

8 top tips for Parents to support with Spelling.

1. Use technology to support the process – For iPad, MySpelling App (£0.69*) is a great resource, allowing for the recording of words on the device. Also available Squeebles Spelling Test (£1.49*). On Android, Miss Spell's Class; Spelling Bee; and Spell Wiz are all freely available, with Squeebles also being available at £1.49*. Click on the names to be taken to the relevant online store.
2. Add meaning to the spelling. Place the word within a short, simple (or silly) sentence. Get your child to write the full sentence, but focus on the actual word. This works a treat and can lighten the mood during the 'quiz'.
3. Give a surprise mini-quiz on words from previous weeks – this helps children remember key words they have learned.
4. Google "Spelling City". It has a great bank of resources, allowing you to place focused words into different activities to make the experience a little more enjoyable.
5. Use mnemonics, which can be used to help spellings in other writing exercises. For example: **B**ecause = **B**=big **E**=elephants **C**=can **A**=always **U**=understand **S**=small **E**=elephants.
6. Break words down. Long words can be broken down into syllables or beats, e.g. en/joy (2 beats)
7. Ensure words are pronounced correctly. Incorrect pronunciation can affect children's interpretation of words and can lead to spelling mistakes.
8. Make it an enjoyable experience and be a positive role model with your own pronunciation and spelling.



Dear Parents and Carers

Along with your child's daily Phonics and Literacy lesson, your child will now have five additional 20 minute spelling lessons per week and will bring a spelling quiz book home.

Spelling Quiz Book

Name

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How do we use the quiz book?

- Every Monday, your child will bring home their quiz book and there will be a set of new spellings inside, to learn. The spellings link to the new focus for the week.
- At the top of the page, you can see the date the spellings are given and the date of their next quiz.
- We use the word “**quiz**” rather than test, so it doesn’t make our children anxious and a quiz is much more fun!
- You have seven days to learn the spellings with them (Monday-Sunday) and they will then have a quiz on the Monday.
- The children will mark and edit their own spelling quiz.
- During the week, the spelling book needs to be placed **back into their bag each day**. This is because we may need to use the quiz book during early morning work in class.
- The children need to choose **three words** from their spelling list and put each chosen word into a new sentence (see example opposite.)
- They must use their best handwriting to write their sentences and don’t forget to support them to use a capital letter and full stop.

How can I support my child to learn their spellings?

We have adapted the Ruth Miskin, **RWInc Spelling Scheme** to suit the needs of your children - for your support, there is a Facebook page with videos for parents to access - www.facebook.com/miskin.education
Your child’s class teacher is always first point of call if you have any questions, but you can also speak to the spelling team in school if you have any further queries.

The spelling team are: **Mrs Thompson, Miss Lisborg and Miss Parry.**



Inside the spelling quiz book

<p><i>This is your Spelling book!</i></p>  <p><i>You need to practise your spellings every week at home. They will be given out on a Monday and you will have a spelling quiz the following Monday. We will jumble up the words in the quiz, so make sure you learn them out of order.</i></p>	<p>Year 1 Spellings</p> <p>Given 29.2.16 Quiz date 7.3.16</p> <p><i>cell certain circus city cycle concert excellent</i></p> <div data-bbox="1861 715 2101 874" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Please choose 3 of the words and put them into a sentence</p></div> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>The circus came to town.</i>2. <i>I cycle to school.</i>3. <i>My behaviour was excellent.</i>
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