

Supporting Spelling



A Parent's Pack

Year 1

Why is spelling valued at John of Gaunt Infant?

Spelling is a key part of becoming a successful writer. At John of Gaunt we value the teaching and learning of spelling because it;

- Helps children to write more fluently, dedicating more of their energies towards creative writing (rather than the mechanical process of spelling)
- Gives our learners strategies to attempt to encounter unfamiliar words, enriching their vocabulary
- Gives children opportunities to investigate and understand the true meaning of words
- Develops confident writers
- Develops confident readers
- Supports children with dyslexic tendencies

Year 1 Spellings

Overview of the whole year

Children should be aiming to read and spell the words below. Your child could keep a record of the words they can spell by colouring in each word brick as they become confident in spelling each word.

the	a	do	to	today
of	said	says	are	were
was	is	his	has	I
you	your	they	be	he
me	she	we	no	go
so	by	my	here	there
where	love	come	some	one
once	ask	friend	school	put
push	pull	full	house	our
others	for	baby	puts	all
like	I've	want	call	her
what	old	saw	watch	watches
small	their	who	tall	brother
I'm	any			

Spelling games to help your child at home

<p>Look, cover, write, check</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose a spelling word• Look at it• Cover it over with a piece of paper or your hand• Write the spelling again next to the word• Uncover the spelling to check if you have got it right.	<p>Online games</p> <p>Topmarks has a variety of interactive spelling games to play:</p> <p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling</p>
<p>Squiggly Spelling Words</p> <p>Choose five spelling words. You are going to write them two times. Write them first in squiggly letters. Then write them once more in your best handwriting.</p>	<p>Spelling Rainbows</p> <p>Choose your three favourite crayons to rainbow write your spelling words.</p>
<p>Spelling Sort</p> <p>Think of a way to sort your spelling words. Write your word sort neatly. You may want to sort your words by: syllables, beginning sounds, nouns, verbs or adjectives. The possibilities are endless! Have fun!</p>	<p>ABC order</p> <p>Choose ten spelling words. Write your words in alphabetical order. Make sure you look at the first letter of each word. If the first letter is the same, look at the second letter.</p>
<p>Connect the Dots</p> <p>Write ten of your spellings words in dots. Then connect the dots by tracing over them with a coloured pencil.</p>	<p>Mud writing</p> <p>Can you find a stick and write five of your spelling words in some mud?</p>
<p>Water Words</p> <p>Use a paintbrush and water to write your spelling words. You could do this outside on a sunny day, can you spell ten words before they dry up?</p>	<p>Bubble letters</p> <p>Write six of your spelling words in bubble letters neatly. After you write your words in bubble letters, colour them in.</p>

Guess who

Materials

Paper

Pencil

Masking tape

Word list

Write some words on paper.

Read the words with your child.

Ask them to tape a word to your back. You have to ask a question e.g. 'Does it begin with w?' to guess the word.

Now your child takes a turn to answer your questions. Tape a word to their back.

Natural letters

Can you find natural objects, such as leaves and sticks, to spell out different spelling words?

Spelling Shapes

Write five of your spelling words neatly. Then go back and draw a circle around consonants and draw a square around the vowels.

And don't forget...

Hangman

Word searches

Junior scrabble

Boggle

Lotto

Word snap