



Activities to practise SPELLING at home and school!

It is important that parents and carers are involved in helping children to learn their spellings. Confidence in spelling allows children to write more freely and imaginatively. You should practise your spellings for 10 to 15 minutes EVERY day. Here are some games and ideas you could use. Try a different one each night to keep it fun and interesting. Remember everyone learns by doing it, seeing it, saying it, writing/drawing it, and listening to it, so using these games and challenges is a great way to ensure the learning sticks!

Word Search

Create your own word searches using your spelling words. Or use this link to get your computer to do it for you! <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp>



Air Spelling

Choose a spelling word. With your index finger write the word in the air slowly, say each letter. When you have finished writing the word underline it and say the word again. Now get your parents to ask you questions about the word. For example, they could ask 'What is the first letter?' 'What is the last letter?' 'How many letters are there?' etc.

Media Search

Using a newspaper or magazine you have 15 minutes to look for your spelling words. Circle them in different coloured pen. Which of your spelling words was used the most times?



Water Wash

Use a water gun, or paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or pavements.

Rainbow Writing

Write out each word in every colour of the rainbow.

Secret Agent

Write out the alphabet, then give each letter a different number from 1 to 26. (a = 1, b = 2, c = 3 etc.) Now you can spell out your words in secret code.

Spell it with Beans

Use Lima beans (or any dried beans or lentils) to spell out your words. If you glue them onto separate pieces of card then you made a great set of flash cards to practice with for the rest of the week.

Ambidextrous

Swap your pen into the hand that you don't normally write with. Now try writing out your spellings with that hand.

Shaving Cream/Squirty Cream

Finger paint on the table with shaving or squirty cream. Squirt some on the table (with your parents/carers permission and supervision) and then practise spelling your words by writing them with your finger in the shaving cream.

Scrabble Spelling

Find the letters you need to spell your words and then mix them up in the bag. Get your parents to time you unscrambling your letters. For extra maths practise, you could find out the value of each of your words!

Pyramid Power

Sort your words into a list from easiest to hardest. Write the easiest word at the top of the page near the middle. Write the next easiest word twice underneath. Write the third word three times underneath again until you have built your pyramid.

Ransom Note

Cut the letters needed to for your words from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell the words.



Salt/Sand Box Spelling

Ask your parents pour salt or sand into a shallow box or tray (about 3cm deep) and then practise writing your spellings in it with your finger.



X-Words

Find two of your spelling words with the same letter in and write them so they criss-cross.

Missing Letters

Ask someone to write out one of your words loads of times on piece of paper, but each time they have to miss out a letter or two. Then you must fill in the missing letters. After you have checked them all try it again with another word.

Spelling Steps

Write your words as if they were steps, adding one letter each time. (It's much easier doing this on squared paper)

We'd love to see how you are practising your spellings at home! Please do bring in photos, or the completed challenge to show your teacher. Alternatively, your parents/carers can tweet us your photo to @CarfieldPrimary.