

21. **Choo-choo words** Write the whole list as one long word (no finger spaces!). Use a different colour for each word.
22. **Pass a letter** Throw, kick or roll a ball back and forth with a partner spelling out the word.
23. **Adding my words** Each letter has a value e.g. Consonants are worth 10, vowels are worth 5. Find out which word is worth the most.
24. **3D words** Make/sculpt your words using play dough, clay or plasticine.
25. **Give me an 'a', give me a...** Pretend you are a cheerleader - call out the letters for your words.
26. **Media search** Use a newspaper, magazine or comic. You haveminutes to look for your spelling words in the text. Circle them in different coloured pens. Which of your words have you circled the most times?
27. **Foamy words** Squirt some shaving cream on the table and practise writing words in the cream with your finger.
28. **Sand box spelling** Pour some sand or salt into a tray and practise writing your spelling in it with your finger.
29. **Scrabble spelling** Find the letters you need to spell your words and mix them up in a bag. You could use letter cards, magnetic letters or just write the letters of pieces of paper. Ask someone to time you unscrambling the letters to spell the words. Can you beat your time?
30. **Ambidextrous** Swap your pen into the hand you don't normally write with; try writing your spellings. You could even try using your feet to write them!

Spelling Ideas

30 fun ways to practise spelling!

Please use the ideas in this book to practise spellings sent home. Talk to your child about which activity they would like to use; it doesn't matter if they choose the same one every time!

Little and often is the best way to learn. A short session every day is better than one long session the night before a spelling test!

Thank you for your support; please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



1. **Ransom note** Cut the letters needed for your words from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell your words.

2. **Spell it with beans!** Use dried beans or lentils to spell out your words. If you glue them onto separate pieces of card then you have made a great set of flashcards to use again.

3. **Tasty words** Find tasty things to spell your words e.g. Raisins. Then when you spell them right, you can eat them!

4. **Water wash** Use a paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or the pavement.

5. **Story time** Write a short story using all your words. Don't forget to check your presentation and handwriting.

6. **Simple sentence** Write a sentence with each of your words. Remember the full stop and capital letter.

7. **Colourful words** Use 2 different coloured pens to write your words. Use one for the consonants and one for the vowels.

8. **Finger tracing** Use your finger to spell out each word on someone's back. Then it's their turn to write them on your back for you to feel and 'read'.

9. **Secret agent** Write out the alphabet and give each letter a different number from 1-26 (a=1, b=2, c=3 etc). Now you can spell your words in a secret code!

10. **Missing letters** Ask a partner to write out one of your words lots of times on a piece of paper, but each time they have to miss out a different letter or two. Can you work out which letters are missing and correct the spelling?

11. **Listen carefully** Ask your partner to spell out one of your words using the letter names. Can you work out what word they have spelt by listening to the letters? How quickly can you do it?

12. **Deliberate mistake** Get your partner to write out your list of words and make some mistakes. Can you spot the mistakes and correct their spelling?

13. **Hangman** Use only the words from your spelling list and play hangman. How quickly can they work out which word it is?

14. **Graffiti wall** Use chalk on a wall or a large piece of card—write your words BIG and colourful!

15. **Type them** Type your spelling words onto the computer and make each a different colour/size/font.

16. **Sound words** Use a mobile phone to record/video spelling the words out loud. Play it back and check you are right.

17. **Hop, skip and jump** Use chalk to write the letters for your words on the pavement. Hop, skip or jump from letter to letter to spell your words.

18. **Flash writing** In a dark room, use torches to write your words in the air.

19. **Connect the dots** Write your spelling words using dots. Then use a different colour pen/pencil to connect the dots and read the word.

20. **Fancy letters** Write each word using fancy writing e.g. bubble writing, swirly letters, crazy colours etc.