

Spelling support at home

Being able to spell correctly is an important part of your child's learning. Throughout their school life, they will be asked to learn spelling rules, patterns and exception words.

Here are some ways in which you can help your child at home.

Nessy Reading and Spelling

Nessy is an online teaching tool with games where children have their own spelling rules/ words set by their teacher. There are several games to play practising their reading and spelling on spelling rules and patterns.

<http://play.nessy.com/login/default.aspx>

If you do not know your child's password, please ask their teacher.

Tile spelling

Write the letters of the alphabet on sticky notes and lay them out in any order. Say a word for your child to spell and your child has to order the sticky notes in the correct way to spell the words. Alternatively, if you want to make it more fun, use the sticky notes as stepping stones and ask your child to hop from one letter to another, spelling the word.

Words on your back

Take it in turns to spell words by tracing your finger over the back and asking the other person to say which word is being traced.

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Colourful words

Using chalk, felt tips, colouring pencils, ask your child to spell out words. Repeat each word three times in different colours.

Look Say Cover Write Check

Repetition of spellings is an important part of learning, especially exception words which don't follow rules. Use Look, cover, say, write and check system to help with those tricky words.

Text spelling

Lots of children like to use phones or tablets. Why not let your child spell their words out in a message or on a note taking app. They could even come up with a funny story to practise more than one spelling.

Spelling investigation

Use reading books, can you find any words that follow the same rule. Write them down. Can they use them in a sentence?

Hangman

Hangman is a fun way to use spelling rules or exceptions words. You can give a clue by giving a definition of the word.

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Board games

Use the link to create your own board games. All you will need is a printed board template, the spellings written out on cards and a die.

You can come up with other rules if you wish (miss a turn, go back a space,etc).

<http://www.mes-english.com/games/boardgames.php>

Mnemonics

Come up with ways to help your child to remember tricky spellings.

Because - Big ECan Always Understand Small Elephants

Rhythm - Rhythm Helps Your Two Hips Move

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Pyramid Writing

Pyramid
write your
spelling words.

Try to write neatly!

Example: some s

so

som

some

Silly Sentences

Write silly sentences with a spelling word in each sentence. Underline your spelling words.

Example: My cat wears a yellow hat when she goes dancing.