St Brendan's Primary School

We voyage together in a community of faith, love and learning.

Homework Information

"Homework in primary school is not about adding extra pressure to children or families. Its purpose is to reinforce learning, develop independence, establish positive learning habits and strengthen the partnership between home and school."

Research shows that children who engage regularly with homework make greater progress over time. The most effective homework is short, purposeful and achievable, allowing children to experience success while still enjoying family life and other activities.

Reading

Your child will be assigned reading homework each night. It is very important that home reading is completed as this will be discussed and form the basis for tasks in class. Good reading habits that will help to build your child's fluency include:

- Having your child read aloud to you or another family member
- Taking turns to read
- Reading aloud to your child

Spelling and Phonics

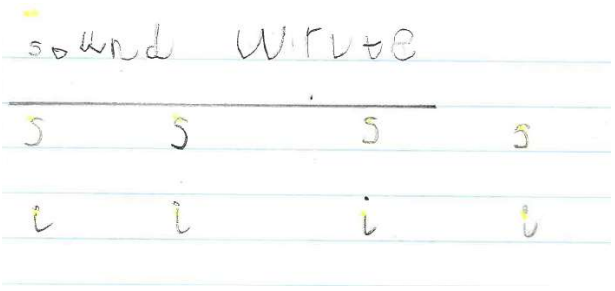
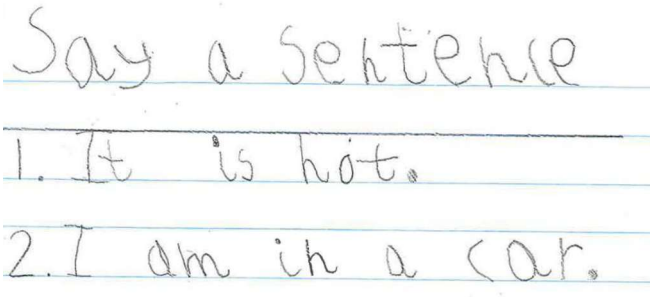
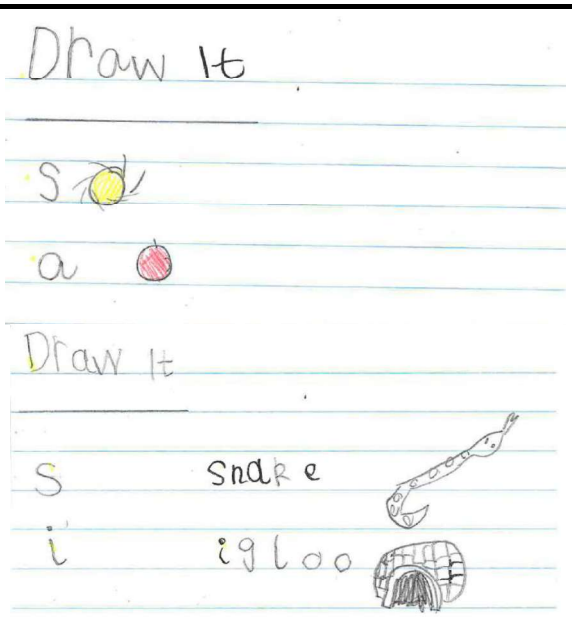
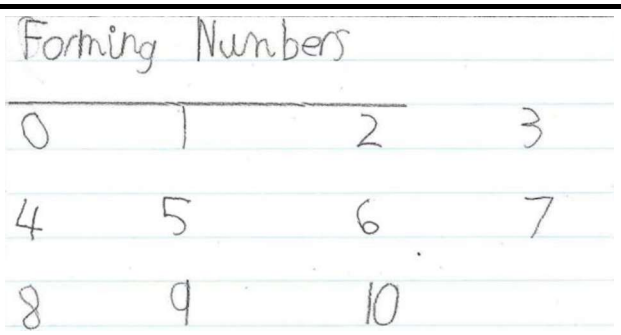
We aim to engage children through an active, multisensory approach. A description and exemplar of each written task is provided overleaf. Assigned words and/or sounds for homework are available through our website.
https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendansps/homework/

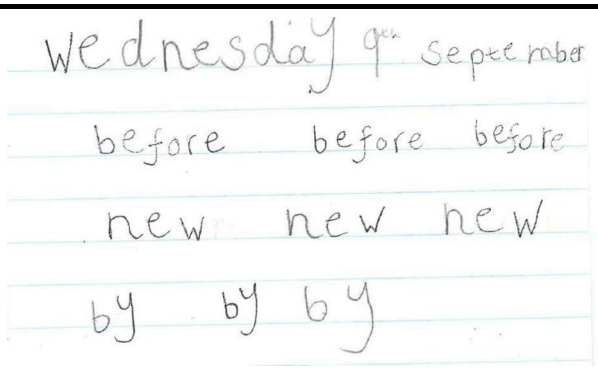
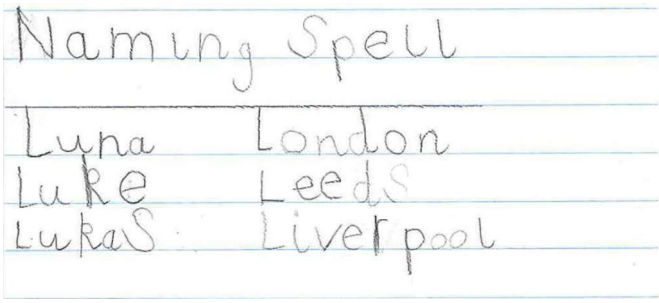
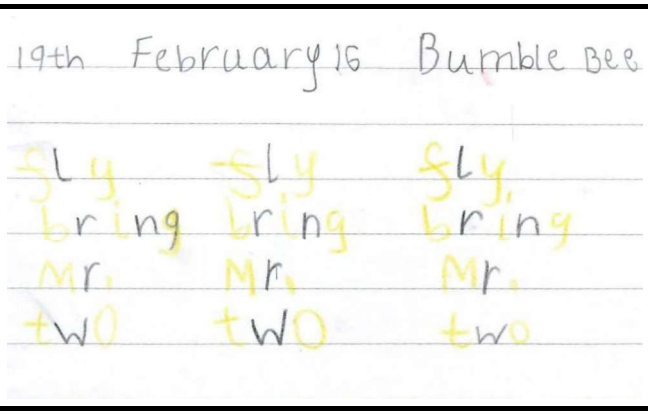
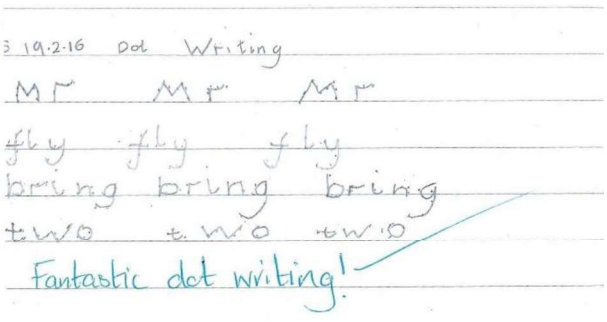
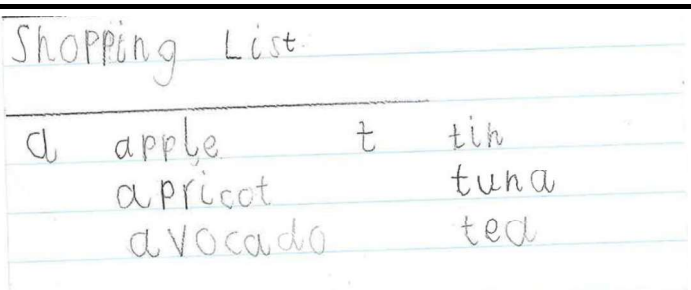
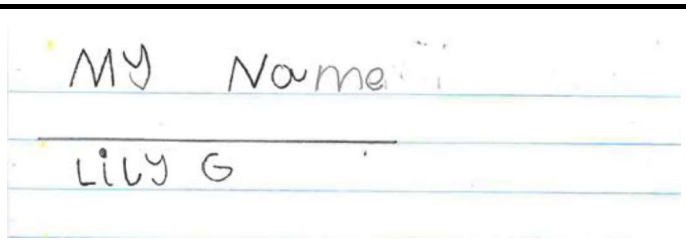
Maths

Our activities are designed to consolidate learning and to improve mental agility through basic arithmetic.

If you have any concerns about your child's homework please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss this.

Stage 1 Written Homework Activities

Sound Write Write your sounds in your jotter, practising the correct formation.	
Say a Sentence For each of your words, tell a grown up at home a sentence with the word in it. Someone at home could help you to write some of them down too.	
Rainbow Spell Write your words using different colours for each new word or letter.	
Draw It Draw a picture of two things that start with this week's sounds and try to write the word below.	
Forming Numbers Practise writing your numbers from 0 to 9, making sure your numbers touch the top and bottom of the line.	

Common Word Write Write your common words three times each in your jotter.	
Naming Spell Write a list of the names of people or places that begin with this week's sounds.	
Bumblebee Writing Write your words changing between black and orange coloured pencils for a bumblebee effect.	
Dot to Dot Take turns with someone at home to write your words as a dot to dot. Then swap with each other to solve the dot to dots you have made.	
Shopping List Write a shopping list that contains objects that start with this week's sounds.	
My Name Practise writing your own name. For a challenge, try to write your first and second name, if you can.	

Stage 2-3 Written Homework Activities

Find the Phoneme

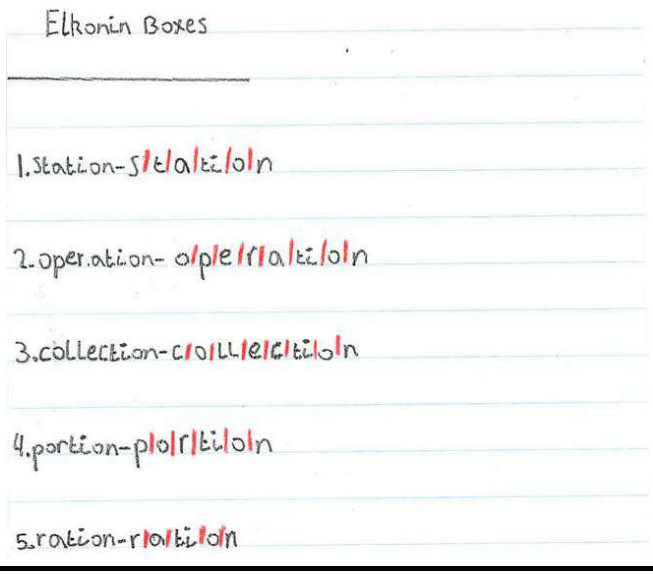
Write your words three times, writing any phonemes that you see in the words using a green coloured pencil.



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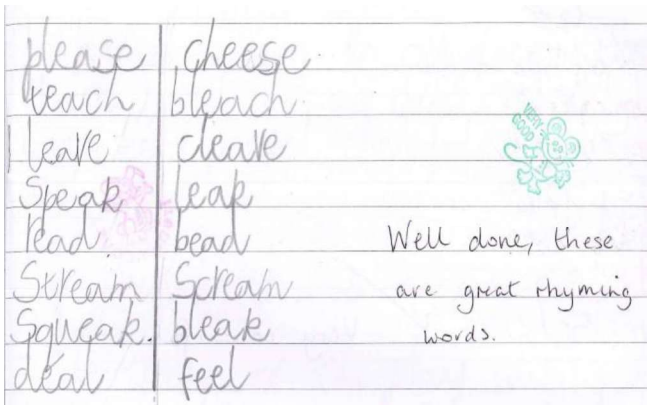
Write each of your spelling words, using a coloured pencil to split each word into its different sounds, like so:

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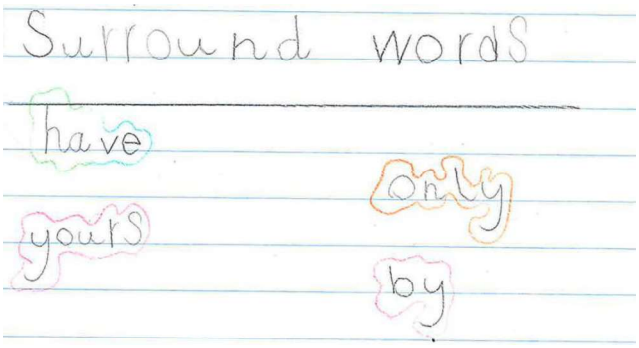
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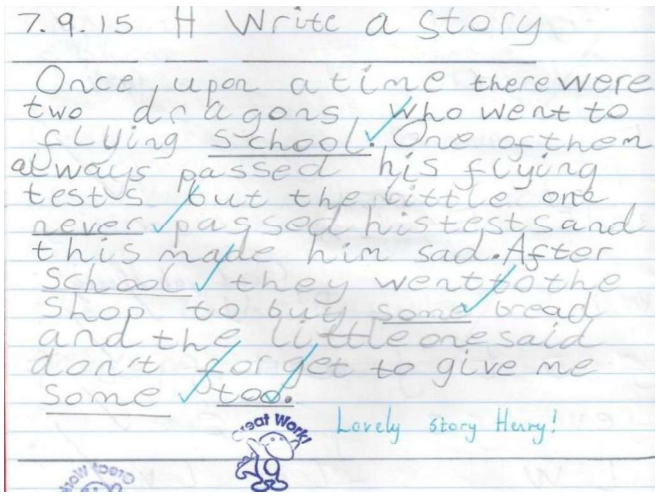
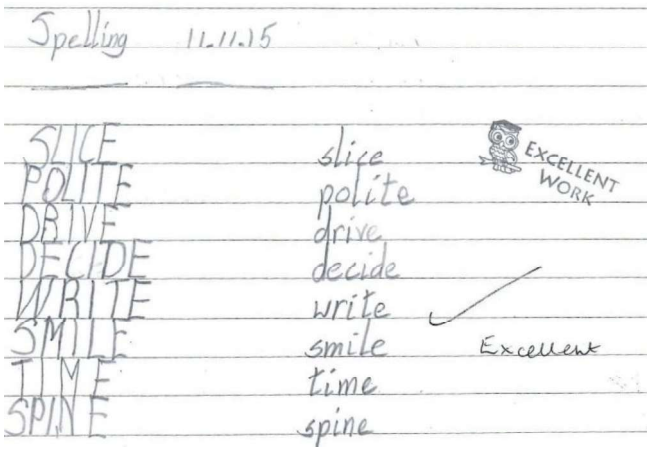
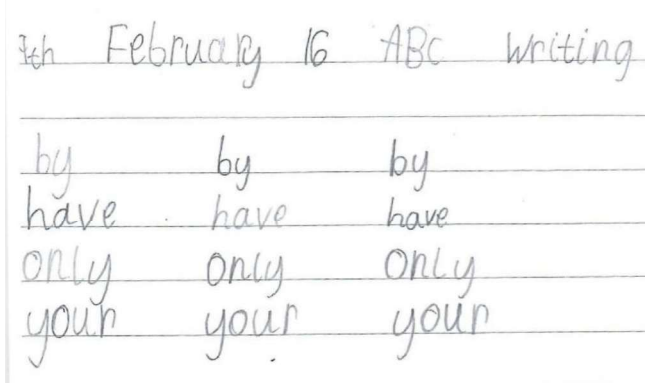
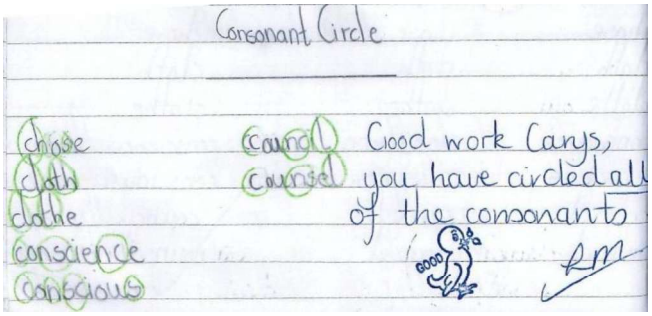
Write each of your spelling words. Next to each write a rhyming word. If necessary. It can be a nonsense word (as long as it follows the same spelling pattern).

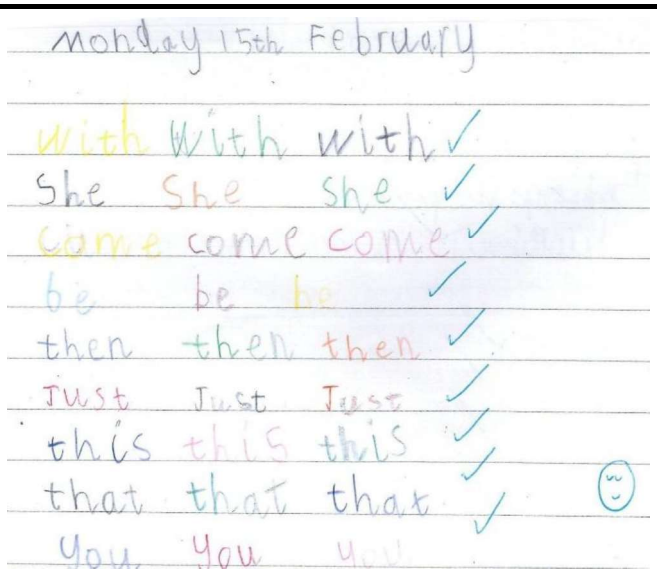
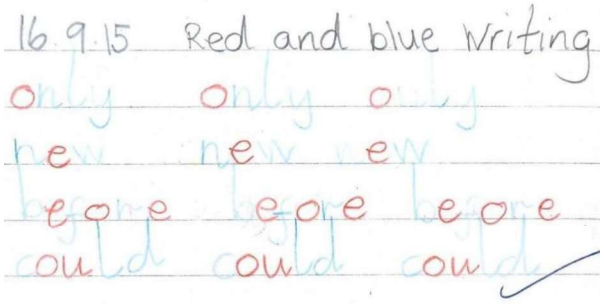
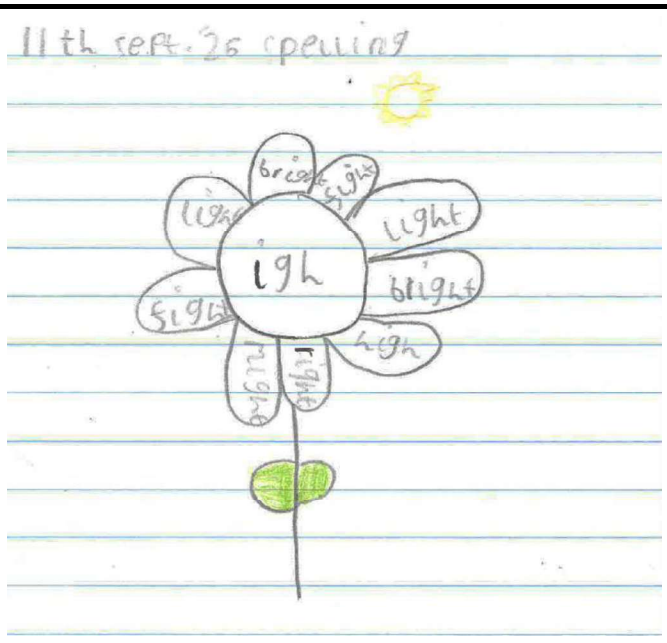


Surround Words

Write each of your words three times using a pencil. Afterwards, use a coloured pencil to trace around the shape of each word

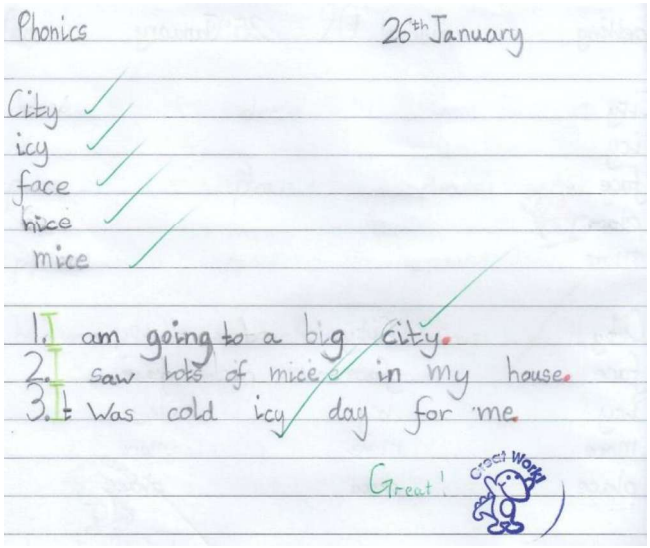


Write a Story Write a story using your spelling words. Be sure to underline the words with a coloured pencil when you use them.	
UPPER and lower Write each of your spelling words three times in UPPERCASE then three times in lower case.	
ABC Order First write your spelling words in a list. Next, write the words another twice in alphabetical order.	
Consonant Circle Write each of your spelling words three times. Go back and use a coloured pencil to circle all of the consonants in each word.	

Colourful Words Write each of your spelling words three times. Write each new word using a different coloured pencil.	
Red and Blue Writing Using a blue and red coloured pencil, write each of your words three times. Vowels should be written in red and consonants in blue.	
Spelling Flower Draw a picture of a big flower. Write each of your spelling words on one of the petals or on a leaf. If your run out of space, just draw another!	

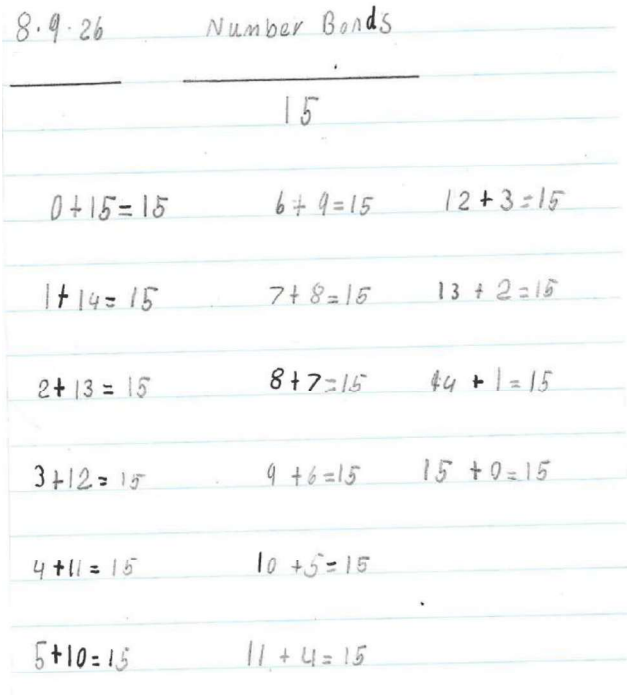
Write a Sentence

For each of your words, tell a grown up at home a sentence with the word in it. Do your best to write down your sentences, using common words you know.



Number Bonds

Choose a number between 10 and 50. Write as many different ways to add up to make that number as you can.

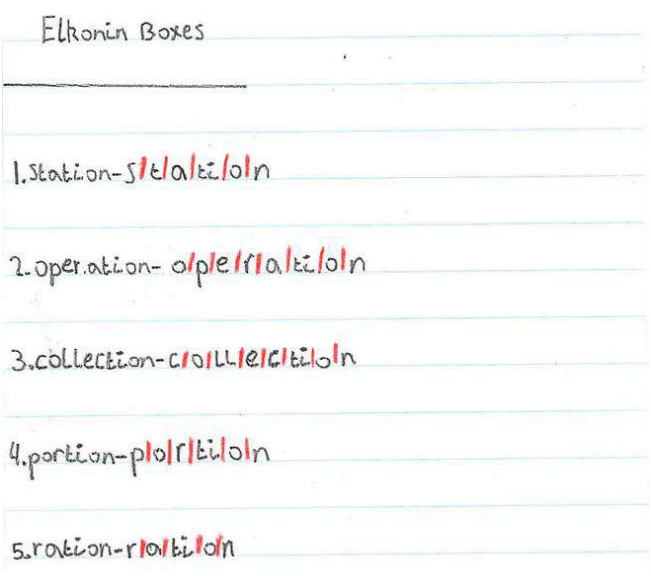


Stage 4-5 Written Homework Activities

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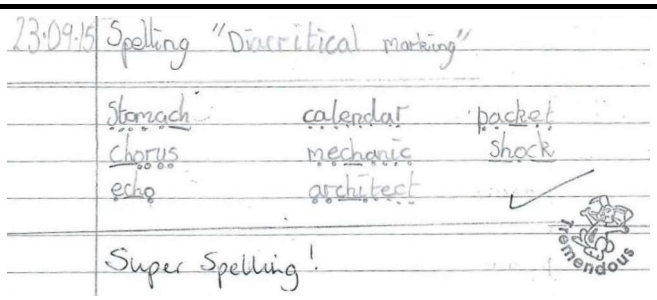
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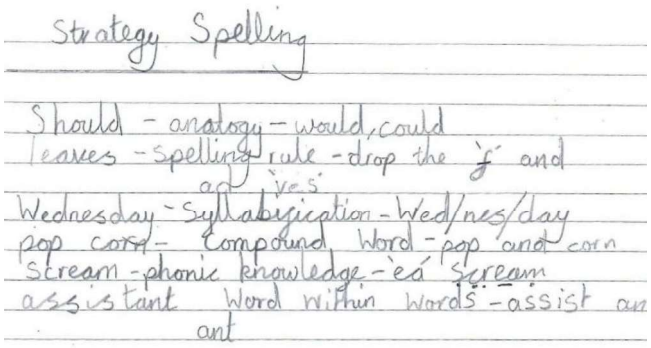
Diacritical Marking

Write down each of your spelling words. Use the diacritical marking code we have covered in class to mark to sounds in each word.



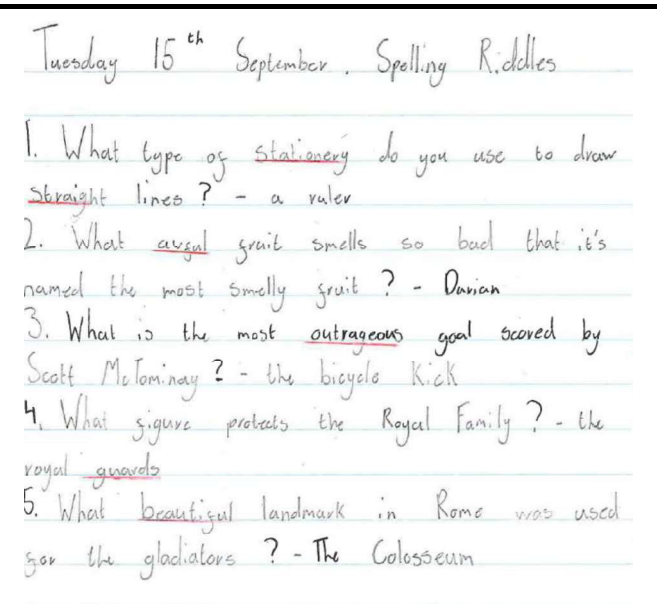
Spelling Strategies

Write each of your spelling words. Write beside each word which strategy you think would be best to use to help you to spell it.



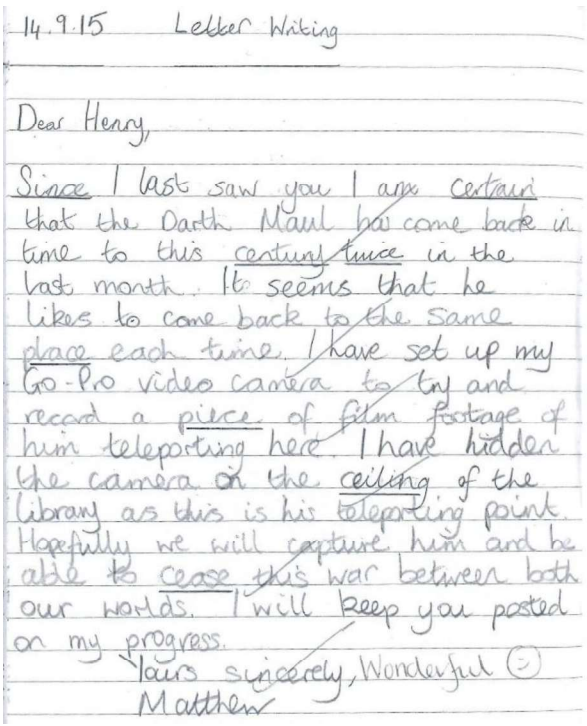
Spelling Riddle

Write a riddle for each of your spelling words – the word could be in the riddle or it could be the answer. Include the answer to each riddle at the end.



Write a Letter

Write a friendly letter to a family member or a friend using each of your words. Remember to underline the words when you use them.



14.9.15 Letter Writing

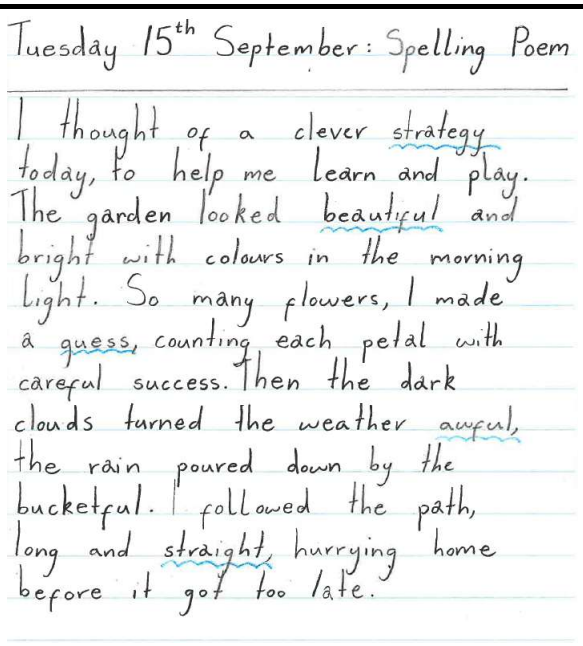
Dear Henry,

Since I last saw you I am certain that the Darth Maul has come back in time to this century twice in the last month. It seems that he likes to come back to the same place each time. I have set up my Go-Pro video camera to try and record a piece of film footage of him teleporting here. I have hidden the camera on the ceiling of the library as this is his teleporting point. Hopefully we will capture him and be able to cease this war between both our worlds. I will keep you posted on my progress.

Yours sincerely, Wonderful ☺
Matthew

Spelling Poem

Write a poem using your spelling words. Remember to underline the spelling words as you use them and illustrate your poem.



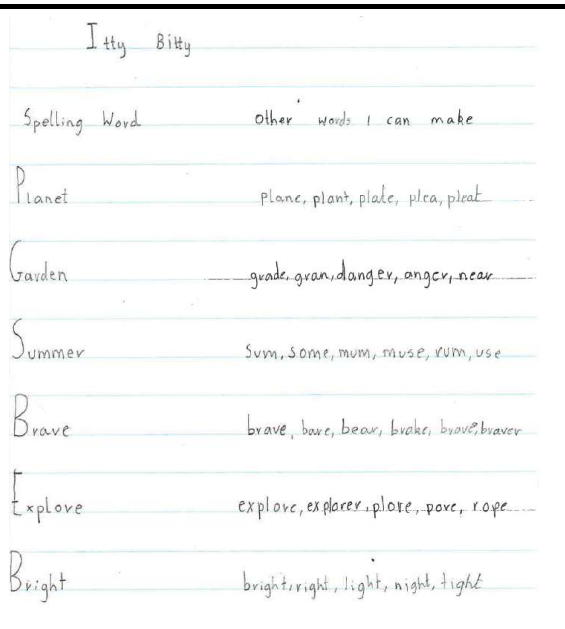
Tuesday 15th September: Spelling Poem

I thought of a clever strategy
today, to help me learn and play.
The garden looked beautiful and
bright with colours in the morning
light. So many flowers, I made
a guess, counting each petal with
careful success. Then the dark
clouds turned the weather awful,
the rain poured down by the
bucketful. I followed the path,
long and straight, hurrying home
before it got too late.

Itty Bitty

Write our each of your spelling words. Next to each one, list as many words as you can that can be make using the same letters.

(e.g. spelling – line, spell, pile, pin, peg)

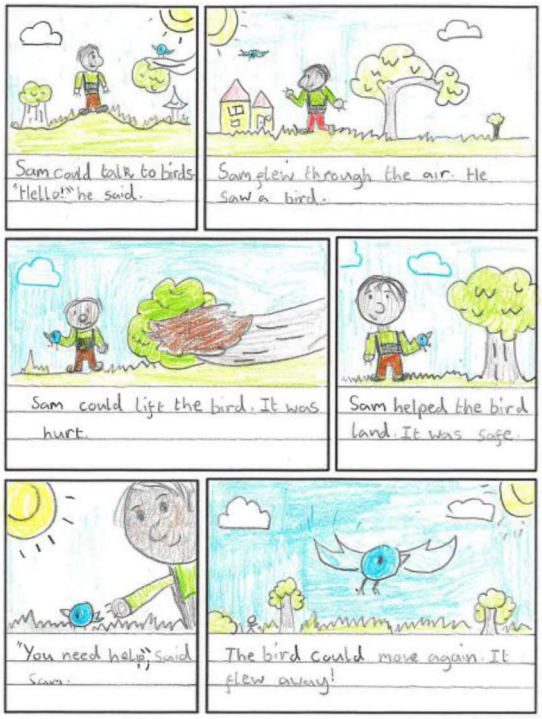


Itty Bitty

Spelling Word	Other words I can make
Planet	plane, plant, plate, plea, pleat
Garden	grade, gran, danger, anger, near
Summer	Sum, some, mum, muse, rum, use
Brave	brave, bare, bear, brake, brave, braver
Explove	explore, explorer, plore, pove, rope
Bright	bright, right, light, night, tight

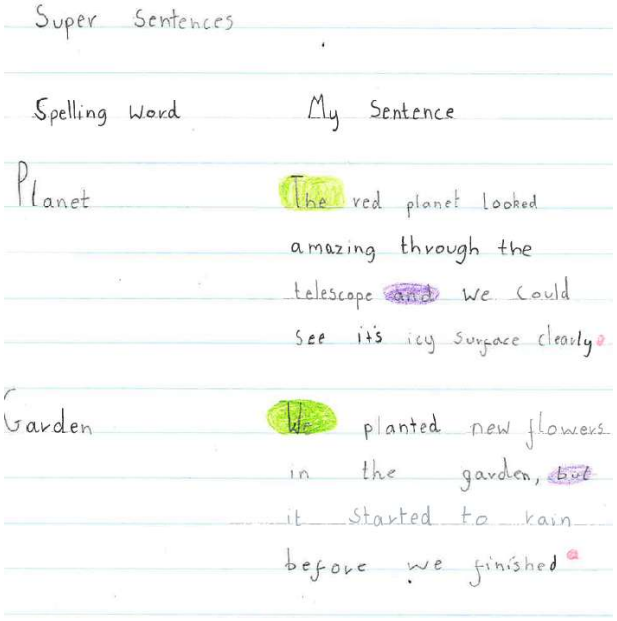
Comic Book

Use a ruler to draw out a blank comic strip frame in your jotter. Design your own comic strip story including each of your spelling words.



Super Sentences

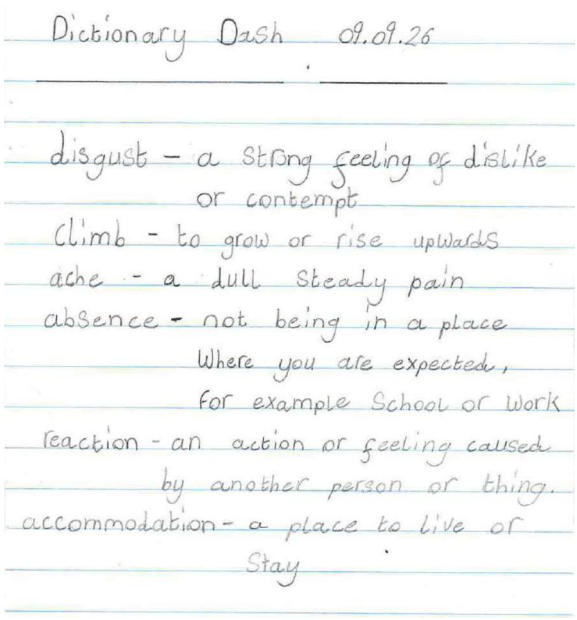
Write a sentence for each of your spelling words. You may use more than one word per sentence but remember to include green capitals, purple connectives (e.g. and, but so, because) and red punctuation.



Stage 6-7 Written Homework Activities

Dictionary Dash

Write out each of your spelling words. Next to each one, write it's definition from the dictionary. You can use a paper or an online dictionary to help.



Dictionary Dash 09.09.26

disgust – a strong feeling of dislike or contempt

climb - to grow or rise upwards

ache - a dull steady pain

absence - not being in a place where you are expected, for example school or work

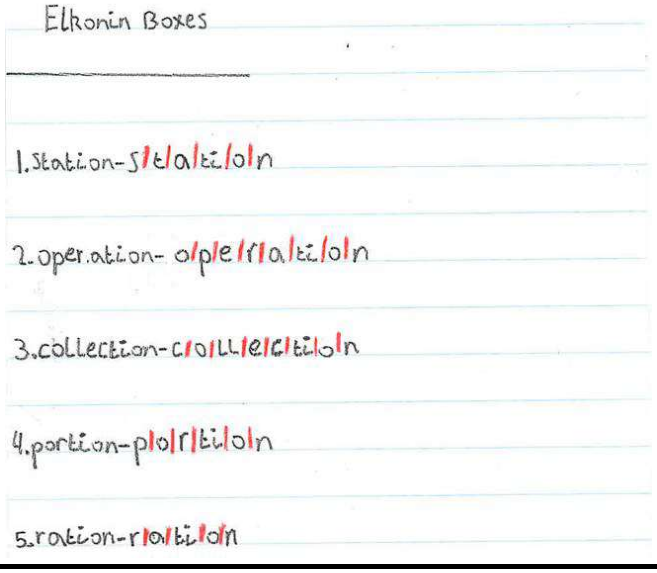
reaction - an action or feeling caused by another person or thing.

accommodation - a place to live or stay

Elkonin Boxes

Write each of your spelling words, using a coloured pencil to split each word into its different sounds, like so:

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2. operation - o | p | e | r | a | t | i | o | n

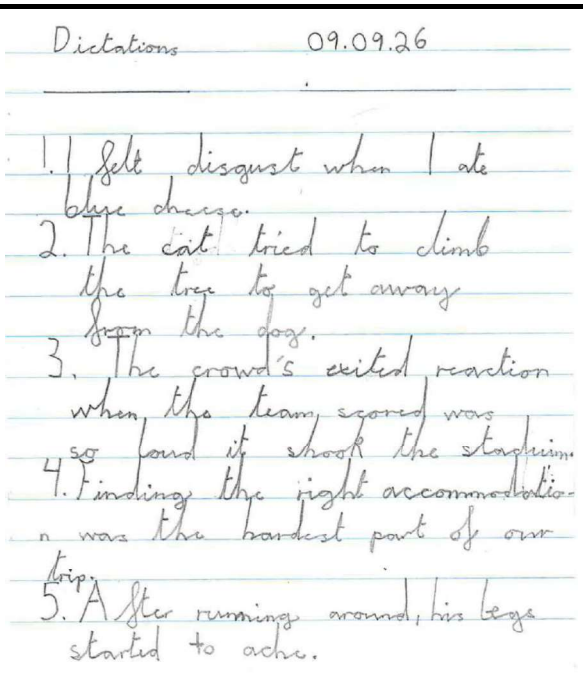
3. collection - c | o | ll | e | c | t | i | o | n

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5. ration - r | a | t | i | o | n

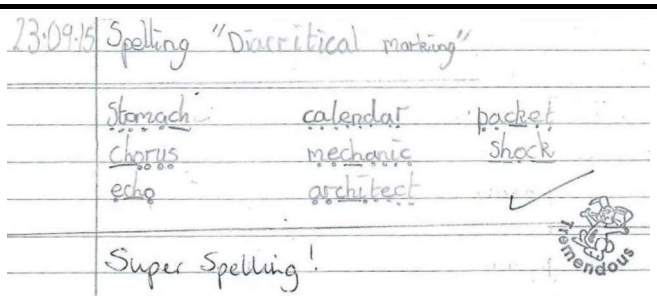
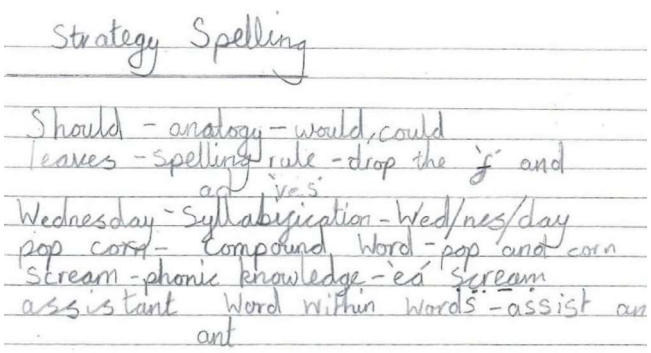
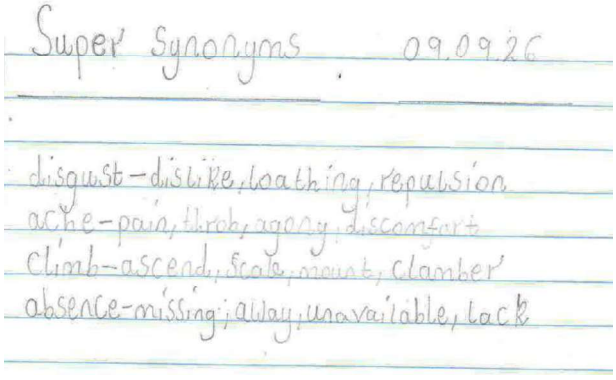
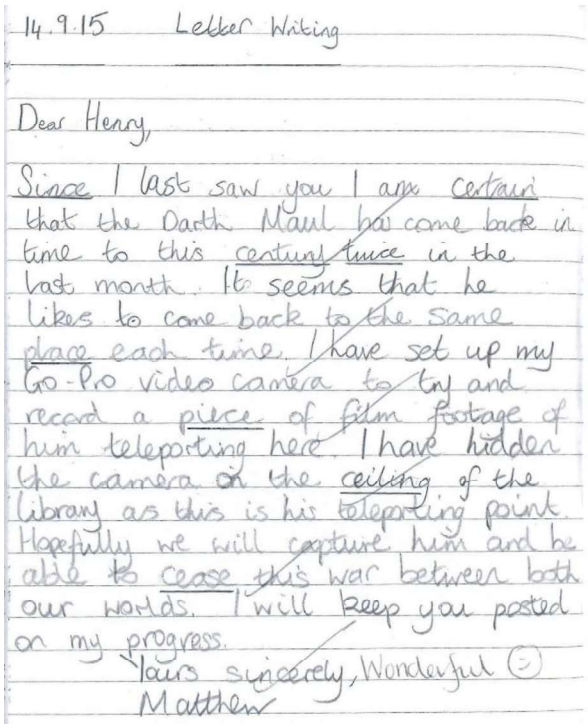
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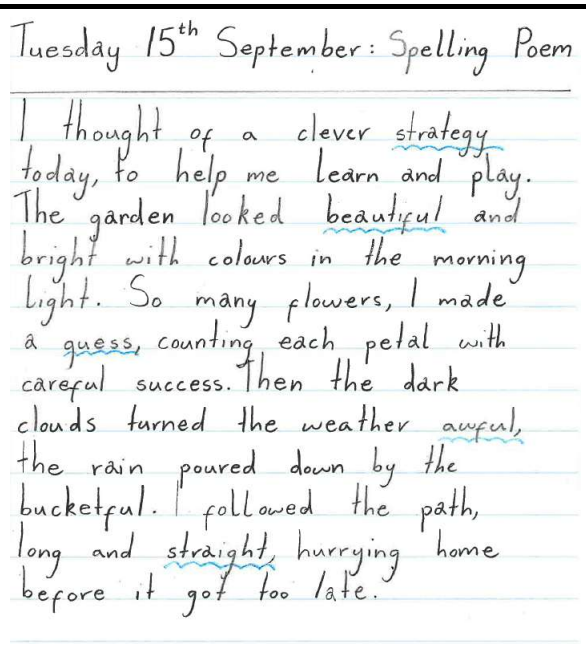
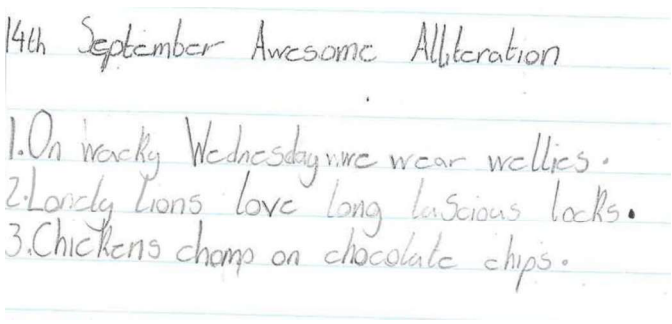
Partner with someone at home. Take turns to choose a spelling word to say in a sentence. One partner speaks the sentence and the other writes it down. Then swap!



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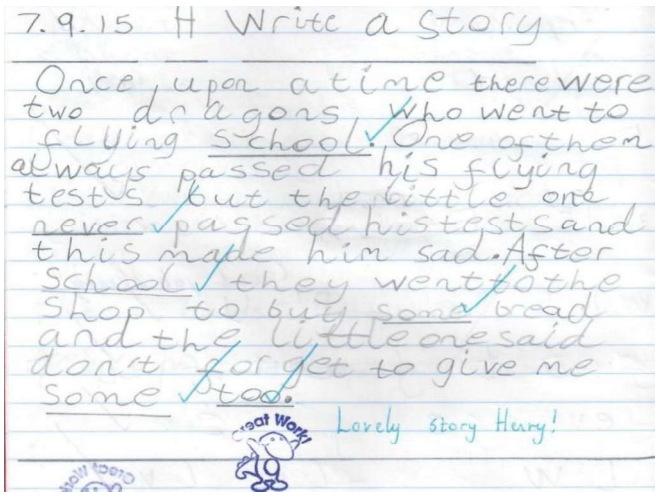
1. I felt disgust when I ate blue cheese.
2. The cat tried to climb the tree to get away from the dog.
3. The crowd's excited reaction when the team scored was so loud it shook the stadium.
4. Finding the right accommodation was the hardest part of our trip.
5. After running around, his legs started to ache.

Diacritical Marking Write down each of your spelling words. Use the diacritical marking code we have covered in class to mark to sounds in each word.	
Spelling Strategies Write each of your spelling words. Write beside each word which strategy you think would be best to use to help you to spell it.	
Super Synonyms Write our each of your spelling words. Next to as many as you can, list some different synonyms for the words– words which mean the same thing. (e.g. happy – delighted, overjoyed, glad)	
Write a Letter Write a friendly letter to a family member or a friend using each of your words. Remember to underline the words when you use them.	

Spelling Poem Write a poem using your spelling words. Remember to underline the spelling words as you use them and illustrate your poem.	
Awesome Alliteration Write a sentence for each of your spelling words using as much alliteration as possible. (e.g. The **h**appy **h**ippo **h**opped **h**ome.)	
Graffiti Write each if or your spelling words once, then again, then again until the words take up all of the space on your jotter page.	

Write a Story

Write a story using your spelling words. Be sure to underline the words with a coloured pencil when you use them.



7.9.15 H Write a Story

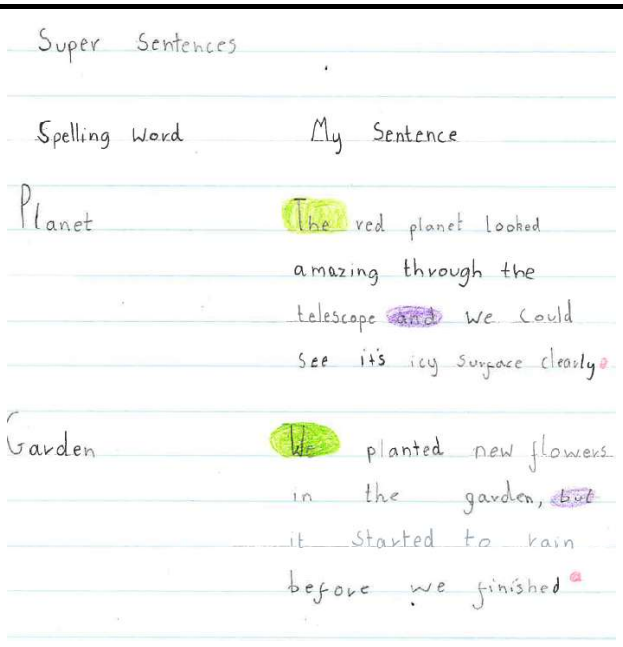
Once upon a time there were two dragons, who went to flying school. One of them always passed his flying tests but the little one never passed his tests and this made him sad. After school they went to the shop to buy some bread and the little one said don't forget to give me some too.

Great Work!

Lovely story Hary!

Super Sentences

Write a sentence for each of your spelling words. You may use more than one word per sentence but remember to include green capitals, purple connectives (e.g. and, but so, because) and red punctuation.



Super Sentences

Spelling Word	My Sentence
Planet	The red planet looked amazing through the telescope and we could see it's icy surface clearly.
Garden	We planted new flowers in the garden, but it started to rain before we finished.