17. **Scrambled Words** Write your words then write them again with all the letters mixed up. Can your parents unscramble them?

18. X-Words Find two of your spelling words with the same letter in and write them so they criss-cross.

19. **Secret Agent** Write out the alphabet, then give each letter a different number from 1 to 26 (a=1, 2=b. 3=c etc.). Now you can spell your words in secret code.



20. **Missing Letters** Ask your mum or dad to write out one of your words lots of times on a piece of paper but each time they have to miss out a letter or two. Then you have to fill in the missing letters. After you have checked them all try it again with another word.

21. Listen Carefully Ask your parents to spell out one of your words then you have to say what word it is they spelt out.

22. **Spell-a-Doodle** Create a picture and use your spelling words to fill in the detail. Each word must be written three times. E.g. A picture of clouds would have the lines formed with spelling words. You can add to the challenge by giving specific picture topics.

23. Find the Meaning Look up each of your spelling words in a dictionary and write down the meaning in your own words.

24. **High Speed Spelling** Use a timer to find out how many times you can write each of your spelling words in one minute. Can you beat your own record?







Approaches to Support Spelling

Information for Parents and Carers



The activities contained in this leaflet are designed to help you support your child with spelling.

The activities can be used to help learn spellings at anytime.



 Word Search Create your own word search using your spelling words.
Or use this link to get your own computer to do it for you:http:// puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp

2. **Air Spelling** Choose a spelling word. With your index finger write the wordn the air slowly, saying each letter. Try to 'see' the letters you have written in the air. When you have finished writing the word underline it and say the word again. Now get your parents to ask questions about the word eg. "What is the first/last letter?" "How many letters are there?" etc.

3. **Media Search** Using a newspaper or magazine you have 15 minutes to look for your spelling words. Circle them in different coloured crayon. Which of your spelling words was used the most?

4. **Shaving Cream Practice** An easy way to clean those dirty tables is to finger paint on them with shaving cream. Squirt some on the table and then practise spelling your words by writing them with your finger in the shaving cream.



5. **Scrabble Spelling** Find or make the letters you need to spell your words and then mix them up in the bag. Get your parents to time you unscrambling your letters. For extra maths practice you could find the value of each word.

6. **Pyramid Power** Sort your words into a list from the easiest to hardest. Write the easiest word at the top of the page near the middle. Write the next easiest word next twice underneath. Write the third word three times underneath again until you have built your pyramid. 7. **Ransom Note** Cut the letters needed for your word from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell the words.

8. **Spell It With Pasta** (buttons etc) Use pasta to spell out your words. If you glue them onto separate pieces of card then you will have a great set of flashcards to practise with for the rest of the week.

9. **Design A Word** Pick one word and write it in bubble letters. Colour in each letter in a different pattern. If you write each word on a separate piece of card then you will have a great set of flashcards to practise with for the rest of the week.

10. Water Wash Use a paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or pavements.

11. **ABC Order** Write your words out in alphabetical order. Then write them in reverse alphabetical order.

12. **Story Time** Write a short story using all your words. Don't forget to check your punctuation!

13. **Simple Sentences** Write a sentence for each of your words. Remember each sentence must start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.



14. Colourful Words Use two different coloured

pens to write your words. One to write the consonants and one to write the vowels. Do this a couple of times then write the whole word in one colour.

15. **Memory Game** Make pairs of word cards. Turn them over and mix then up. Flip over two cards, if they match you get to keep them, if not you have to turn them over again. Try to match all the pairs.

16. **Finger Tracing** Use your finger to spell out each word on your mum or dad's back. Then it's their turn to write the words on your back to feel and spell.