

How can I help my child to learn their spellings?

Children are all different. Some children will really enjoy spelling practice but others will need more support and encouragement. Try to make spelling practice as much fun as possible. "Little and often" is the best approach.

When the spelling list comes home;

- Go through the list with your child to find out which words he/she finds difficult.
- Remember many of the words can be "sounded out".
- Spend time practising the words your child needs help with.
- Use- "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method as well as lots of fun activities to try at home.

Look at the shape of the word. Can you see any patterns or groups of letters that go together? Are there any words within words?

Say the words carefully and slowly to yourself. Try to listen for the sounds in the words.

Cover the word. Try to picture the word in your mind, closing your eyes might help you to do this. Say the word to yourself again and then.....

Write the word down.

Check to see if it is correct. If the word isn't quite right don't worry, just try again. It can often take a few attempts to get it right.

Remember to try and make spellings fun. Practise for short periods of time regularly rather than for a long time once a week.