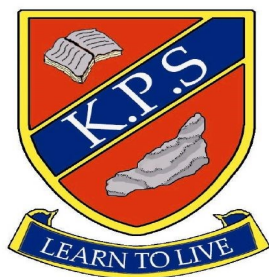


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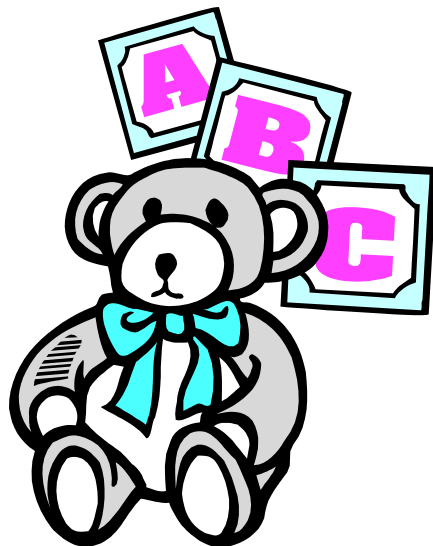


A Parent's Guide to Sounding and Spelling



Difficulties that you may notice

- Long time learning letters and sounds
- Difficulty identifying the same letter sound when at the beginning/middle/end of a word.
- Letters are reversed or upside down
- Mirror writing
- Words are reversed
- Struggles learning alphabetical order
- Strange spelling (not as word sounds)
- Spelling according to sound rather than rule.
- Spelling at three letter level only (eg dog, pet)
- Learns homework spelling but does not retain words learned.
- Inaccurate copying



Children develop at different rates. Difficulties with any of the above may disappear as your child gets older. However there are simple ways that can help.

Developing Spelling

Ways to help

- Encourage your child to identify the letter by sound rather than name (eg, d—duh rather than dee)
- Finger trace over wooden or magnetic letter while saying the sound.
- Look for letters in other places eg street signs, car registrations, etc.
- Write letters with coloured pencils, chinks, paint, water
- Bubble and rainbow words
- When starting spelling look for word families eg cat, sat, mat
- Make sure child knows the vowels are aeiou.
- Use magnetic letters to make word
- Encourage your child to learn their weekly spelling by using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method (as detailed in the Spelling at Home leaflet)
- Look for little words in big words.
- Make up a mnemonic eg said = Sally Ann Is Dancing

Overlearning is the key to overcoming difficulties.

Games to encourage Spelling skills

Jigsaws, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, matching games, flash card bingo, memory games, snap, lotto, dominoes, pegboard pattern making, odd man out games, I-spy, word-making with wooden, magnetic letters. Making letters with plasticine.



If you have concerns about your child's spelling please contact the class teacher who will be pleased to provide further advice.

Hearing, speech and eyesight all have a part to play in the development of spelling. Always have these medically checked to eliminate any problems.