

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:

<http://www.ictgames.com/lcwc.html> (an online version of look, cover, say, write, check where you can enter your own words)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/search.aspx?q=spelling>

Useful Apps:

My Spellings 2 by EpicBlu

Spell Mania by Fresh Logo SRL

Squeebles Spelling Test by KeyStageFun



A parent's guide to spelling at Cosgrove Village Primary



Stage 6

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.

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.

5 creative ways to learn spellings with your child:

1. **Scrabble spelling** – find all the letter you need to spell your words and then mix them up in a bag. Time how long it takes to unscramble the letters to make your word.
2. **Ransom note** – Cut the letters you need to spell your words from a newspaper or magazine and glue them down to spell the words.
3. **ABC order** – write your words out in alphabetical order then write them in reverse alphabetical order.
4. **Sign your word** – Practise spelling your words by signing each letter. Search in the internet (with an adult) to find the letter signs using the British Sign Language.
5. **Secret Agent** – write out the alphabet, then give each letter a different number from 1 to 26 (a=1, b=2, c=3 etc.) Now you can spell out your words in a secret code.

Programme overview for stage 6

Children consolidate the word level knowledge they learnt at stage 5 and use this alongside learning new letter patterns. They will learn these patterns:

Hyphens: used in prefixes, homophones and adjectives

Unstressed letters: vowels and consonants

Latin prefixes: uni-, bi-, tri-, circ-, tele-, trans-, min-, mag-, multi

Root words: tract, struct

Suffixes: -en, -ify, -ate, -ness, -ity, -ility, -ial, -ious

Roots and affixes (multisyllabic): form, trust, joy, agree, cover, act, assist, light, child, sign, take, help

Some of these spelling patterns will last over more than 1 week as they need to be studied in depth to understand the conventions and rules.

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

As extra homework ask your child to write their spelling words into sentences to help them understand their meaning and be able to use them in their written work with confidence.