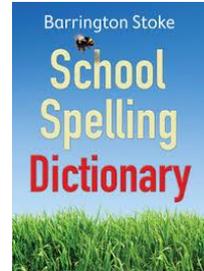


Top Tips for Spelling

- ✓ Teach spellings in a multisensory way (refer to Visual/kinaesthetic spelling sheet for ideas).

- ✓ Consider use of phonetic dictionaries such as the ACE Spelling Dictionary, David Mosely or the School Spelling Dictionary (Barrington Stoke).



- ✓ Encourage the use of mnemonics to help pupils remember spellings. For ideas, good books are Spelling Rules, Riddles and Remedies, Sally Raymond or 200 Tricky Spellings in Cartoons, Lidia Stanton



- ✓ Use ICT games such as Word Shark to reinforce spellings.
- ✓ Neil Mackay suggests this approach so support the visual reinforcement of the spelling:
 - Say the word jaw drop
 - Split the word into syllables
 - Write each individual syllable using different colours
 - Cut it up
 - Close your eyes and visualise the word
 - Spell it again
- ✓ Pre-teach spellings prior to setting them for homework. Try to focus on one word family or spelling rule at a time, with 1 high frequency word as an exception. Ensure that pupils know what the word means – even if they can spell the word, they will not use it unless they know its meaning and in which context to use it.