different ways to spell these sounds and rules to know which spelling to use in different words.
- ▶ This does not happen overnight!
- ▶ Even as adults, we tend to avoid writing down words that we cannot spell.

Units and Lessons

- ▶ Daily spelling for 15 minutes, each unit lasts for two weeks.
- ▶ The spelling pattern is introduced through an online video and children then complete activities in Practice Books.
- ▶ Activities are designed to help children understand the rules and exceptions that govern the English language.
- ▶ By revisiting the same spelling pattern in a number of ways, children acquire strategies for remembering how to spell words, meaning they are more likely to spell them correctly in independent writing. Children also have to use the words in context, making sure that they understand the meaning.

Spelling homework

- ▶ Expectation for learning spellings at home – ideally daily practice.
- ▶ Ten words are set each week
 - ▶ ten words follow the unit’s spelling pattern.
 - ▶ three ‘orange’ words.
- ▶ Spelling test every Friday.
- ▶ Spelling score recorded in Learning Logs.

Learning spellings at home

- ▶ Look, cover, write, check - this method works for many children with the repetitiveness aiding learning.
- ▶ Other ideas - see spelling menu.

Learning spellings at home - extra ideas for 'orange words'

- ▶ Orange words are 'common exception words' - words which do not follow a spelling pattern.
- ▶ Can your child explain a good way to remember the word?
 - ▶ Can they tell a 'story' about the spelling of the word?
 - ▶ Is there a funny way to say the word that helps them to remember it?