



St Andrew's CE Primary School

Supporting children with learning to spell

Please find outlined below ideas for how to support your child with learning their spellings. All children learn differently and the key is in finding a way which works for your child. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns or would like further advice on helping your child at home.

Spelling Shed

Your child's spellings will be uploaded every week onto Spelling Shed. Each child has their own login. Spelling shed offers a variety of games to help your child learn their spellings



Silly Sentences

Use your child's spelling words in silly sentences. The sillier the sentence they can make, the more memorable! For example, 'It is possible that I accidentally ate my eighth calendar.' By underlining the spelling words in each sentence, your child can come back to the sentences they write in the future and know exactly which ones to revise. With this game, you should double-check that your child has spelt the key spelling words correctly.

Chanting

Make rhymes or chant the words whilst walking to /from school

Handwriting and Repeated Practice

Look/Cover/Write/Check method or repeated practice of word lists helps them stick.

Rainbow writing: use gel pens or coloured pencils to write the words and make the process more interesting!

Rhymes and pictures

Use rhymes or pictures to go with words to help them remember.

1. You hear with your ear
2. The word separate has "a rat" in it (separate).
3. Donkeys, monkeys - There are keys in donkeys and monkeys.
4. The word here is also in its opposite there.
5. Villain - A villain is one who lives in a villa

Mnemonic

Write a mnemonic to remind you of the spelling. The first letter of each word in the sentence spells the word.

E.g where: **what has everyone really eaten?**

Because: **big elephants can't always use small exits**

Statutory word lists

Every year group has a list of 'need to know' spellings. Your child's teacher will send this home. It's a good idea to keep a copy in a prominent place at home so that you can refer to them and get and practice!