

Helping your child with spellings at home

Some children would continue to benefit from regular phonics games to help improve their reading <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> (username: kelvin, Password: grove).

Please also see the attached Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 common exception words to support your child with these tricky words.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1			Year 2			
the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy
do	he	ask	poor	told	bath	people
to	me	friend	because	every	hour	water
today	she	school	find	great	move	again
of	we	put	kind	break	prove	half
said	no	push	mind	steak	improve	money
says	go	pull	behind	pretty	sure	Mr
are	so	full	child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
were	by	house	children	after	eye	parents
was	my	our	wild	fast	could	Christmas
is	here		climb	last	should	everybody
his	there		most	past	would	even
has	where		only	father	who	
I	love		both	class	whole	
you	come		old	grass	any	
your	some		cold	pass	many	

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	thought
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	through
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	various
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	weight
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	woman
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	women
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	

Helping your child with Maths at home

Your child may also benefit from practising their number bonds, multiplication and division facts:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

Helping your child with Reading at home with questioning

Help your child with reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...
anything that is close to hand!

Choosing an age appropriate book to read at home

50 Recommended Reads for... **Year 3** (ages 7-8) Which ones have you read?



	☐ Charlie Changes into a Chicken Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne Chapter book		☐ The Rhythm of the Rain Graham Baker-Smith Picture book - non-fiction
	☐ The Iron Man Ted Hughes & Chris Mould Colour-illustrated chapter book		☐ Space Detectives Mark Powers & Dapo Akola Chapter book
	☐ Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest Vicki Hardy & George Emson Chapter book	You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! Andy Stanton & David Tazzyman Chapter book	
	☐ The Nothing to See Here Hotel Steven Butler & Steven Lenton Chapter book		☐ The Street Beneath My Feet Tivoli Zimmer Non-fiction – fact and book
	☐ The Boy Who Grew Dragons Andy Shepherd & Sarah Copley Chapter book		☐ The Wild Robot Peter Brown Chapter book
	☐ Warjak Paw SF Said & Dave McKean Chapter book		☐ Amazing Islands Sabrina Wiersa & Kerry Myndrum Non-fiction
	☐ Interview with a Tiger Andy Seed and Nick East Non-fiction		☐ After the Fall Dan Santat Picturebook story
	☐ The Creakers Tom Fletcher & Shane Davies Chapter book		☐ Guardians of the Planet Chloe Gifford & Jonathan Woodward Non-fiction
	☐ Arthur and the Golden Rope Joe Todd-Stanton Graphic novel style picture book		☐ Me and Mister P Marta Farrow & Daniel Fawley Chapter book
	☐ I Bet I Can Make You Laugh Joshua Sengul et al. Poetry book		☐ Explorers Nellie Huang and Jessamy Hanks Non-fiction
	☐ A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gru and You Mike Barfield & Iain Bradley Non-fiction		☐ This Morning I Met a Whale Michael Morpurgo & Christian Birmingham Colour-illustrated chapter book
	☐ Knights and Bikes Gabrielle Kent & Ilex Crowle Chapter book		☐ Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright! Fiona Waters & Britta Teckentrup Poetry book
	☐ An Alien in the Jam Factory Christie Sales & Jenny Taylor Chapter book		☐ Wangari's Trees of Peace Jeanette Winter Picture book (based on true story)

	☐ The Secret Life of Bees Mona Butlerfield & Vivian Winer Non-fiction		☐ Krindlekraak Philip Ridley Chapter book
	☐ Charlotte's Web E. B. White & Garth Williams Chapter book		☐ Sing of the Dumbo Chloe King & Edward Ardizzone Chapter book
	☐ Hilda and the Troll Luke Pearson Graphic novel style picture book		☐ Egypt Magnified David Long & Harry Bloom Non-fiction - interactive
	☐ The Bad Guys Aaron Blabey Comic style chapter book		☐ Otfoline and the Yellow Cat Chris Riddell Chapter book
	☐ Ellie and the Cat Malcolm Blackman & Matt Robertson Chapter book		☐ Ocean Meets Sky Eric Fan and Terry Fan Picturebook story
	☐ The Worst Witch Jill Murphy Chapter book		☐ Until I Met Dudley Roger McGough & Chris Riddell Picturebook story
	☐ Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots Michael Rorum & David Tazzyman Poetry book		☐ Stars with Flaming Tails Valerie Bloom & Ken Wilson-Max Poetry book
	☐ The Tin Forest Helen Ward & Wayne Anderson Picturebook story		☐ Amazing Islands Sabina Wiersa and Kerry Myndrum Non-fiction
	☐ Dr Magpie's Grand Tour of the Solar System Chloë Egle & Magpie Adair-Pocock Non-fiction		☐ Leon and the Place Between Angela McAllister & Graham Baker-Smith Picturebook story
	☐ Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape Dermot O'Leary & Nick East Chapter book		☐ Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball Laura Ellen Anderson Chapter book
	☐ Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts! Kevin Tang, Kasia Tang & Nathan Reed Chapter book		☐ Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure Alex T. Smith Colour-illustrated chapter book
	☐ How to Change the World Rakemi Serdengecti & Arnel Non-fiction		☐ Tiny: The Invisible World of Microbes Nicola Davies & Emily Sutton Non-fiction

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Helping you child with handwriting at home: Please see the attached sheet on letter formations and how we approach these at school. Your child may benefit from continued practice at home for short bursts of time.

Long Ladder Family		
l	Start at the top, come all the way down and flick	L Start at the top, come down and go across
i	Start at the top, come down and flick. Lift and dot	I Start at the top, come down. Lift. Across at the top. Lift. Across at the bottom
t	Start at the top, come all the way down and curve. Lift and cross	T Start at the top, come down. Lift. Across at the top
u	Start at the top, come down and curve. Go back up, comeback down and flick	U Start at the top, come down. Curve back up
j	Start at the top, come all the way down and curve to the left. Lift an dot.	J Start at the top, come down. Curve to the left. Across at the top
y	Start at the top, come all the way down and curve. Go back up, come all the way down and curve to the left.	Y Slope down, slope back up. Lift. Come down from the point
One -armed Robot Family		
r	Start at the top, come down, bounce back up and over	R Start at the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Go all the way round and slope
b	Start at the top, come all the way down, bounce half way back up and go all the way around	B Start at the top, come down. Lift. Back tot the top. Go all the way round and all the way round again
n	Start at the top, come down, bounce back up, go over, down and flick	N Start at the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Slope and straight up
h	Start at the top, come al the way down, bounce half way back up, go over, down and flick	H Start a the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Slop and straight up.
m	Start at the top, come down, bounce back up and over. Down, bounce back up and over. Down and flick.	M Start a the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Slope down, slope up and straight down.
k or k	Start at the top, come all the way down, bounce half way back up. Loop. Slope and flick. Or Start at the top, come all the way down. Lift. Slope. Slope and flick	K Start at the top, come down. Lift. Slope in, slope out.
p	Start at the top, come all the way down, bounce back up and go all the way around	P Start at the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Go all the way round
Curly Caterpillar Family		
c	Make a curve	C Make a curve
a	Make a curve, go up to the top, come back down and flick	A Slope to the left. Lift back to the top. Slope. Lift. Across in the middle
d	Make a curve, go all the way up, come back down and flick	D Start at the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Go all the way round to the bottom
o	Make a curve, go all the way around	O Make a curve, go all the way round
s	Make a curve, slope, make a curve back again	S Make a curve, slope, make a curve back again
g	Make a curve, go up to the top, come all the way down and cure to the left	G Make a curve. Lift and go across
q	Make a curve, go up to the top, come all the way down and flick	Q Make a curve, go all the way round. Lift and slope across
e	Start with a loop then make a curve	E Start at the top, come down. Lift. Back to the top. Across at the top. Lift. Across in the middle. Lift. Across at the bottom
f	Make a curve, come all the way down, curve to the left. Lift and cross	F Start at the top, come down. Lift, back t the top. Across at the top. Lift. Across in the middle
Zig Zag Monster Family		
z	Go across, slope, go back across	Z Go across, slope, go back across
v	Slope down, slope back up	V Slope down, slope back up
w	Slope down, slope back up. Slope down again and slope back up	W Slope down, slope back up. Slope down again and slope back up
x	Slope. Lift and slope across	X Slope. Lift and slope across