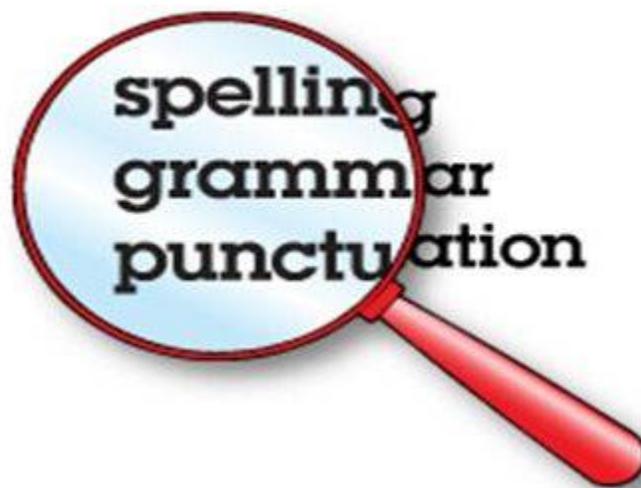


SPaG Buster!

How to help your child with spelling, punctuation and grammar in Year 1.

This leaflet will explain the key aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar that are taught in Year 1. We hope the suggested activities will be useful when supporting your child with spelling or writing activities at home.



Year 1 Grammar and Punctuation

These are the key aspects of grammar and punctuation learning in Year 1:

Key term	Example/definition
word	Ship, fish, hat, plate
Sentence	The dog ate the tea.
Capital letter	G
Letter	g
Full stop	.
punctuation	The marks used in writing to separate sentences and their elements and to clarify meaning.
Singular	One- a dog
Plural	More than one- lots of dogs
Questions mark	?
Exclamation mark	!

Activities to try at home:

- Read regularly with your child as they will notice and pick up on these grammar rules.

Year 1 Spelling

Spelling Pattern/Rule	Example Words
Regular plural noun suffixes –s or –es	Dog-dogs Fox-foxes
Suffixes that can be added to verbs	Help- helper, helping, helpful
How the prefix un– changes the meaning of verbs and adjectives	Kind- unkind Helpful – unhelpful Happy- unhappy
Adding –er and –est to adjectives	Smaller, smallest, taller, tallest
Know how to spell words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught	RWI Set 1- Cat RWI Set 2- Play RWI Set 3- Goat
Know how to spell Common exception words	See attached sheet
Know how to spell The days of the week	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Spelling activities

If you would like to support your child at home, then here are some games that you could try.

Simon says

Spell out the word you want them to do, rather than just saying it.

Rainbow words

Break the word down into letters or syllables and write each part in a different colour.

Hangman

Play hangman with a partner, using the words you are learning.

Word shape

Draw around the shape of the word and try to remember the shape of the word.

Spell jumps

Jump up and down on a trampoline or skip whilst saying each letter of your word you are spelling.

Find the special friends.

Look for digraphs and tri-graphs (special friends) in word **sail**, **might**, **green**.

Year 1 common exception words

Common exception words for Year 1

This is a word list taken from the National Curriculum of recommended words a Year 1 child should be confident spelling as they complete Year 1.

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