

Chaffinch Weekly Spellings

We learn a different spelling 'rule' each week in Chaffinch – here are some fun ideas to help your child embed each pattern. Please practice regularly to support their learning in school.

Rainbow words

With spelling, repetition is key. But rather than writing out the same word lots of times on a piece of paper, why not use a colourful rainbow?

Write each letter of the word in a new colour.

Spelling scramble

This activity is perfect for more confident spellers. To get started, write out lots of letters onto squares of card or paper – or, for speed, you could hijack a game of Scrabble and use the letters from it! Can you make your word from the tiles? You could also set them additional tasks for each word to explore them further, such as: Can you spell a word that rhymes with this one? How would you spell the plural version of this word?

Spelling staircase

This method is ideal for children learning a word for the first time or for breaking down more challenging spellings.

Ask your child to write the first letter of the word they're learning. On the line below it, ask them to write the first letter followed by the second, and so on until they've written out the whole word. For example:

y

Ya

Yac

Yach

Yacht

'What am I?' quiz

This game is great for those who love puzzles. Challenge your child to not only spell a word correctly, but to also guess what it is through the use of clues!

We recommend giving three clues as to what the word could be. For example, if your word was 'bell', you could say:

- It's an object that makes a noise
- Lots of people have them on their front doors at home
- It rhymes with 'smell'!

Reward them with a point for guessing what the word is and another for spelling it correctly.

Make each word with Scrabble tiles.	Make each word using short lengths of yarn.	Paint the words onto paper.	Write the words outdoors with chalk.	Make the letters of each word with your body as you spell the word aloud.
Build the words with Lego bricks.	Stamp the words onto paper with letter stamps.	Stamp the words into playdough with non-inking letter stamps.	Paint each word with a Q-tip/ cotton bud.	Make the words with letter stickers.
Spell the words aloud as you star jump - one jump for each letter.	Spell each word with letters made from chenille stems/ pipe cleaners.	Type your words on a computer.	Thread the words with letter beads.	Write each word with a stick in damp sand.
Write each word with your finger in a shallow tray of sand or salt.	Write the words on a window with a whiteboard marker.	Clap once for each letter as you spell aloud each word.	Make each word with alphabet stones.	Write your words onto paper plates and make up a jumping game.
Write your words in a fun way of your choice.	Draw a hopscotch grid, add your words. Spell each word as you play.	Spell each word aloud as you jump on the spot - one letter per bounce.	Make up a clue about each of your words and quiz a family member.	Write each letter of your words onto a craft stick. Mix them up and unjumble
Make each word with magnetic letters.	Play Hangman - choosing the words to guess from your spelling list.	Use a laser pointer or flashlight to 'write' each word on the wall.	Write each word and then make it into a picture that illustrates the word.	Spell each word aloud in a funny robot voice.

Everyone learns in a different way so there's no 'best way'. Whatever you and your child enjoy to do is great - if you have any comments or questions about spelling or any aspect of learning then please ask us after school when we're always available in the Playground .

Kind Regards

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