# Year 2 Spelling Guide for Parents

Read
Learn
Grow
Succeed

Helping your child become a confident reader and writer.

Small steps make big progress!

## Why is spelling important?

**Learning to spell helps children:**

- Become confident readers and writers
- Recognise words quickly when reading
- Communicate their ideas clearly
- Build vocabulary and understanding of language
- Improve their writing across all subjects.



**Every week, your child will bring home a list of words to learn and practise. These will include:**

- ✓ Weekly spelling patterns and sounds taught in class
- ✓ Statutory spellings from the Year 1 and Year 2 National Curriculum
- ✓ Common exception words and high-frequency words.

## 2 Segment and Blend

**Segment** = break the word into smaller parts or sounds. | **Blend** = put the sounds back together.

**book**

**Segment:** b | oo | k → **Blend:** book

Breaking words into smaller parts helps children remember spellings more easily.

## Helpful Practice Ideas

- Write words in coloured pens or pencils.
- Make words using magnetic letters.
- Trace words with a finger.
- Say the word aloud as you write it.
- Write the word in a sentence.
- Turn spelling practice into a game.
- Practise words in the car or while walking to school.

a b c

Say it aloud!

## Top Tips for Success

- Encourage your child to read every day.
- Talk about the meanings of new words.
- Praise effort as well as correct spelling.
- Help your child spot spelling patterns.
- Keep practice fun and positive.

Read
Practise
Achieve

## 1 Read and Understand the Word

Before learning to spell a word, make sure your child knows what it means.

**Try these questions:**

- What does this word mean?
- Can you explain it in your own words?
- Can you use it in a sentence?

**Example:**
**Word:** beautiful
**Sentence:** "The butterfly had beautiful wings."

## 3 Look, Cover, Write, Check

1. **Look** carefully at the word.
2. **Cover** the word.
3. **Write** it from memory.
4. **Check** if it is correct.

Repeat until your child can spell the word confidently.

## Little and Often Works Best!

Five to ten minutes of practice each day is much more effective than doing all the spellings in one session.
Try to practise:

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday

Short, regular practice helps words move into long-term memory.

## Together we can help your child become a confident speller!

Thank you for supporting spelling practice at home. Your encouragement makes a huge difference to your child's progress and confidence.

*Thank you Mrs Randa*