

How to Help Your Child with:



English spelling is tricky and it can take a lifetime to learn. It doesn't take long for the words to become quite challenging.

By Year 6, your child will be learning words like privilege and conscience and will need to know the difference between compliment and complement! At the Alport, we ask you to focus on the statutory words that your child is expected to spell at the end of year 1, year 2, year 4 and year 6. In Key Stage two, these are found on your child's 'spelling spies' card and can also be found on the school website.

Helping your child to spell when writing

As well as learning their spelling words, your child will need to remember these spellings and attempt to spell other words when writing. When we can spell well, we can concentrate on what we want to write, rather than how to write it. We are also more likely to use interesting words when we can spell them.

Here are some strategies you can use to support your child:

1. Encourage your child to 'have a go'

Encourage your child to have a go at spelling a word. This will build confidence and practise spelling skills. Making mistakes is a natural part of learning, and if your child is comfortable knowing that they're not going to get spellings right all the time, then they will be more likely to try out more adventurous words. Keep positive and upbeat.

2. Keep reinforcing phonics

Remind your child to use phonics as their first port of call for spelling a new word – even in Key Stage 2. Help them to really hear each individual sound in the word and choose a suitable spelling pattern.

3. Check your spelling

Remind children to read through their writing and check for spelling errors. They need to develop a feel for whether a word looks right. Help them to check words in a dictionary.

4. Encourage your child to read

When we read, we see words spelled correctly. The more we read, the more words we see

5. Make spelling fun!

Struggling to find a way to make learning those dreaded spellings fun? Use the ideas and activities off the termly spellings menu to help master those tricky words, turn learning it into something fun and help those spellings stick! These are given out at the start of each half term.

There are also lots of ideas on the Oxford Owl website (click on the link below)

[Spelling - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

These links and further resources to support are also available on the class pages on the school website. Most importantly, if you are unsure of anything, please speak to your child's class teacher as they will always be more than happy to help.

