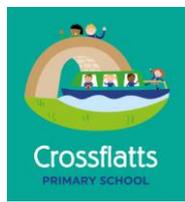


# Our Vision and Values

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## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 26th January 2023

Hi Everyone,

We are entering into our final two weeks of this half term, we have opened our appointment system this week for our February parent's evenings on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February**. Both of these will be held in person in school from **3.30pm- to 6pm**. **If you haven't yet booked a slot yet please follow the link <https://crossflatts.schoolcloud.co.uk/>**. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school and showing you what your child/children have been learning this term!

We are all working hard in school to improve our children's spelling skills. It is important our children understand spelling rules rather than just learning a list of spellings for a test. I wanted to remind our families of some of the ideas of how you could support your child with the learning of key words and spelling rules over the coming months...

Look, Say, Cover,  
Write, Check



Look at your spelling, say the word, cover it up, have a go at writing it, then check. If your word is spelt correctly, well done! If you have made a mistake, work out where you have gone wrong and have another go.

Repeat this for all of your spellings.

## Spelling online

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - This website has a wide range of games to practise spelling, grammar and punctuation for all ages.

[www.worditout.com](http://www.worditout.com) - Make a word cloud with all of your spellings. Write the trickiest ones lots of times to make them stand out in your word cloud.

## Write over and over again!

The more you write your spellings out, the more your brain will remember the pattern of the letters.

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## Sentences

As well as learning how to spell the words, it is very important to understand the meaning of these words too.

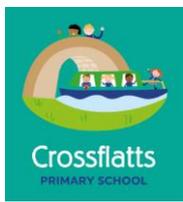
Practise writing each word in a sentence.

Can you include your word in a sentence that is about one of these things?



Remember to check for capital letters and full stops!

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## Tricky Bits

Find the tricky part of a word. Is there something that can help you to remember?

because - **big** elephants **can't** always **use** small **exits**

**necessary** - one collar (1 c), two sleeves (2 s)

**believe** - never believe a lie

## Puzzles

Make your spellings into a word search. Write your words into a grid then hide them amongst other letters.

a	g	b	b	n	m
c	i	r	c	l	e
j	k	o	i	i	k
s	c	u	r	u	o
b	n	g	h	k	d
k	p	h	s	y	f
l	v	t	i	n	z

Make your spellings into a crossword and write a clue for each one.

## Safeguarding

The NSPCC have a really useful APP called the 'Pants App' This is designed to support parents to have a conversation with their children about how they can keep themselves and their bodies safe and provides lots of tips and ideas of how parents can have tricky conversations with their children around the subject of keeping their own bodies safe. For more information, please go to <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/?gclid=CMCGIpm3z9gCFY1XGwodLVgAbA&gclid=ds>

## Attendance

Here are last week's figures:

Whole School: 97.7%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	97%	99.8%	96.2%	95.0%	98.5%	98.7%	100%	96.0%

We are nearly through January now just a few more days then onwards to February and lighter mornings ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

**Family-Flourish-Fly**