

Ways I can learn to spell a tricky word!

Here are a few suggestions to help your child when practising and remembering their spellings. Try a few out and see which ones your child responds best to! 😊

- Decorate or illustrate the word
- Type out the word lots of times on the computer (improves letter recognition on the keyboard too!)
- Write the word on a long sheet of paper, think about it, fold the paper, write the word again, check back then correct it if you need to.
- Write the word in bubble letters and colour the letters.
- Build up the word from cutout letters e.g. from newspapers (rather like a ransom note!)
- Build the word from magnetic letters, shuffle them, and then reorder them.
- Trace over the word lots of times
- Write the word in the air using your finger
- Chant the letters of the word out much like a cheerleader at a basketball match
- Write a silly sentence using the word (Silly sentences are usually more memorable because they're a little more unusual and fun)
- Keep writing the word over and over again to form a shape, e.g. a spiral, circle, triangle or square
- If the word is long, try and spot smaller words inside it like 'an' or 'is'
- Write the word using letter stamps
- Write the word using pieces of string and glue
- Write the word with missing letters and see if you can go back and fill them in.
- Find words that rhyme with the word you are spelling, and try and spot any spelling patterns e.g. 'train', 'brain', 'pain' and 'again' all end in 'ain'
- Make a quick word search containing the word
- Write the word using as many different coloured pens, crayons, paints and glitter pens as you can
- Write the word, then transform it into a funny picture
- Spell the word out whilst heading a football or catching a tennis ball

We hope some of these suggestions will make practising spellings a little more fun and exciting for your child. If you have any suggestions or techniques you use at home please let us know so we can add them to our list!