

9-11 YEAR OLDS  
SPELLINGS

Here are some notes on the spelling skills we practised in today's lesson. You will also find an extension activity which you can complete in your own time.

## SILENT LETTERS

There are some common patterns we can watch out for to help us spell words with silent letters:

- **K before N** e.g. knock, know.
- **W before R** e.g. wrist, wrap.
- **G before N** e.g. gnaw, gnat.
- **P before S** e.g. psychic, pseudonym.
- **M before B** e.g. climb, plumber.

## MNEMONICS

A mnemonic is a system which helps you remember something. Mnemonics can be really useful to help us spell those words which we just can't seem to remember! For example:

**It's necessary to have one collar and two sleeves.**

This helps you remember there is one C and two S's in necessary.

**Rhythm helps your two hips move.**

Saying this gives you the correct spelling of RHYTHM.

## PROOFREADING

Everybody makes mistakes as they write. An important part of having a correctly-spelt piece of work is to proofread it after you finish. Here are two tips to help identify those pesky spelling errors:

1. Read your work outloud: This will ensure you read it carefully.
2. Read your work backwards: This will stop your brain from auto-correcting words based on what it knows should come next!

## TAKEAWAY CHALLENGE

**Mnemonics Poster**

Take your time to compile a list of 5-10 words which you know you struggle to spell. Create a memorable mnemonic for each one, and design a poster which displays them all in one place!

**Parents - We would love it if you could share your child's work with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #exploreathome**