







# A Parents' Guide:



<p><b>1. ABC Order</b></p>  <p>Write all of your spelling words in alphabetical (ABC) order.</p>	<p><b>2. Word Parts</b></p> <p>Write your words. Then use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. <u>jumping</u> <u>caterpillar</u></p>	<p><b>3. Other Handed</b></p> <p>Write each word 5 times, switching the hand you write it with each time. Say the word as you spell it.</p>	<p><b>4. Vowel Spotlight</b></p> <p>Write your words using one colour for the vowels and another colour for the consonants. <b>(vowels: a, e, i, o, u)</b></p>
<p><b>5. Use Technology</b></p> <p>Type out your spelling words on the computer. Try to use at least 4 different fonts.</p> 	<p><b>6. Pyramid Words</b></p> <p>s sp spe spel spell spelli spelling spelling (or make them boat shaped, star, smiley face, etc.)</p>	<p><b>7. "Ransom" Words</b></p> <p>"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.</p> 	<p><b>8. Rainbow Words</b></p> <p>Write your spelling words with coloured pencils. Make each letter a different colour.</p> 
<p><b>9. Scrambled Words</b></p> <p>Write your words. Then write them again with the letters mixed up. Can you unscramble them again the next day? e.g. watch - cwhta</p>	<p><b>10. Silly Sentences</b></p> <p>Write 3 or more sentences that use all your spelling words.</p> 	<p><b>11. Prefixes and Suffixes</b></p> <p>Underline the prefixes and suffixes in the words you are learning. Make sure you know what they mean. e.g. <u>im</u>portant happ<u>iness</u></p>	<p><b>12. Word Search</b></p> <p>Create your own word search with your spellings. Show the answers to your puzzle in a different colour.</p> 

# Strategies for Learning Spellings

# Spelling



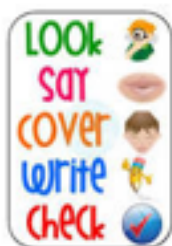
- ▶ Children are set regular spellings in class and are tested on these weekly.
- ▶ Children practise their spellings in school each day.
- ▶ These spellings are also sent home to practise during the week in homework books.
- ▶ Children are encouraged to learn their spellings in a variety of ways to help embed them in a way that suits each individual child.
- ▶ Your child has a login to Spellingframe which allows them to practise their spellings in a fun and interactive way. Your child's login is stuck into either their Reading or Homework Diary
- ▶ <https://spellingframe.co.uk/>



# Strategies for practising spellings at home



## Look, say, cover, write, check



Look at the word, say it to yourself, cover it up, have a go at writing it and then check it.

## Cut it up!

Cut your words up into sounds. You could write the different sounds in different colours to make them easier to see.



## 1 minute challenge



Challenge yourself to write a spelling as many times as you can, correctly in a minute.

## Pyramid

Make a pyramid using a word. Add another letter on each new line. Great for those longer spellings.

p  
py  
pyr  
pyra  
pyram  
pyrami  
pyramid

## Make the Headlines



Make your spellings more visual by cutting out letters from magazines and newspapers.

## Rainbow writing

Use some of your favourite colours to practice writing your spellings. You could use different colours for different sounds.

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## Shape it

t o t a l l y

Draw around the different letters to make a shape.

## Picture this



Illustrate some of those trickier spellings to make them more memorable.

## Silly Sentences

A *goat* on *boat* wearing a *coat*

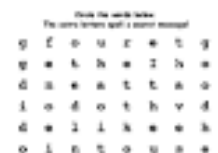
Try making up a silly sentence that includes your spellings.

## Multi-sensory



Practise your spellings in as many different ways as you can. You could use chalk outside, the steam in the shower, magnetic letters and even sand.

## Make a word search



Make a simple word search using your spellings

## Test yourself



As you become more confident with your spellings, why not give yourself a little test. Use coloured pens to highlight any mistakes.

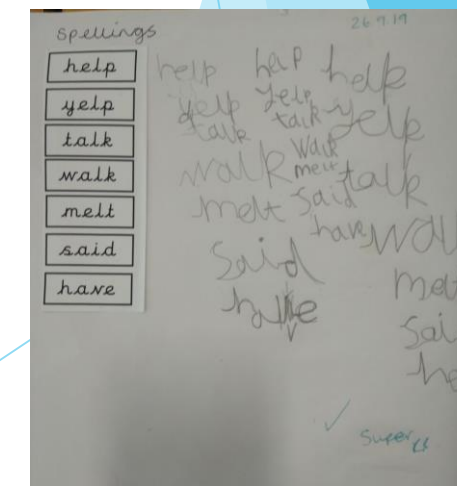
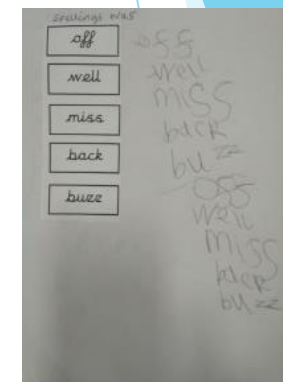


# Spelling at Key Stage 1

- Children are set a list of 5 spellings linked to the phonics they have been learning in class, words they use regularly in their writing including 2 spellings from the National Curriculum compulsory spelling list.
- They will be tested on Friday and new spellings put into their homework book.

## How to help at home:

- Encourage children to say the spelling in a sentence and write it.
- Look for their spellings in their reading books and copy the sentence.
- Practise at home in their purple homework book but please make sure the book is in school on Thursday/Friday for the new spellings.
- Play spelling games such as those found on 'Spellingframe'. The children have individual logins for this.
- Please feel free to practise more at home the list is available online if you search for Year 1 or Year 2 compulsory spellings.





# Spelling at Key Stage 2

- Children will bring home a spelling list each week. This will be between 5- 10 spellings, depending on their group and spelling patterns they are working on.
- They will be tested on Monday and new spellings will be given out on a Tuesday morning. The children will bring home their new spelling list on a Tuesday to give them ample time to practise them at home.
- The children have been taught a range of techniques in class to help them learn their spellings and they should be encouraged to learn their spellings in a way that suits them best.

## How to help at home:

- The children should practise their spellings several times throughout the week at home and record this in their homework book.
- Every child has a login to a 'Spellingframe' account and has been shown how to access their own spelling lists on it. Here the children can play games to learn their weekly spellings and even test their progress!

