



Curriculum Approach for the Teaching of Spelling at Great Dalby Primary School Using No Nonsense Spelling

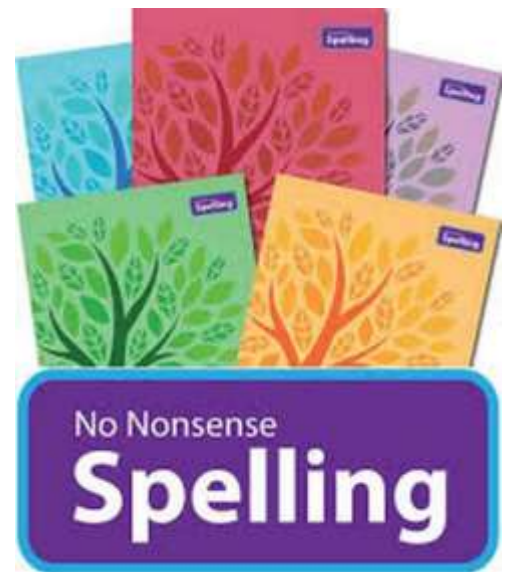
Teaching Spelling with No Nonsense Spelling

Overview of No-Nonsense Spelling:

At our school, we teach spelling using the **No Nonsense Spelling** program, when pupils complete the **Read Write Inc.** approach. This method is designed to help pupils learn spelling in a structured and effective way, ensuring they understand the rules and patterns behind words.

The Approach

1. **Dedicated Spelling Lessons:** We have **dedicated spelling lessons** that focus solely on teaching spelling skills. These lessons are designed to provide pupils with the time and attention they need to master spelling concepts.
2. **Little-but-Often Structure:** The No Nonsense Spelling program uses a “little-but-often” approach. This means that pupils have regular, short sessions focused on spelling. This frequent practice helps reinforce their learning and keeps the material fresh in their minds.
3. **Variety of Strategies:** The program incorporates different strategies to cater to various learning styles. Pupils engage in activities that include visual aids, games, and hands-on exercises. This variety helps all pupils find methods that work best for them.
4. **Focus on Patterns and Rules:** Instead of just memorising words, pupils learn about spelling patterns, rules, and common exceptions. This understanding helps them apply what they learn to new words, making them more confident spellers.
5. **Daily Practice:** We dedicate time each day to spelling practice, allowing pupils to revisit previously learned words while also introducing new ones. This consistent exposure helps solidify their spelling skills.



Why We Use This Approach

- **Effective Learning:** The structured and repetitive nature of the No Nonsense Spelling program helps pupils retain what they learn. By revisiting concepts regularly, they build a strong foundation in spelling.
- **Confidence Building:** As pupils become more familiar with spelling patterns and rules, their confidence grows. They feel more capable of tackling new words and expressing themselves in writing.
- **Engagement:** The variety of activities keeps spelling lessons engaging and fun. When pupils enjoy what they are learning, they are more likely to participate and succeed.
- **Preparation for Writing:** Strong spelling skills are essential for effective writing. By mastering spelling through this program, pupils are better equipped to express their ideas clearly and accurately.

The No Nonsense Spelling program, provides a comprehensive approach to teaching spelling. With dedicated spelling lessons and a focus on understanding and regular practice, we help pupils develop the skills they need to become confident and capable spellers.