

Spelling Contract - Explained!



Dear parents, carers and pupils

What is a spelling contract?

Spelling contracts are a valuable tool to help motivate pupils to practise their spelling words. A spelling contract should give children a sense of independence by allowing them to make decisions about how they would like to study. Spelling contracts encourage children to commit to a certain amount of study time, but they feature a variety of activities that students can choose to complete. A child who loves to write can make up a story with his or her spelling words, while an artistic child can choose to make a spelling word collage with pictures cut from his or her favourite magazines. If a child prefers the 'read, write, cover, check' approach to learning spellings then that is accepted too. The contract is also designed for pupils to take responsibility for their own academic success. This is a skill that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

How does it work?

Each child will be given a spelling contract containing a list of activities that relate to a points system. They must choose activities to complete each week in order to reach a points target. To begin with, we will give children a target of 30 + points. Each week this may differ, depending on the difficulty of the spellings, what other homework they have been assigned and holiday periods. (For example, to reach a target of 30 points, they could complete 3 of the 10 point activities, 2 of the 15 point activities, or 1 worth 15 points, 1 worth 10 and 1 worth 5 etc) There will be a short test on the spellings every week.

How much time should I spend completing spelling tasks?

The contract is designed so that you could do one task a night. This will break up your homework into smaller chunks and re-visiting spellings each day is the best way to learn. The contract will not have an impact if you rush the work the night before homework is due.

Kind regards

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