



## **Parent's Guide to Spelling**

### **Sunny Bank Primary School - Year 2**

In Year 2, children take a more in-depth look at the phonic rules and patterns of different words. For example, they may look at one particular sound and then see how it is represented in different words.

Can you see which sound the following four words have in common?

*hedge jem village join*

In these four words, the same sound is made by a different group of letters: 'dge', 'g', 'ge' and 'j'.

To make this clear to children, teachers may give them various words to look at and ask them to underline the recurring sound. They may be given ten or more words and asked to group them according to their spelling patterns (so 'hedge' would be grouped with 'badge', 'gem' with 'giant', 'village' with 'charge' and 'join' with 'jet').

#### **Spelling Patterns**

Children cover various spelling patterns, including the following:

- Silent letters k, g and w (as in 'knock', 'gnat' and 'write')
- Words ending le, el, al and il (as in 'meddle', 'tunnel', 'animal', 'pencil')
- Verbs ending y which then changes to ies and ied (as in 'copy', 'copies' and 'copied')
- Dropping the e off the end of a word when adding -ing, -ed, -er (as in 'hiking', 'hiked' and 'hiker')
- Words which need a consonant to be doubled before adding -ing, -ed (as in 'pat', 'patting', 'patted')
- Unusual uses of vowels, such as 'o' being used for the 'u' sound ('other') and 'a' being used for the 'o' sound ('warm')
- Words containing suffixes (groups of letters added to the end of a word) including -ly, -ment, -ful, -ness and -less
- Words where apostrophes are used to show contractions, such as: 'do not' changing to 'don't'
- Words ending -tion such as ('fiction')
- Homophones, which are pairs of words that sound the same, but are spelt differently (such as: 'hear' and 'here')



## Exception Words

Children also learn another group of common exception words (or tricky words). These are words commonly found in the English language, but which do not follow the phonic rules that have been taught so far. Examples of these in Year 2 are: 'sugar' and 'boxer'.

The full list:

### Year 2 Common Exception Words

door	child	cold	pretty	grass	improve	whole	half
floor	children	gold	beautiful	pass	sure	any	money
poor	wild	hold	after	plant	sugar	many	Mr
because	climb	told	fast	path	eye	clothes	Mrs
find	most	every	last	bath	could	busy	parents
kind	only	great	past	hour	should	people	Christmas
mind	both	break	father	move	would	water	everybody
behind	old	steak	class	prove	who	again	even

