**Year One Common Exception Words**

**Exception words are words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way.** They are not words for which phonics 'doesn't work', but they may be exceptions to spelling rules, or words which use a particular combination of letters to represent sound patterns in a rare or unique way. Some exception words are used very frequently, which is why children are introduced to them very early on in their phonics learning (in Reception, alongside [high frequency words](http://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-high-frequency-words), and in Key Stage 1).

For example, the word 'school' has a 'ch' in it but makes the 'k' sound, it is therefore an exception word as it does not follow the phonic rules children will have been taught so far.

**Here is a list of the Year One exception words. It is the National Curriculum expectation that children learn to read and spell these words during their time in Year One.** Please continue to point these words out in your child’s reading book and they may use this book to practise spelling these key words. The children will begin to take set spellings home in the spring term.

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We have highlighted the words your child was able to read quickly in a recent assessment. In your child’s book bags you will find all of these words in flashcard form.