**Useful Tips to Help with Spelling**

**KS1 Classes 1 and 2**

Spelling can be very difficult but there are many ways that can help children to improve.

1. Copy out the word and leave gaps for them to fill in the letters e.g.he\_d.

2. Encourage your child to split words into syllables, clap words e.g. to/mor/row. 3. Looking for words within words this is the compound word strategy and is very useful. Example: be**came,** moon**light,** sun**flower**

4. Have some fun with your child’s spelling try and play Scrabble, hangman, do word searches, anagrams and crosswords as much as possible.

5. Be careful and aware of silent letters such as Knee, Write.

6. At every opportunity use the Look, Cover, write Check Say Method, it really does work.

7. Keep your child reading everything they can; magazines of interest, books, cereal packets for competitions, children’s newspapers and absolutely anything ‘child worthy!’

8. Encourage children to look for phonic sounds they have learnt.

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