



# Giffnock Primary School

## Spelling Homework Guidance

### Primary 2

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Over the course of the school week your child will be taught new spelling rule(s) and sounds. Each Monday new words following the same spelling rule(s) that the children have been learning about in class will be sent home. Approximately five words following the rule and two/ three common words will be written down in a spelling homework jotter.

During the school session, your child will be introduced to a variety of common words which help children with their reading and written work. These words do not follow rules/ sound patterns and so have to be learnt separately as whole words. We will also revisit Primary 1 Common Words to consolidate learning of these. In addition, your child's teacher may also send home flashcards of these words to help.

Over the page, you will find a range of activities, games and websites through which you can practise the spelling of these words. Please focus on having fun with the spelling rule/ pattern. You can choose one or more of these to practise with and remember that little and often is the best way to learn; this might be on the walk to school, in the car, or even when out walking your dog! Whenever works best for you.

## Common Words






### Bronze Words (P1)

the, of, and, a, to, in, is, that, it, he, you, was, for, on, are, with, his, they, I, as, at, be, this, have, from, or, had, by, word, but, not, all, were, we, when, your, can, an, she, do, how, if.

### Copper Words (P2)

will, said, there, use, each, which, their, up, what, about, out, many, then, them, these, so, some, her, would, make, like, him, into, time, has, look, more, write, go, see, number, no, way, could, people, my, than, first, water, been, call, who, now, down, find, long, day, did, get, come, made, part, over, may.

## Activities and Games

<p><b>I Spy...or I 'hear' with my little ear</b> This is a great old fashioned game to play. It doesn't need to be the initial sound, it could be a sound at the end of a word, in the middle or even a digraph e.g. I hear something ending with 'sh'.</p> 	<p><b>Washing line words</b> Write the letters out on paper and clip onto a washing line, add and take away letters - what ones are missing? Or make in the house and hang up - challenge a member of the family</p> 
<p><b>Snap</b> Write your words on card/ scrap paper, make bundles of pairs together and play snap. Teach someone else in the family the game too.</p> 	<p><b>Noughts and crosses</b> Your child uses their word list and asks a family member to spell one of the words. If the word is spelt correctly, the appropriate mark is placed on a noughts and crosses grid. If wrong, no mark is written but their mistake explained and the correct spelling shown. A 10-15 minute time limit is probably long enough to play several games.</p>
<p><b>Moving letters</b> Can you sound out the letters of the words as you walk, hop or climb the stairs?</p> 	<p><b>Make new words</b> Try to make new words which follow the sound and rule? This could be while you are having your tea or on the way to your club. You could even invent brand new 'nonsense' words for fun like Roald Dahl.</p> 
<p><b>Magic Finger</b> Can you write the word with your finger in the air? On your family member's back for them to guess?</p>	<p><b>Spell out Loud</b> Can you test someone in the family to spell the word out loud to you? How many can you spell correctly in one minute?</p>
<p>Words are spoken so try a <b>Tongue Twister</b>, using a dictionary to check you know the meaning. Have fun exploring the sound and words associated or sound the same, like in a rhyme or limerick.</p>	<p><b>Playing games</b> like hangman and battleships, using magnetic letters to help make the words, are all ways to have fun with learning but also to help children remember them.</p>

## Suggested Websites & Apps

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/helping-with-reading-5-7>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/digital-technology-and-early-years/>

Using technology to help with literacy - <https://vimeo.com/165864926>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/literacy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml)

<https://www.spellingshed.com/>