

Rising Stars



Description:

Rising stars focuses on the basic literacy skills that the children need within their relevant year groups. The children practise reading and spelling using a range of strategies as well as simple sentence construction and transcription.

Intended Outcomes:

- To improve the fluency with which they are able to read, spell and transcribe.
- To increase their enjoyment of literacy.
- To increase the number of year one common exception and curriculum words they are able to read on sight.
- To improve understanding and comprehension when reading simple texts.

What can you do to help?

- Practise reading the word house words that are sent home every day.
- Point out these words in books, newspapers and magazines.
- Practise writing these words.
- Play games with these words, musical word chairs, hide and seek, pairs, write them on Lego, hide them in sensory bins, make them into board games, hide them under cups.
- Display them everywhere in your house

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!