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Supporting your child with spellings

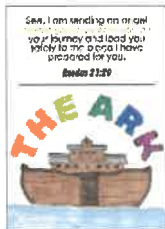
Dear Parents and Carers

We have altered the spelling practice booklets that your child will bring home each week to include some different activities to help them to remember the spellings more effectively.

Instead of Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check, we have moved to using strategies that build on from the RWInc phonics work the children do in Early Years and KS1, as well as strategies we use in class to learn word meanings.

Here is a breakdown and explanation of each of these activities:

Read and tap out	• Read the word • Tap out the sounds in the word as you read it out. e.g. c-a-t has 3 sounds to tap out m-a-k-e has 3 sounds th-i-nk has 3 sounds p-l-ea-s-a-n-t has 7 sounds
Sound map	• Map the sounds in the word with dots and dashes. Dots are used for a sound made by a single letter; dashes are used for 'special friends' where a group of letters makes a single sound (e.g. ch, tch, th, oo, dge, nk, ure – these are listed on the RWInc Complex Speed Sounds chart). When the special friend is a chatty friend, mark with a . e.g. <u>think</u> or <u>make</u>



Cover, write, check	• Read the word again • Cover it up • Write it down without looking • Check if you spelt it correctly This activity is repeated.
Draw or write what the word means	The children have found it helpful in learning new vocabulary in class to draw an image that captures the meaning of the words, rather than just writing down what they mean. The spelling booklet has space for the word meanings to be explored in drawing or writing, whichever your child find most helpful. They can use either method or a mixture of both.

I have also attached a list of multisensory activities to make practicing spellings more interesting and enjoyable and hopefully more effect too. A different activity each day or each time you practice reading and writing words can improve the ability to remember them.

I hope you find this information useful.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rogers

Writing Subject Leader



Strategies to support spelling practice at home.

Spelling Selection



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Aim: I can practise spelling words I need to know.

Select two spelling activities to do each day.



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
1 UPPER and Lower	Write each of your words out two times. Write in UPPERCASE the first time and in lowercase the second time.	1 Pyramid Writing	Write each of your words like a pyramid: s so som some	1 Blue Vowels	Write out each of your words. Go over the vowels in each word using blue pencil	1 Air Writing	Write your words in the air with your finger. Ask someone to read your words as you write. Or ask someone to air write the letters you tell them to spell your word.
2 Curly Words	First write out your words in normal writing. Next, write them again in <i>curly letters</i> .	2 F Spelling Flowers	Draw a big flower. Write each of your spelling words on one of the petals!	2 Rainbow Words	Write your words out in pencil. Next draw around each letter 5 more times using a different coloured pencil.	2 Letter Magnets	Look at the words in your jotter. Try to make each one using the letter magnets. Check if you used the correct letters!
3 Across and Down	Write your words across and down, sharing the same first letter. when h e n	3 Backwards Words	Write your words out forwards then backwards.	3 Fancy Letters	Write each of your words using fancy writing. Your letters could be curly or dotty ... or whatever you decide!	3 ABC Order	Write your words out in alphabetical order.
4 Pyramid Writing	Write each of your words like a pyramid: s so som some	4 Curly Words	First write out your words in normal writing. Next, write them again in <i>curly letters</i> .	4 Join the Dots	Write each of your words using dots. Then join the dots with a coloured pencil to make your word.	4 Tell a Story	Use all of your spelling words in a short story that makes sense! Underline your words with a ruler!

Multi-sensory activities to support the learning of spellings.

Play Dough Words - use play dough to form letters to spell out a word.	Pipe Cleaner Words - - use pipe cleaners - bend and form to make letters and words.	Wool Words - supply some wool and scissors and let the child snip and create letters to spell out the words.	Letter Beads - use alphabet letter beads and pipe cleaners or string to thread and make words
Stamp It! - use alphabet stamps and ink pads to stamp out words or let child use fingerprints to write words if you don't have letter stamps.	Paint It! - use a paintbrush and paint to spell words.	Finger Paint - let them get messy and have some sensory fun and finger paint to spell their words	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 your child use a paintbrush (or their finger) dipped in water to write their words over it.
Type It! - ask children to type their spelling words on the computer/ipad/lap top/phone.	Rainbow Words - spell words using different coloured markers or crayons for each letter. 	Salt/Sand/Flour Tray - spell words using a finger in the sand. put coloured paper under the salt, sand or flour to make the letters really show up.	Trace - have fun and let the child trace their word on your back or palm. Have them focus on properly forming each letter so you can feel it being drawn.

Pavement Chalk - go outside and spell your words using pavement chalk. Just taking the spelling practice outside makes it more fun.	Shaving Cream - This is a fun sensory activity. Make a thin layer of shaving cream on a tray and use a paintbrush or fingertip to spell out the words.	Trace in the Air - watch as children trace the letters in the air to spell each word.	Alphabet Blocks - use ABC blocks / bricks to spell words.
Build a Word with Lego - using some masking tape or stickers, write the letters needed for each word ahead of time on some lego bricks. Mix them up and then call out a word and have child(ren) build it using the appropriate lego bricks and you will end up with some spelling word towers. Now that's a fun way to spell!	Cotton Bud Writing - Use Cotton Buds and paint to dot letters to spell the word or write the word using the cotton bud as a paint brush.	Alphabet Stickers - build words using alphabet stickers	Small/Medium/Large Words - How boring is it to write words 3 or 5 times each? How about jazzing it up by having them write the word using the smallest letters they can possibly write, then doing it normal sized and finally jumbo sized. You could even try writing with eyes closed! It makes writing practice so much more fun.
Glue & Glitter - Write out spelling words in glue and sprinkle some glitter on top. Glitter makes everything fun, doesn't it?	Wikki Stix - What a fun bendable material and 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. You could even make your own pebble letters.	Hidden Spelling Words - on a white piece of paper let your child write out the spelling words using a white crayon or candle. Once all words have been written use watercolour paints to make hidden words appear.

Paint Bags - Pour paint into a ziplock freezer bag and seal. Secure with some tape. Use fingertips to write words on bag. To erase, simply squish bag and you are ready for the next word.	Penny or Coin Spelling - use pennies or other small coins to make letters and spell out words. 	Print Words - Use newspaper or magazine print to cut out fun letters. Have child make words using the clipped letters.	Stick Letters - use lollypop sticks, cotton buds or crayons to build letters and make spelling words. 
Flower Words - draw a flower for each word and write the word in the centre. 	Alphabet playdough Cutters - use ABC alphabet cutters to make words.	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.	Clothes peg Words - Write letters on clothes pegs and have child peg letters to make words. They can pin onto hanging string (think clothes line) or even an index card.
Multilink Words - Multilink aren't just for maths. Use them to build letters and form spelling words. 	Torch 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.	Craft Stick Spelling - write the necessary letters on craft sticks, mix them up and have child build words using the appropriate sticks.	Scrabble Spelling - use scrabble tiles to build words.
Bath Spelling - use foam letters in the bath and stick onto the wall to make words.	Shower Spelling - Spread some shaving cream on your shower door or tiled wall over the bath and let your child(ren) finger write words.	Bath Paint - Still feeling adventurous about the bath? Use bath paint and write or paint words onto your shower door, bath or tiled wall. It washes out!	Cereal Words - using cereal like Cheerios or Rice Krispies build letters to form spelling words. Then have a sweet, crunchy snack.

Skipping Rope - while orally spelling the words.	Hula Hop and spell 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.	Hop & Spell - hop on one foot as you spell words. This is a great exercise in balance especially with longer words.	Froggy Spelling - leap like a frog and spell words - 1 letter for each leap.	
Have child spell and write 2 sets of words onto flashcards and then play a Memory Game with them.	Which is Correct? Write words on dry erase board and include misspelled words. Have child identify the correctly spelled words.	Wordsearch - you can visit sites like PuzzleWags to type in your child's spelling list and create a word search that you can print. Then have your child search for the correctly spelled spelling words and circle them. Let them use different coloured highlighters for some added visual fun.	Mystery Letters - write words with missing letters. Child must figure out which mystery letters are missing in order to complete words.
Word Puzzle Scavenger Hunt - Write words onto paper and cut apart letters. Put letters in plastic tubs, plastic eggs or other such container and hide around the room. Have child find the words you've hidden and put words together correctly like a word puzzle.	Unscramble - use magnet letters or letter tiles for each word. Scramble them up and have child put letters in correct order to spell words.	Spelling BINGO - Make or print a few blank BINGO cards to use with spelling practice. Kids love to play BINGO. Write spelling words in boxes and randomly call out (or use flashcards) words. Child should cover appropriate words when called. To make things extra challenging, write words spelled incorrectly in a few spaces as well so child has to discriminate between the correctly spelled words and the incorrect ones.	

Complex Speed Sounds Chart

Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
ph	le	mb	kn	wr	se		s	ci		
			gn		c		se			
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b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg		g	pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck		gu		ge							
	ch				dge							

Vowel sounds

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				<u>a-e</u>	<u>e-e</u>	<u>i-e</u>	<u>o-e</u>
					ai	y	ie	oa
					a	ea	i	o
						e	y	oe

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