



18th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Spelling Shed in Key Stage 2

As part of our Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) spelling curriculum, we have introduced all classes in Key Stage 2 to a spelling platform, Spelling Shed.

Spelling Shed is designed for primary children to practise spelling through fun, interactive games. It aligns with the National Curriculum, offering weekly teacher-set assignments and engagement through avatars, "honey pots" (rewards) and varying difficulty levels to boost confidence and accuracy.

We will give the children a weekly opportunity to access Spelling Shed at school and the children can also access the games at home. The children have been shown how to login and will bring home a username label this week. They might need some help navigating to the website. We recommend using the QR Code on the username label as the easiest way to log in. We do not expect children will use the site for long periods of time but encourage the approach of "little and often". As mentioned above, the children will be provided with opportunities to play at school so please do not worry if your child isn't able to access Spelling Shed at home. Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for your child but do support your child if they're stuck.

The online games will complement the lessons teachers will deliver in class to cover the spelling curriculum. Each week, the children will discover a new spelling rule or pattern in class and then, as one way to help them to embed the spelling pattern, they can use the games. Additionally, paper-based activities will supplement this approach. The Spelling Shed lessons and online games, build on the learning children do in Phase 1 and Year 2 as part of Little Wandle.

There are different types of games on Spelling Shed.

Main Spelling Games: These are the primary games where children will practice their weekly spelling lists. When playing, children can choose from four difficulty levels: Easy (shows the word, jumbled letters needed), Medium (audio, jumbled letters needed), Hard (audio, extra decoy letters), and Extreme (audio, full keyboard).

Games include:

- **Spelling Bee:** The original game where a word and its definition are read aloud.

- Penalty Spell-Out: A football-themed game where the children shoot balls into a net by correctly spelling words.
- Squirrel Scurry: A game where players type words to help a squirrel climb a rope and avoid falling into lava.

Vocabulary games, word recognition and Grammar Arcade are other games that the children will have access to. Interactive and Live Games (Hive games) will be used at school from time to time.

Children will receive rewards in the form of "Honey Pots" which are earned for correct answers and can be used to customise their avatar. There are also leaderboards and your child's score will contribute to class, school and world leagues.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

Best wishes,

Miss McCormack and Mrs Canham

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<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>