

# Top Ten Tips

## for helping your child with...

# SPELLING



- Praise all attempts at a word
- Encourage children to try words, mark making and spelling lines are helpful steps towards learning to write words.
- Encourage your child to collect words that interest them; from dictionaries, from the environment, from the computer (eg: names of countries)
- Discuss the meanings of words, help them to find out using their dictionaries.
- Encourage children to practise Look-Say-Cover-Write-Check.
- Encourage children to read the syllables in words, this helps them to see how words are made
- Praise your child's achievements in spelling tests and writing words in their own writing, encourage them to 'improve their previous best'
- **and for experienced spellers:-**
- Encourage your child to read through their work and underline any words they are unsure of
- Encourage them to do crosswords, newspaper articles, word games they all keep them on their toes!
- Encourage your child to use new words in their writing