



## Spellings at The Manor

At The Manor CE Primary School, we encourage our pupils to think and write creatively, be adventurous with their use of language and to write both for pleasure, and with clear purpose. In order for these aims to be realised, it is essential that our pupils learn to spell accurately.

Children who can spell feel confident and are able to write with enjoyment. We want our pupils to be equipped with a range of strategies for learning spelling and to be able to apply these strategies when spelling words in their independent writing. In addition to this, we believe all of our pupils should be given the opportunity to explore and investigate the patterns and rules of the English language.

To best support our children's writing, spellings will be **sent home every Wednesday** and **tested every Monday** during school time. Children will be given spellings appropriate to their year group.

- Year 1 will practise six spellings a week, focussing on phonetic sounds they are learning, and the year group's high frequency words.
- Years 2, 3 and 4 will practise eight spellings a week, focussing on the year group's high frequency words and spelling patterns.
- Years 5 and 6 will practise ten spellings a week, focussing on the year group's high frequency words and spelling patterns.

We understand that for some children, learning spellings can be daunting and a challenge. Children will be expected to practise their spellings throughout the week at home, in preparation for the test. This does not need to be recorded in their homework books and can adopt any format that best suits the children. Given that everyone learns differently, below is a website with a variety of strategies to help children achieve this.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-make-spelling-easy>

As always, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher should you have any questions.

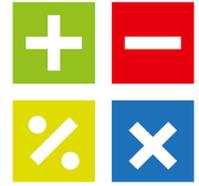


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## Number facts at The Manor



At The Manor CE Primary School, we feel that number facts are of vital importance for our pupils. If children commit these facts to memory, therefore gaining an automatic recall, it frees up more of their working memory capacity to calculate more challenging aspects of number problems and calculation.

Children who know their number facts feel much more confident and able to calculate efficiently and accurately.

To best support our children's development with number facts, we will be sending home confirmation of the facts we will be learning in our classes on a **Wednesday** and these will then be tested in school on the following **Monday**. We are aiming for the children to have an instant recall of these number facts (they shouldn't need to work them out when asked – they should know them immediately) so additional practise at home will support this development. Whilst practising number bonds and times tables, please also focus on the related subtraction and division facts too as these are often missed, can be more challenging for children and are just as important as the addition and multiplication facts.

There is no specific requirement for recording this practise as you and your child may not choose a written approach to practising. However, if you would like to use the home learning books to practise in, or to share how you have chosen to practise these at home, your child's teacher would be interested to see this. Feedback will be given to the children following completion of their Monday tests and during learning/consolidation of the number facts in class.

We understand that for some children, learning number facts can be daunting and a challenge. However, there are numerous games and activities which can be found on the internet to help you practise these. There are also some great songs around to help the number facts stick. Additionally, a variety of approaches such as using concrete resources that they can move around (coins, stones, dice) or pictures can really help too.

Times tables tips - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/times-tables-tips>

Selection of times tables games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

When children have shown us that they have achieved proficiency in particular number facts, they will be awarded a certificate to celebrate their achievement and then will be challenged to apply their knowledge in different situations during our tests

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