

Dear Year 1 parents and carers,

At Latchmere School we believe that repeated practice of spelling helps children move their new learning into their long-term memory. In Year 1 especially, it is important to try to find time to practise and embed spelling outside of the phonics lessons. We will be sending home weekly spelling sheets for you to use to support this additional practice. Keep the sessions short and fun!

Decodable words

Ask the children to:

- Read the words.
- Add the sound buttons (dots and dashes). If needed, they can use the graphemes at the top of the page to help them identify the Phase 5 GPCs.
- Write the words. Remind the children to sound out and segment each word before they spell it.

Tricky words

Ask the children to:

- Read the words
- Circle the tricky bit.
- Write two tricky words that they need to practise in the blank boxes. (Or you can add these for them in advance).
- Write the words. Remind the children to sound out and segment each word before they spell it, thinking carefully about the tricky bit.

Additional dictation

Challenge the children to apply their secure phonic knowledge in short, dictated sentences. Remember the purpose of these dictations is to practise accurate spelling not punctuation.

These sheets will be sent weekly by email, but if you would like a printed copy please speak to your class teacher. We will not be doing weekly tests but will check in with the children during the week to assess their understanding.

Any problems or questions please ask your class teacher.

Best regards

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