



Supporting Spelling at Home

Helping children become confident, competent spellers

How spelling is taught

The curriculum for spelling is delivered so that all children become competent spellers. In KS1, spellings are linked to the phonics scheme. From the beginning of Year 2, spelling rules are taught explicitly, outside of English lessons. Links are also made to Handwriting.

Children should be encouraged to learn not only the spellings sent home each week, but also the rules applied to them. They should be able to recognise the rule within the word and how it applies to other words too.

Practising spellings

In order to practise spellings, trusted techniques such as **Look, Cover, Write, Check** are important to help children remember the spellings of words. Other games and activities (see back page) will help children make the connection between the spelling of a word and the written form through handwriting.

LOOK

COVER

WRITE

CHECK

Spelling activities at home

As well as spelling games, children should also practise the following activities at home:

- Use dictionaries to spell unfamiliar words.
- Check and edit spellings after completing writing activities.

Words children should know

In addition to the spelling lists, children should be able to read and spell the most common and High Frequency Words as well as Statutory Word Lists. These are included in spelling lists each week. Please see the bottom of this document.

Small, regular practice helps children become confident spellers.

Spelling Menu

1. ABC Order  Write all of your spelling words in alphabetical (ABC) order.	2. Word Parts Write your words. Then use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. <u>jump</u> ing cater <u>pill</u> ar	3. Other Handed Write each word 5 times, switching the hand you write it with each time. Say the word as you spell it.	4. Vowel Spotlight Write your words using one colour for the vowels and another colour for the consonants. (vowels: a, e, i, o, u)
5. Use Technology Type out your spelling words on the computer. Try to use at least 4 different fonts. 	6. Pyramid Words s sp spe spel spell spelli spelling (or make them boat shaped, star, smiley face, etc.)	7. "Ransom" Words "Write" your words by cutting letters out of a newspaper or magazine and gluing the letters on a piece of paper to spell your words. 	8. Rainbow Words Write your spelling words with coloured pencils. Make each letter a different colour. 
9. Scrambled Words Write your words. Then write them again with the letters mixed up. Can you unscramble them again the next day? e.g. watch - cwhta	10. Silly Sentences Write 3 or more sentences that use all your spelling words. 	11. Prefixes and Suffixes Underline the prefixes and suffixes in the words you are learning. Make sure you know what they mean. e.g. <u>im</u> portant happi <u>ness</u>	12. Word Search Create your own word search with your spellings. Show the answers to your puzzle in a different colour. 
13. Flashcards Make and practice with flashcards. Put the word on one side and definition (meaning) on the other. 	14. Picture & a Story Draw a picture defining each word. Write a sentence about your picture using the word.	15. Words without Vowels Write all of your words replacing vowels with a line. Go back and see if you can fill in the vowels. e.g. q--st--n = question	16. Train Words Write the entire list end-to-end as one long word. Write each new word in a different colour. e.g. <u>train</u> <u>back</u> <u>stop</u>
17. Write a Story, Poem or Song with Words Write a story using all your spelling words. Underline the words you used.	18. Bubble Letters Write your spelling words out in bubble writing. 	19. Words Within Words Write each spelling word and then write at least 2 words made from that word. e.g. catch - cat, hat	20. Picture words Draw a picture and hide your spelling words in the picture.

Choose a different activity each time you practise your spellings

Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

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accident	caught	eight	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	

Year 5 and 6 Statutory Spellings

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accommodate	category	determined	forty	marvellous	programme	soldier
accompany	cemetery	develop	frequently	mischievous	pronunciation	stomach
according	committee	dictionary	government	muscle	queue	sufficient
achieve	communicate	disastrous	guarantee	necessary	recognise	suggest
aggressive	community	embarrass	harass	neighbour	recommend	symbol
amateur	competition	environment	hindrance	nuisance	relevant	system
ancient	conscience	equipment	identity	occupy	restaurant	temperature
apparent	conscious	equipped	immediate	occur	rhyme	thorough
appreciate	controversy	especially	immediately	opportunity	rhythm	twelfth
attached	convenience	exaggerate	individual	parliament	sacrifice	variety
available	correspond	excellent	interfere	persuade	secretary	vegetable
average	criticise	existence	interrupt	physical	shoulder	vehicle
awkward	curiosity	explanation	language	prejudice	signature	yacht
bargain	definite	familiar	leisure	privilege	sincere	
bruise	desperate	foreign	lightning	profession	sincerely	