

Parish CE Primary School



**Spelling Support Pack
for Parents and Carers**

MAKE SPELLINGS STICK WITH MULTI-SENSORY SPELLING GAMES & ACTIVITIES

It is really 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. Your child should practise spellings for 10 to 20 minutes EVERY day. Our subscription to SpellingFrame can help them to do this. (passwords in your child's home school diary) If you fancy something different, here are some games or ideas you could use instead! Why not 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, listening to it so making sure you have variety of games and tasks is a great way to ensure the learning sticks!

Visual Spelling Games

Woolly Words - Supply some wool and scissors and let the children snip and create letters to spell out words.

Puffy Paint Spelling - Mix up a batch of puffy paint (<https://artfulparent.com/diy-puffy-paint-for-kids/>), write the words and pop them in the microwave and watch them puff up.

Stamp It! - Use alphabet stamps and ink pads to stamp out words or let the children use fingerprints to write the words if you don't have letter stamps.

Paint It! - Use a paintbrush and block paint/finger paint to spell the words and draw a corresponding picture.

Reverse Chalk Writing (aka Water Writing) - An easy and fun twist on writing words on the chalkboard. Use chalk to cover the chalkboard and have the children use a paintbrush dipped in water to write their words over it.

Type It! – Ask the children to type their spelling words on the computer/iPad/laptop.

Rainbow Words - Spell words using different coloured markers or crayons for each letter.

Salt/Sand/Flour Tray - Spell words using the child's finger or a paintbrush. Put coloured construction paper under the salt, sand or flour to make the letters really pop.

Pavement Chalk - Go outside and spell your words using chalk. Just taking the spelling practice outside makes it more fun for the kids.

Shaving Cream - This is another fun sensory experience. Make a thin layer of shaving cream on a tray and use the child's fingertip to spell out the words.

Alphabet Blocks - Use ABC blocks to spell out words.

Letter Beads - Use alphabet letter beads and pipe cleaners to build words or to make bracelets.

Write it Big, Write It Small - Have the child write the word using the smallest letters they can, then doing it normal sized and finally jumbo sized. This makes tedious writing practice so much more fun.

Magnet Letters - Take a baking tray or head for the fridge, add some magnetic letters and spell out the words.

Glue & Glitter - Write out spelling words in glue and sprinkle some glitter on top. Glitter makes everything fun, doesn't it?

Bendaroos – Invest in this fun bendable material - perfect to use in building letters to spell words

Alphabet Rocks - If you have a set of painted ABC rocks these can be a fun way to build and spell words.

Coffee Filters & Markers - Let the children write the words using markers on coffee filters. Once you are all done, hand them a spray bottle of water and let them turn their spelling practice into art.

Hidden Spelling Words - On a white piece of paper let your child write out the spelling words using a white crayon. Once all words have been written use watercolours and paint to make hidden words appear.

Paint/Hair Gel Bags - Pour paint into a freezer bag and seal. Use their fingertips to write words on bag. To erase, simply squish bag and you are ready for the next word.

Alphabet Spelling - Use alphabet pasta shapes or potato shapes to spell words!

Print Words - Use newspaper or magazine print to cut out fun letters. Have child make words using the clipped letters.

Flower Words - Draw a flower for each word, 1 petal for each letter of the word.

Switch it Up- If the child is right handed write the words using his/her left hand, if the child is left handed write words using his/her right hand.

Alphabet Cookie Cutters - Use ABC cookie cutters to make words. For extra fun, go ahead and make some word cookies.

Window Writing - Use Crayola Window Markers and write words on windows or sliding glass doors. They wash off easily and writing on windows or doors is so much more fun than boring old paper.

Clothespeg Words - Write letters on clothespegs and have child pin letters to make words. They can pin onto hanging string (think clothes line) or even an index card.

Flashlight Words - Set up an Alphabet chart, turn out the lights and use a flashlight to shine on each letter (one letter at a time) to spell words.

Ice Lolly Stick Spelling - Write the necessary letters on craft sticks, mix them up and have the children build words using the appropriate sticks.

Scrabble Spelling - Use scrabble pieces to build words. For some sneaky math fun have the child total the amount for each word.

Bean Spellings -Write letters on dried beans, mix them up and put them in a pile for the children. Call out spelling words and have child search for the appropriate beans to spell each word.

Which is Correct? -Write words on a white board and include misspelled words. Have the child identify the correctly spelled words.

Create a Word Search - Visit **Puzzle Maker**, plug in a spelling list and create a word search that you can print. Then have the children search for the correctly spelled spelling words and circle them. Let them use different coloured highlighters for some added visual fun.

Mystery Letters - Write the words with missing letters. Children must figure out which mystery letters are missing in order to complete words .

Spelling BINGO - Make or print a few blank BINGO cards to use with spelling practice. Write spelling words in boxes and randomly call out (or use flashcards) the words. The child should cover appropriate words when called. To make things extra challenging, write words spelled incorrectly in a few spaces as well so the child has to discriminate between the correctly spelled words and the incorrect ones.

Auditory Spelling Games

Sing & Spell - Use whatever song or beat you like but a simple B-I-N-G-O like song & some clapping works wonders especially on that first day of practicing words. It really helps kids begin to remember those words. (Search for **Heidi Songs** on YouTube)

Partner Spell - Take turns adding a letter to spell each word. For example, for the word "FUN", one child starts by saying the letter F, the partner adds the letter U and the child then completes the word by adding the letter N. This requires focus and listening and is a great exercise for KS1. In the classroom this gets really fun and challenging when you have lots of kids playing because they have to be paying close attention to what everyone is saying before them. If they miss their letter, they have to sit out the rest of the round.

Record - Use a tape recorder or Dictaphone to record children orally spelling words.

Over-articulation- simply over pronounce certain tricky parts of the word *kkkkkk-nee* or *peeeee-O-ple*.

Make a Video – Use a video camera or iPad to take some quick video of the child spelling the target words.

Microphone - Spell words into a microphone. There is just something fun about hearing yourself loud and magnified so have fun with it and practice those spelling words too.

Kinaesthetic Spelling Games

Trace in the Air - Watch as children trace the letters in the air to spell each word. Try it again with your **EYES CLOSED**- this is great for muscle memory.

Jump & Spell- Jump in the air while orally spelling the words-1 jump per letter

Hula Hoop and spell the words out loud.

Hopscotch Spelling - Write letters outside in chalk or play indoors with large letter cards on floor. Hop from letter to letter to spell words.

Bounce a Ball - Bounce a ball as you spell words - 1 bounce per letter.

Balloon Bop - Keep a balloon up in the air while spelling your word.

Swat & Spell - Put letter cards on the floor and using a flyswatter, swat the letters in the order necessary to spell words.

Froggy Spelling - Leap like a frog and spell words - 1 letter for each leap.

Jumpin' Jack - Do jumping jacks as you spell words - 1 jump per letter.

Hop & Spell - Hop on one foot as you spell words, this is a great exercise in balance especially with longer words

Tactile Spelling Games

Play Dough Spelling - Use play dough to form letters to spell out each word. (recipe for playdough included in this pack)

Pipe Cleaner Spelling - Use pipe cleaners to bend and form letters or words.

Trace - Have fun and let kids trace their words on your back or their palm. Have them focus on properly forming each letter so you can feel it being drawn.

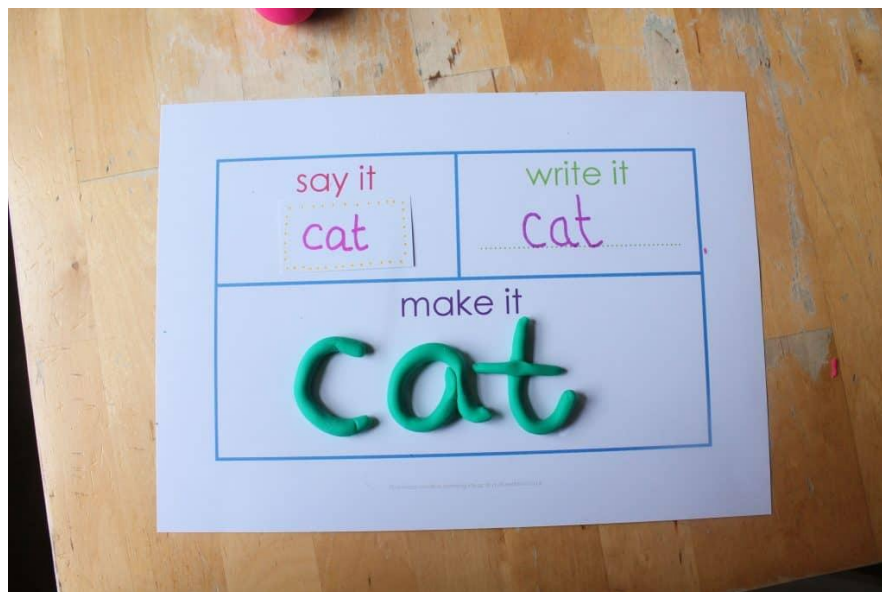
Unscramble - Use magnetic letters or letter tiles for each word, scramble them up and have the children put letters in correct order to spell words.

Sandpaper Letters- Cut out alphabet letters from sandpaper sheets then have the children first trace the letters with their fingers then line them up to form words.

Play Dough Recipe

- 150g (6oz) plain white flour
- 300ml (1/2 pint) warm water with a few drops of food dye
- 75g (3oz) salt
- 1 tbsp of vegetable oil
- 2 tsp cream of tartar

Put all the ingredients into a large saucepan. Place over a medium heat, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens and forms a ball of dough. Scrape out the dough, allow it to cool a little, and knead it until all ingredients are evenly distributed and you're left with a smooth ball of dough. Add some water if the dough is too stiff, or dust with flour if too sticky. When cold, store your play dough in an airtight container or a zip-lock food bag in a cool, dry place.



Some more excellent spelling strategies!

