



Spelling at Veritas Primary Academy

Spelling usually divides people into two groups. The 'I'm good at spelling' group and the 'I'm hopeless at spelling' group. However, whether we like it or not, the importance of learning spelling in the modern age, cannot be denied, (even with modern technology and the wonders of spell check!).

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hard.

Spelling lies at the heart of good communication. Whether writing a job application, essay or business proposal it is important not only to select the right language but to spell it correctly as well.

Consider:

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It is important to use the right language.

English is unarguably a complex language but, despite its complexity, 85% of the English spelling system is predictable. Your child will learn the rules and conventions of the system and the spelling strategies needed to become a confident speller.

Here at Veritas we teach spelling through:

Spelling Books - This is a spelling programme of age appropriate and high frequency words.



Spelling Investigations - children investigate spelling rules to see if there are spelling patterns that can be applied. They then have the opportunity to practise and apply the rule, ensuring that new learning is embedded over time.

Garden & Bee Books

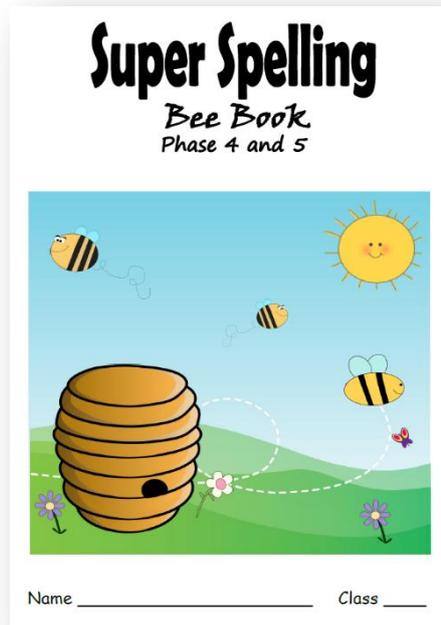
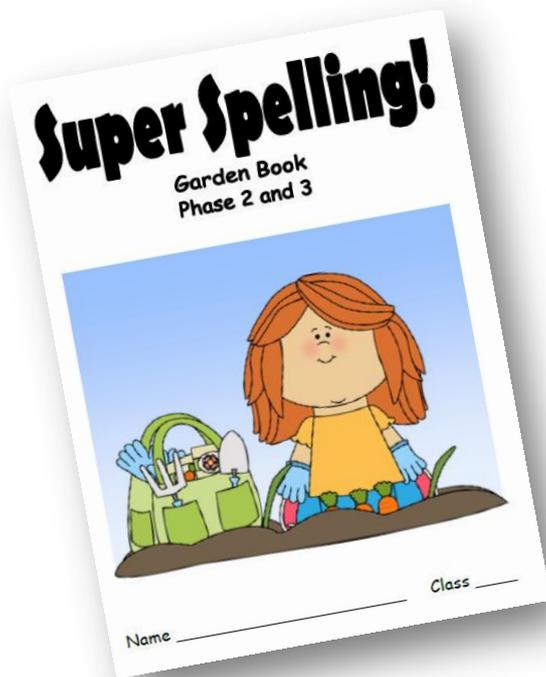
These earliest spelling books incorporate the high frequency and tricky words from "Letters and Sounds" and the phases are indicated by the colour of the title in each set.

Garden and Bee book are slightly different from the later books as the children are required to prove that they can read the words before they can spell them. We recommend that they can read all the lists of words for that phase before they learn the spellings



Testing

Class teachers will test the children on a **fortnightly** basis. This ensures that children really have a chance to embed their learning. We kindly ask parents not to write in the spelling books, but simply to use them to help your child practise writing their spellings at home. There are lots of handy hints, mnemonics and useful tips for remembering how to spell words that are very child friendly.



Certificates

Each spelling book has its own certificate so that when a child has completed the book, they can receive a matching certificate to celebrate their achievements.

- Spelling Expectations -

The chart below shows the books that each year group should be on. To reach age-related expectations, children need to complete the book with the 'At'. They have exceeded expectations if they move past 'At'.

	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Book 1 - Pond - Phase 3							
Book 2 - Bee - Phase 4 and 5		At					
Book 3 - Circus			At				
Book 4 - Pelican							
Book 5 - Under the Sea				At			
Book 6 - Pirate					At		
Book 7 - Farmyard							
Book 8 - Down Under							
Book 9 - Detective						At	
Book 10 - Monster							At
Book 11 - Space							
Book 12 - Rock Band							
Book 13 - Skate Park							
Book 14 - Safari							