

Word House Spelling



Description:

Word House Spelling is focused around learning the spellings of common exception words to apply within your child's written work. Children will work in a small group engaging in fun ways to learn the spelling of words. This intervention uses a multisensory approach meaning that children practise their spellings in lots of different ways. They enjoy the achievement of working through the word houses as they progress.

Intended Outcomes:

- To improve the fluency with which they are able to spell common exception words
- To increase their enjoyment of spelling and reduce their anxieties about spelling.
- To increase the number of year one common exception and curriculum words they are able to spell.
- To develop an understanding of when phonics can and can't help.

What can you do to help?

- Firstly, develop your child's growth mindset, they need to believe that they can!

Make it fun...

- **Type it Out:** Open up a Word document and have your child type the spelling words on the screen as you call them out. Enlarge the font, make it different colours etc
- **Video Record:** Use your phone to take a video of your child spelling the words. Have them put on a funny hat, dress-up, or use a silly prop to add to the fun.
- **Chalkboard Race:** Form two teams, with one player from each team holding a piece of chalk. Call out a word, and then the players run to the board and write the word correctly as quickly as possible. The winner is the one who finishes the word first and spells it correctly.
- **Swing and Spell:** Give your child a word to spell, encourage them to say a letter of the word with each back and forth movement of the swing.
- **Spelling Word Hunt:** Look for the word house words in the newspaper or in another book, magazine, or text! Circle them or use a highlighter to highlight them.
- **Play Scrabble, Boggle and other spelling games.** (See the list below for recommendations) <https://www.theschoolrun.com/best-spelling-board-games-for-children>
- **Flip and Rainbow Write:** Turn over a word card and ask your child go through the rainbow, painting or writing each letter of the word in rainbow colours.
- **Water Paint:** Use water and a paintbrush to water paint the spelling words. On a hot, sunny day, words disappear quickly—so spellers have to move quickly!