

KS2 Spelling Shed: What's All the Buzz About?

The children in KS2 have access to Spelling Shed as this is the main way that we teach spelling within these year groups. Spelling Shed is a great tool that is brilliant for practising spellings.

What spellings will my child be given on Spelling Shed?

As you will probably know, spellings are assigned on Spelling Shed each week; these will appear on the home screen when children log in.

With assigned spellings, children should aim to 'level up' and achieve 'Royal Bee' status. It is worth noting that Spelling Shed takes the number of correct answers times the difficulty level for the past five games to calculate a score (maximum 2000pts), so status can sometimes go down as well as up!

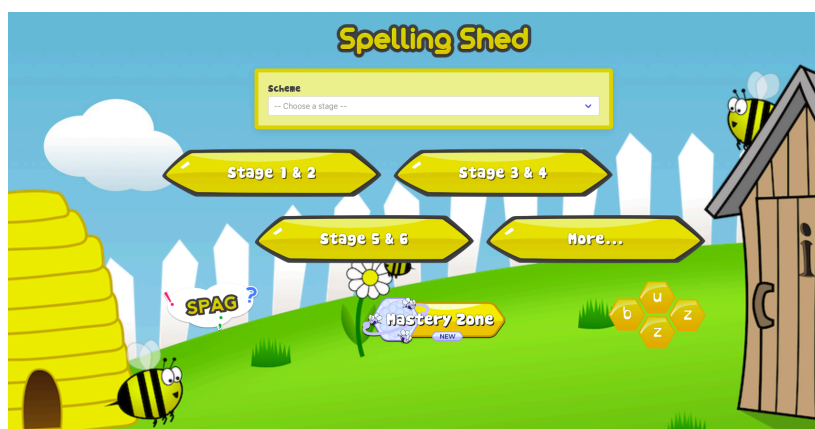
The assignment ranks are shown to the above, with children beginning as an 'egg' and potentially reaching 'Royal Bee'.

Rank	Name	Spelling Shed	
	Egg	0	
	Larva	200pts	
	Drone	500pts	
	Worker Bee	1,000pts	
	Soldier Bee	1,500pts	
	Royal Bee	1,960pts	

The New Mastery Zone

When children log in to their Spelling Shed, you may have noticed that there is a new 'Mastery Zone' button on their homepage. So, what is it?

The 'Mastery Zone' is an AI-driven tool that ensures each pupil's learning is focused on the words and spelling patterns they need to master in order to progress. It is a great tool as learning is completely personalised!



How Does Mastery Zone Work?

When pupils first access the 'Mastery Zone' they will have a mini-diagnostic to determine their strengths and areas for improvement.

Once a baseline has been established, 10 Focus Words will be selected that will come up frequently during game play. These 10 words will be combined with other spelling words from a combination of Stages. Once a word has been spelled correctly, it is played on more difficult levels until the student has mastered it. Once mastered, this word will appear in their Mastered Words list.



As always, there are points and prizes awarded on the platform for playing regularly. We would recommend 5-10 minutes a day maximum as this would be of benefit (and not involve too much screen time!).