

How can you help your child with spelling at home?

There are a range of things that you could do at home to support your child with spelling. Here are a few ideas:

1. Help your child with the list of spelling rules:

We suggest a 'little and often' approach, not learn them all the night before the test! Select one or two words each day and ask your child to practise these.

2. Ask your child to write the words on pieces of paper and stick them in a visible place—kitchen door / bedroom door etc somewhere your child will see them frequently.

3. Practise the words using a multi-sensory approach which allows your child to use the senses of seeing, saying, hearing and feeling:

*Write the word correctly at the top of a blank piece of paper (joined handwriting is best so they can FEEL the flow and the pattern the letters make together)

*As they are writing the word, SAY the letters names out loud eg
C-O-U-L-D spells COULD.

*If they are saying the letters out loud, they can HEAR the word being spelt too.

*Repeat this at least 20 times on the paper so they can SEE the word spelt correctly and it will burn the image to the brain.

4. Print out wordsearches, crosswords, puzzles which follow the particular spelling rule. Children love these!

How can you help your child with times tables at home?

There are a range of things that you could do at home to support your child with times tables. Here are a few ideas:

1. Chant the focus times table on journeys in the car or when walking.

2. Ask your child to write the focus times table on pieces of paper and stick them in a visible place—kitchen door / bedroom door etc somewhere your child will see them frequently.

3. Times tables CDs can help as can times tables games on the internet. Just search 'times tables games for year 2'.

3. Once your child is confident at chanting the times tables, ask them to recite them randomly eg 'What is 7×2 ?' and then switch around ' 2×7 ?' You could make flash cards with the questions on.

4. Once they get really confident, you can use division facts eg ' 14 divided by 2 is?'

As with everything, we really value your support and we know that when working together, we **CAN** make a difference.