

Remember to keep continuously praise your child's achievements to help build their self-esteem and confidence.

If you have any queries or need further support regarding spelling then please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

Useful websites:

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/Home/Literacy](http://www.bbc.co.uk/Home/Literacy)

[www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html)

[www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-3-games.html)

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-4.html>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-5-resources.html>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-6-resources.html>

[www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/)



## A parent's guide to spelling at Cosgrove Village Primary



### Stage 1

At Cosgrove Village Primary School we aim to teach spelling in a variety of ways in which support all children to be able to spell accurately and with confidence when independently writing. We use the Read, write inc phonics materials to support understanding of letter sounds and patterns. Please also see our Phonics leaflet for parents.

Your child will be given a new set of words to learn every Monday which will link closely with work carried out in the class that week. Please help your child to learn their spellings and understand how to use the words in a sentence.

Programme overview for stage 1:

Children consolidate the phonic knowledge they learnt at stage 0 and use this alongside learning new letter patterns. They will learn these patterns:

ai, ay, a\_e, ee, ea, e\_e, igh, ie, i\_e, ow, oa, o\_e, ew, ue, u\_e, oe, oo, ou, oi, oy, ar, or, ore, aw, au, er, ir, ur, air, are, ear.

They will also learn how to add these prefixes and suffixes:

-s, -es, -ing, -ed, -er, -est, un-, dis-

Encourage your child to use words containing these letter patterns in their everyday speech to increase their vocabulary skills.

It is very important to use the letter sounds when helping your child to spell. You will find a link under the classes section of our website on [www.cosgroveprimary.org.uk](http://www.cosgroveprimary.org.uk) which will help you with the pronunciation.

10 creative ways to learn spellings with your child:

1. Look, cover, say, write, check.
2. Air spelling – with your index finger write the word in the air slowly, say each letter sound as you do so. When you have finished writing the word, underline it and say the word again.
3. Shaving foam – squirt some shaving cream on a table top (that you don't mind getting messy) and under supervision from a parent ask your child to practice the spelling words by writing them with your finger in the foam.
4. Salt box – Pour into a shallow box or tray (about 3cm deep) and then under adult supervision practice writing the spellings in it with your finger.
5. Tasty words – try spelling the words using tasty things like raisins or chocolate.
6. Water wash – use a paintbrush and water to write your words outside on concrete or pavements.
7. Memory game – make pairs of word cards. Turn them all over and mix them up. Flip over 2 cards, if they match you get to keep them, if not you have to turn them over again. Try to match all the pairs.
8. Finger tracing – use your finger to spell out each of your words on somebody else's back and then they write on yours and you have to guess the word.
9. Missing letters – Ask an adult to write out one of the 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.
10. Listen carefully – Ask an adult to spell out one of your words then you have to say what the word is they were spelling out.