

EYFS Spectacular Spelling Activities

It is important to be practising your spellings each day, so here are some different activities that you could use to help you. You might want to choose a different activity each night, or you could try them and find the one that works best for you.

Letter sound jump

Draw some letter sounds from your child's name on pieces of paper, or with chalk outside, making sure they are spread out on the floor. Encourage your child to jump on the sound you say. Ask them to jump on the sound and say it loudly / quietly.

Letter recognition

Write your child's name on a piece of paper. Identify the letters with your child then go for a walk in your local environment and see if you can find any of those letters, for example, on signs, road names, etc.

Initial sounds

Collect several objects which begin with the same sound and make a card with this letter sound on it. Make a second group of objects beginning with a different sound and a card to go with those. Discuss the sounds of the letters on the two cards with your child and shuffle the objects. Separate the cards on the floor and ask your child to put each object near the sound it starts with.

Letter hunt

Choose one letter sound and find objects around the home that begin with that sound. Challenge your child to try different letter sounds.

Letter shapes

Choose a letter from your child's name. Encourage your child to make the shape of the letter using sticks, leaves or stones outside, or if you're inside, use objects from home such as pasta, toy cars or bricks.

Odd one out

Say a number of words, all but one of which begin with the same sound. See if your child can pick the odd one out. It can be useful to have the actual objects there for your child to see.

To challenge yourselves further...

Mud Writing

First, get a bowl and fill with soil, add water, Using a stick mix the soil and water together. Have a look around the garden and collect some sticks, leaves, feathers. Practice writing some words. See if you can write words with special friends in.

Eg.

/sh/th/ch

ship

thin

chip



Obstacle Course

Make an obstacle course, put some words along the course. When you come to a word see if you can read it, if you can read it you can keep the word. See how long it takes and how many words you can collect. Keep trying and see if you can beat your time/score.



Fine Motor

Write words on a piece of card. Then write letters on wooden pegs. See if you can find the letters and make the word. Challenge yourself to use words with special friends,



Outdoor Scrabble

Write the letters of the alphabet on to A4 sheets of card or paper. Choose 10 letters and see if you can make a word. If you can't then choose another letter from the pile.

Place the word on the floor. Now see if you can make any more words from that word just like scrabble.

