

Top Tips for Supporting Your Child with Their Spellings



Every week, your child will bring home some words to practise spelling, try to make practising part of your weekly routine. However, it's not just the weekly spellings which need to be practised, the key spelling words your child needs to be able to read and spell by the end of Y3/4 & Y5/6 are in your child's Personal Organiser and a list of common words is attached below.

Here are some ways you can make learning spellings more fun:

1. Make word webs

Can they find other words with the same root word e.g. 'help' – helpful, helpless, helping, helped etc Do they know what each of the words means? Can they use them in a sentence?

2. Look, cover, write, check

look - the child looks at the word.

say - the child says the word out loud.

cover - hide the word, they say it again.

write - they write the word without looking - it's best to try and get them to put it into a sentence starting with a capital letter and ending with a full stop.

check - they check that they are correct.

3. Child as the Teacher

You pretend to be the child, they are the teacher and 'teach' you the spellings, you keep spelling the words incorrectly so that your child has to spot your mistake and correct it.

4. Play a matching game

Write the words onto cards (or post-its) – two cards for each word. Spread the cards out. Take it in turns to turn over the cards to find the matching pair. The winner is the person who matches the most cards **HOWEVER** they only get to keep it if they can spell the word without looking.

5. Say it out Loud

This is particularly for tricky words or where there is a silent letter, practise saying the word as it is spelt. For example:

knee = k - n- ee

Wednesday = Wed - nes- day

6. Download Apps

There are lots of free apps that you can use - spellingshed is a great app and online, it's free and lets them play games like hangman with their spellings.

Commonly misspelt words – this means that the children spell them wrong in the context of a sentence, not just when tested.

their	to	there	they	then
your	clothes	looked	people	pretty
because	thought	with	beautiful	it's
something	named	came	name	tried
swimming	first	were	than	two
let's	mother	another	through	some
woman	animals	started	that's	would
said	wanted	bear	from	frightened
cousin	alright	happened	didn't	always
interesting	sometimes	friends	children	an
until	our	asked	off	through
running	believe	little	things	him
went	where	stopped	very	morning
here	many	know	with	together
now	decided	friend	money	when
its	bought	getting	going	course
again	heard	received	coming	too
for	February	once	like	they're
surprise	before	caught	every	different
school	jumped	around	dropped	babies

