

### Supporting development in spelling

- Write the spellings out with the key sound/ spelling pattern in a different colour.
- Look, cover, write, check
- Creating mnemonics for trickier words- eg Big, Elephants, Can, Always, Understand, Small, Elephants
- Use flash cards and look regularly at the words
- Use scrabble tiles to make the words then add up the amount that each word is worth
- Write the word with the letters scrambled- can they unscramble it?
- Play hangman with spelling words
- Word ladders- start with a word, change or add one letter each time- how far can they get?  
eg mop, hop, hope, cope, cape, caper
- Boggle- with a grid of letters- how many words can they find?
- Words within words- with a long word- how many smaller words can they spot within it?

### Some games you might like to play/ buy

- Boggle
- Scrabble
- Bananagrams
- Hangman

### Some useful weblinks

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com) has good games to support both English and Maths

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/> has a range of phonics games for younger children

<http://roythezebra.com/> has spelling and punctuation games as well as some reading resources

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) a subscription site but this has lots of good phonics games

[www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education) if you search you can find punctuation and spelling games for both KS1 and 2 children

### Supporting accurate punctuation

- Encourage your child to spot full stops in their reading books.

- Encourage them to speak in full sentences as much as possible.
- Encourage children to read their own writing aloud. Can they correct their own punctuation?
- Sentence tennis- take it in turns to say a word. The first person to end the sentence accurately and put in a full stop wins a point.
- Sentence stacking- start with a noun, add a verb, add an adjective, add an adverb, add a preposition and another noun etc e.g. **the dog, the dog ran, the brown dog ran, the brown dog ran speedily, the brown dog ran speedily towards the cat.**