### Spelling Tip 1

Get someone to read out the spelling and write it down as if it were the real test- work out which spellings you need to spend time on

### Spelling Tip 2

Use your spellings as part of your handwriting practicewrite each one out a few times

### Spelling Tip 3

Get someone to read out the spelling and spell it back to them a letter at a time

# Spelling Tip 4

Put the words in Spelling City and play the related games

### Spelling Tip 5

Put the words into a free wordsearch generator- get used to having to find the next letter and therefore learning the spelling

### Spelling Tip 6

Place your spellings in a sentence so that you are clear on the meaning, especially if you are looking at word groups like homophones

# Spelling Tip 7

Enlarge the spellings onto cards and use like flashcards- this means you are not overwhelmed by the number of spellings you need to learn

# Spelling Tip 8

If you print the spellings on cards or enlarge them onto an A4/A3 piece of paper, stick them on a wall up and to the left- research has shown that looking up and to the left helps us to access the parts of our brain that can visualise

### **Spelling Tip 9**

Use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method: look at the word and say it as you look at it; visualise the word in your head, cover the word up and try spelling without help; finally uncover the original word and check if you got it right

# **Spelling Tip 10**

Break words up into letter or sound blends such as, Wednesday becomes Wednes-day

# Spelling Tip 11

Find words that rhyme with it to get used the sounds in the word

# Spelling Tip 12

Create a mnemonic to learn harder words: because (big elephants cause accidents under small elephants' spells)

# **Spelling Tip 13**

Write out your spellings using different pens, pencils or materials- writing in the sand has also been proved to work well for younger pupils

# **Spelling Tip 14**

Close your eyes when you try to spell the word out loudthis can help you to visualise or 'see' the word in your head

# **Spelling Tip 15**

Some children may learn words better when they are presented differently, such as vertically, in a ring or in a shape of their choosing

### **Spelling Tip 16**

Look up the words in a dictionary or thesaurus-forcing you to spell each word out a letter at a time. Find the meanings and/or alternative words

### Spelling Tip 17

A little and often is the keydo not spend too long on each spelling. Revisit them in short bursts of 5-10 minutes in the morning, after school, on car journeys.

### Spelling Tip 18

Look at the rule given for the group of words that you are being tested on- does this give you a clue about patterns in spelling?