

Spelling at Home: How to help!





Spelling in School

At school, your child will:

- Be taught about spelling rules and patterns and strategies to learn and use their spellings in four discrete learning slots per week
- Have regular opportunities to apply what they have learnt during English lessons and other aspects of the curriculum
- Have regular opportunities to edit and improve their writing, including spellings
- Have dictionaries and thesauruses readily available in their classrooms
- Be taught to use and be given regular opportunities to use the above

Why?

Spelling is an important part of the curriculum and provides your child with the language and skills needed to be competent writers when they leave school.

In Year 6, all children who sit SATs test will take a spelling test.

Homework

Each Friday, your child will bring home a new set of spellings in their spelling books.

These are the same spellings that your child will learn the following week in school.



How can I help?

- Encourage your child to look at their spellings a number of times each week – once isn't enough!
- Have a dictionary at home and encourage your child to use it when they cannot spell or are unfamiliar with the meaning of a word
- Encourage your child to use a dictionary to find the meaning of their spelling words
- Discuss these with your child with enthusiasm and interest
- Encourage your child to use the words in the correct context and use them in conversation (when possible!)
- Encourage your child to practice spelling their given words using a range of different strategies – ideas for this can be found on the next page!

Strategies to help practice spellings:

Writing the Word

On someone's back.

On your desk.



With your eyes.



twinkl

Speed Writing

How often can you
write the word correctly
in one minute?



twinkl

Look For Small Words Inside the Word

about a, out, bout

teacher tea, each,
her, ache

twinkl

SUS

Study the word.



Underline the difficult part.

Say the word carefully.



twinkl

Mnemonics

Making up a "story" to
help spell a word.

sad - sally ate dumplings.



twinkl

Syllables/Chunks

Breaking the words into parts.

Clapping the sounds.



jogging jogg ing

flying fly ing

returned re turn ed

twinkl

Words That Look the Same

Back is like
pack and **sack**.



twinkl

Use of Colour

Use a different
colour for each
letter.

twinkl

Different Sizes of Letters

Use different sizes of
letters to help remember
the letters in the word.

 apple - ApPLE

painting - PaInTiNg

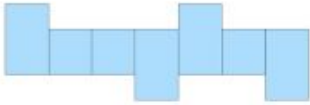


twinkl

Shapes of Words

Draw the shape of the word.

display



twinkl

Making Words With Letters

a h k l t y p o

Put a selection of letters in an arc.

See how many words you can make from the letters.

twinkl

In Sand

Or using different materials;

paint, clay, paper.

Using different textures;

sandpaper.



twinkl



Writing the Word in Fancy Letters

BUBBLE

cursive

italics

twinkl

Visualising

Look at your word.

“Throw” it at the wall.

Can you still “see” it?

Spell it aloud.

twinkl

Look



Say



Cover



Write



Check



twinkl

Recording Your Own Voice

Say the word.

Spell the word.

Listen.

Repeat.



twinkl

Using Sticky Notes



Place sticky notes in suitable places around the room at eye level.

twinkl

Three Times

Write the word three times and in different colours.

three three three

twinkl

Pyramid Writing

Write your word in the shape of a pyramid.

d
do
dog



Consonant Circles

Write the word then circle all the consonants.

b e l i e v e



Blue Vowels

a e i o u

Write the word then go over each vowel in blue.

b e l i e v e



Words Without Vowels

Write each word with a line instead of each vowel.
Go back later and fill in the missing vowels.

b _ l _ _ v _

