

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, in order to prepare for the Spelling SATS papers in May, Year 6 will be using the Linguistic Phonics approach to analyse spelling words and patterns. All words have been taken from the National Curriculum Appendix 1 Year 5/6 Spelling List.

	W/C 8 th January	W/C 15 th January	W/C 22 nd January	W/C 29 th January	W/C 5 th February
Sound	/shul/	/shun/	/ence/		/ible/
Spelling	cial tial	tion cian	ence ance		ible able
Words:	special official especially artificial financial commercial provincial partial confidential essential substantial initial	observation expectation toleration application consideration dictionary explanation pronunciation musician electrician magician politician mathematician	experience innocence obedience reference transference licence convenience existence finance observance tolerance substance assistance hindrance nuisance	forcible legible visible incredible illegible irresponsible possible considerable tolerable changeable noticeable reasonable reliable available	

Supporting your child's spelling:

In school, we will be supporting children to split words into syllables and spell each syllable. The focus syllable will be the one containing the sound of the week. At home, encourage your child to split (segment) words into their syllables and support them to explore the spelling of each one. Please also encourage your child to look at word families where different prefixes/suffixes are added to one root word (e.g. communicate/communicated/communication) to create a different variation in meaning.

Other ways to support your child's learning at home include playing word games or puzzles, exploring the meanings of words they are learning in class and [fostering a curiosity about ambitious vocabulary](#) and how these words might be spelt. Encourage your child to 'sound spot' in texts they are reading independently and with you. Words containing these sounds can be recorded in your child's reading record. [Please remember that a little bit of spelling chat/recall every day is better for long term memory gain than one mega session once a week!](#)

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's spelling then please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year 6 Team