

Mrs Chaffe's Spelling Group – Spring Term 1

(Week beginning 5th January 2026)

Week 1

Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters (i.e. '-ing', '-er', '-ed') to words of more than one syllable. If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel.

forgetting forgotten beginning preferred travelling cancelled

The consonant letter is not doubled if the last syllable is unstressed.

gardener limited gathering coloured

Week 2

The suffix '-ation' added to verbs to form nouns.

information adoration sensation preparation admiration

imagination operation indication creation consideration

Week 3 – Red Tricky Words

difficult earth consider enough perhaps address guard material
recent guide

Week 4 - Homophones and Near-Homophones

It is as important to know the difference in meaning between homophones and near-homophones as it is to spell them correctly.

knot/not mail/male main/mane meet/meat peace/piece

plain/plane

Week 5 – Red Tricky Words

forward fruit though notice quarter length library famous
describe mention

Week 6

ASSESSMENT – Friday 13th February 2026

Homophones and Near-Homophones

I tied a **knot** in the rope.

"No, you may **not** eat my chocolate!"

It is **not** a good idea to go out in the snow without a warm coat.

"I am waiting for the **mail** to arrive - the postman is very late today."

The average **male** tiger weighs around 200kg.

We drove down the **main** road to get to the station.

"... and now for the **main** event of the day!" announced Mrs. Chaffe.

The horse's **mane** was thick and long.

The **male** lion has a **mane**, the female lion doesn't.

"I can't wait to **meet** my new baby cousin on Sunday."

We arranged to **meet** in the park after school.

Vegetarians don't eat **meat**.

We had cold **meat** with salad and pickles for tea.

"I am enjoying the **peace** and quiet."

Leave me in **peace**, his look seemed to say.

Sally cut herself an enormous **piece** of cake.

"I'd like a **plain** burger please - no cheese, salad or ketchup."

He wore a smart, **plain** blue shirt.

We took a **plane** to get to Italy.

The **plane** landed thirty minutes late.