



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school we have access to the website 'Spelling Shed'. Spelling Shed gives children the chance to practise spellings from different levels of the National Curriculum. Your child has been allocated a Spelling Shed account (the login and password should have been made available to you). If your child was using their Spelling Shed account last year, the log in should have remained the same.

Spelling Shed can be accessed for free online at <https://play.edshed.co/> or via the Spelling Shed app (which needs to be purchased). The website is easy to use on tablets, laptops and phones so an app purchase is not necessary.

Opening the app/ webpage:



After first signing in to Spelling Shed, there are several options on screen: 'Stage 1 & 2; Stage 3 & 4; Stage 5 & 6 and; More Lists'. These stages link to the year groups the children are in so they can work at a level most suited to them. The 'More Lists' option will allow children to access spelling lists from the spelling scheme taught in school as well as the Challenge List words mentioned below.

Three types of game:

Once a stage has been selected, there are three types of game:

- Practice – This is the main game type where you can learn and revise spellings at the necessary level or spellings that have been assigned to by a teacher. These can be set to varying levels of difficulty from EASY to EXTREME.
- Bee Keeper – A game similar to hangman
- Buzz Words – A game where users make words using random letter tiles (similar to Boggle)



Creating your own spelling lists:

The 'More Lists' option can be selected which allows children, parents and teachers to create spelling lists within the pupil account.

Scores and Leagues:

Within the game menu, the LEAGUES can be accessed. Within this, children can view league scores within their school, school groups and the Spelling Shed world. Every practice game they play will score for correct answers, speed bonus, difficulty multiplier and streak bonuses.



Avatars and Honeypots:

All users have an avatar which can be personalised. Additional upgrades can be purchased using honeypots which are earned by spelling words correctly in all game types.

Assignments:

Assignments may be set within Spelling Shed. If this is the case within your child's class, further information will follow.

Challenge Words/ Word Lists to learn:

Over the course of the year, we ask that children learn the Challenge Words outlined within this [document](#). Should you need to access the Challenge Activities linked to these lists, the password you will need to access the pdf is **spellingef**.

We hope that Spelling Shed will continue to be a useful tool to use at home to aid the practising of spellings. If you do have any feedback about the website, please let us know.