



Spelling

Ideas for Home

Dear Parents,

By the end of Year 1 children are expected to spell the “Tricky Words” they are learning in Phonics, when writing independently. With this in mind we will be starting to add a few spellings each week to our Year 1 newsletter. We will not be testing the children on their spellings but we will be looking for them within their writing. We would like you to practise the spellings at home using some of the ideas listed below. It is important that these spellings do not cause the children anxiety. Please make spelling activities fun and enjoy the time with your child.

Thank you for your support,

Year 1 Teachers

ABC Order: Write your words in alphabetical order.	Chalk: Write your words outside using chunky chinks.
Word Sort: Sort your words by vowel sounds, syllables, etc.	Letters: Write each word as many times as there are letters in the word.
Repetition: Write your words 3 times each in your best handwriting.	Out Loud: Spell your words out loud 2 times to a brother, sister, mum or dad.
Sentences: Write a sentence for each spelling word.	Trace Around: Write your spelling words neatly. Take a coloured pen and draw an outline around the word, closely following the shapes of the letters. Close your eyes and

	remember the shape.
Word Art: Draw a picture and write your words in the picture.	Colourful Words: Use two different coloured pens to write your spelling words. Use one colour to write the consonants and the other for the vowels.
Story Time: Write a short story using all of your words.	Military Spelling: Do jumping jacks, as you clap say a letter to spell your words.
Creative Letters: Write your words by cutting out the letters in an old newspaper or magazine and glue them on a piece of paper.	Finger Tracing: Use your finger to spell out each of your words one letter at a time on your mum or dad's back. Then it's YOUR turn to feel and spell. Try to guess the word.
Good Clean Words: Write your words in shaving foam on a counter or some other surface that can be cleaned safely.	Computer Words: Have your child type their spelling words ten times each on the computer. Use different colours and fonts and print it out!
Cheer Your Words: Pretend you are a cheerleader and call out the letters in your word. "What have we got?"	Sound Words: Record your words and their spellings on an adult's mobile phone. Then listen to the recording to make sure you have spelt all of your words correctly.
Choo-choo Words: Write an entire list end-to-end as one long word, using different colours of crayon or ink for different words.	Flashwriting: In a darkened room, use a flashlight to draw letters in the air.
Timer: Get a timer. Set it for 3 minutes. See how many times you can write your words before the timer goes off.	Scramble: Have a parent scramble your spelling words and then you unscramble them.

