



## Spelling at Waverley Primary

At Waverley, accurate spelling is valued as a critical life-skill. As such, a thorough approach is taken to the development of spelling, through a multi-faceted whole-school strategy. This is comprised of:

### EYFS:

- Development of phonic understanding through the Read Write Inc. scheme.
- Development of phonic understanding through whole-class and small-group games, songs and rehearsal activities.

### KS1:

- Development of phonic understanding and first spelling rules, led by the Read Write Inc. scheme.
- Weekly practice of spelling rules in school and at home.
- In-depth marking of written pieces, with correct spellings scaffolded in pink ink for pupils' attention.
- A low-stakes weekly spelling test.

### KS2:

- A weekly spelling lesson based on a given spelling rule.
- Spelling as a handwriting practice each week.
- Spellings displayed around the classroom environment to aid word recognition.
- 'Spelling stories' as a weekly homework task, where the spelling words for the week have to be applied correctly in a sentence context.
- A weekly spelling test.
- Detailed marking and feedback on applied spelling and spelling rules in pink ink.

This comprehensive strategy supports the acquisition of new spelling rules, but it is also focused on developing applied spelling, which is of far greater value than discrete spelling scores.