



How is Spelling taught at St Luke's?



Key Stage 1

In Reception and Year 1, spelling is taught through the ELS Phonics programme. Once the children have secured phonics phase 5 in Year 2, our children move onto ELS Essential Spelling programme. This programme aligns with the Department for Education's Writing Framework which emphasises structured, direct instruction in writing. Essential Spelling supports the children to build directly on their phonic knowledge, helping them to review and solidify their understanding of previously taught grapheme-phoneme correspondences and learn to write confidently and accurately. It teaches pupils how to spell by exploring word origins and roots.

Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2, we use ELS Essential Spelling and Word Knowledge to enable pupils to understand the patterns in the English language, using a combination of morphology, etymology and application of phonological rules. This programme continues to build on the clear and consistent structure of the ELS phonics programme and Essential Spelling, providing full coverage of the National Curriculum requirements for spelling. It aligns with the Department for Education through its structured, knowledge-rich writing instruction through Years 3-6. Essential Spelling and Word Knowledge uses morphology to teach pupils the meanings of affixes and how they combine with the root morpheme to make a word. By linking spelling and word construction to meaning, it equips pupils with the knowledge to work out the meanings of words as well as allowing repeated opportunities for children to practice and apply spelling patterns that they can then use forever.