

## What are Common Exception words?

Common Exception words are words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way. Children need to be able to read and spell the Common Exception words for their year group.

Years 1 -6 have a list of Exception words that are a mixture of words pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell.

## Why is spelling so important, now that we have spell check?!

Good spelling is an important life skill which many employers, colleges and universities still insist upon. Furthermore, recent changes in Education and the expectations of children in primary school have changed. Children throughout their Primary schooling, but particularly in years 2 and 6 will be required to demonstrate, amongst other things, effective spelling.

## How can I help my child be a spelling success?

Here is a list of all the Common Exception words for your child for this academic year. How about practising reading and spelling them for just 15 minutes a week?

Additionally, your child will bring home a weekly spelling test, which will contain a mixture of Common Exception words and spelling rule words (words with the same spelling pattern). Please help your child to learn their spellings every week, it is SO important. Reading and writing these spellings for just 10 minutes a night will go a long way to helping your child be a success.

## What now?

You have everything at your fingertips to help your child be the best they can be. Also, don't forget, our hugely successful Spelling Bee makes a return this academic year. Every word in our Spelling Bee will be a Common Exception word.....

If you require any further information, please speak to your class teacher.

*Mr Hudson*

## Common Exception Words - Year 1

**the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our**