



Multi-Sensory Spelling Activities

Children work in their learning buddies for most of these activities. They take it in turns to test each other on their spelling words. Learning buddies are changed every Friday, ready for the following week.

Activity	Resources
Finger painting	Paint Paint trays Scrap paper
Chalk writing Outside on playground	Chalk Playground
Shaving foam	Shaving foam Cloths
Snail Trail Write spelling word in sand trays.	Trays with sand in
Crossword (independent task) Children are given clues and the answers are their spelling words. Children write spelling words in the correct place on the crossword.	SV create a crossword using website.
Wordsearch (independent task)	SV create wordsearch using website.
Play dough moulding Children roll out thin sausages of play dough. Shape to create letters to spell words.	Play dough
Play dough stamping Children push magnetic letters into playdough to spell words.	Play dough Rolling Pins (optional) Magnetic letters – 6 sets of the alphabet
Run and spell! Letter mats laid out on floor. Call out spelling word. Children spell the word by running to the letters in turn.	Letter mats
Run and spell – version 2 Children run in the shape of the letters to spell a word.	
Tracing (independent task)	Tracing paper Funky writing with spellings on for children to trace. Allow chn to write spellings at all angles over the page. Can they make a picture using the spelling words?
Ransom Note Cut out letters from magazine/newspaper to spell words	Newspapers/Magazines
Spell that word! Use magnetic letters or scrabble pieces to spell out the word. Mix up the letters. Can your buddy re-make the word?	Magnetic Letters Scrabble letters
Water Wash Use paintbrush and water to write spelling words outside on concrete.	Paint brush Water
Rainbow Splash Use 2 different coloured pencils to write words – one for consonant and one for vowels.	Coloured pencils
Word Beads Using letter beads, thread onto string to spell words.	Letter beads String
Paint Bags Using a cotton bud or finger nail, children write words in the paint.	Paint Bags Zip lock bag with paint inside. The bag is then taped up to prevent spillage.

<p>Alphabet Spaghetti</p> <p>Children arrange spaghetti letters to spell the word.</p>	<p>Alphabet spaghetti</p> <p>Trays</p> <p>Cloths</p>
<p>Back writing</p> <p>Children take it in turns to test each other. Children use their finger to write on their buddies back. Buddy 'feel' if it is correct?</p>	
<p>Letter detectives</p> <p>One child write the spelling word on a whiteboard. Buddy then rubs out a few letters when they are not looking. What letters are missing?</p>	<p>Whiteboards</p> <p>Whiteboard pens</p>
<p>Body pen</p> <p>Write the spelling word in the air using different body parts e.g. elbow, knee, tongue</p>	
<p>Triple layer</p> <p>Write the spelling word with your finger, then a pencil, then go over it with a pen.</p>	<p>Scrap paper</p> <p>Pencil</p> <p>Pen</p>
<p>Popcorn Spell</p> <p>Tear up a piece of paper. Write one letter from your spelling word on each piece. Gently throw the paper in the air. Your buddy collects pieces and re-makes the word.</p>	<p>Scrap paper</p>
<p>Control Spell</p> <p>Write using your non-dominant hand.</p>	<p>Scrap paper</p>
<p>Letter mix up</p> <p>Write the letters from one of the spelling words on a whiteboard. Buddy has to look at them and work out what word can be made. They re-write the correct word.</p>	<p>Whiteboards</p>
<p>Speed Spell</p> <p>How many times can you write the word before your buddy count to 20?</p>	<p>Scrap paper</p>
<p>Cornflour and Water</p>	<p>Tray</p> <p>Cornflour</p> <p>Water</p>
<p>Rainbow Writing</p> <p>Use different colour pencils to write word over and over again.</p>	<p>Scrap paper</p>
<p>Bath Crayons</p> <p>Practise writing spelling words on the tables! These should just wipe off the tables easily afterwards – check beforehand!</p>	<p>Bath Crayons</p>
<p>Printing</p> <p>Use letter stamps with ink pads to spell out words.</p>	<p>Coloured ink pads</p> <p>Letter Stamps</p>
<p>Letter Painting</p> <p>Use foam letters (selection of upper case and lower case) and dip letters in paint on paint tray. Stamp letter onto paper.</p>	<p>Paints</p> <p>Paint trays</p> <p>Foam letters – upper and lower case</p>