

## Spelling Shed

Dear Parents,

Now that spelling shed is up and running across the school, I would like to give you some information to help understand the App and how it can be used.

We are using Spelling Shed to support our teaching of spelling through the school. Each week, children have a spelling lesson where a new rule or spelling pattern is introduced, learnt and investigated. Homework is then set so that children can then practice to support their fluency with spellings. Understanding meaning and using the spellings in a context is taught in English and spelling lessons at school. Homework is set to practice fluency of spelling and is often differentiated to meet the needs of all children.

Some children are given time in school to practice additional lists that need revisiting to consolidate their learning. These lists will be assigned to your child for a number of weeks so that support can also be provided at home with their learning.

USING SPELLING SHED

<http://play.edshed.com/spelling>

Login using your username and password

Opening screen:

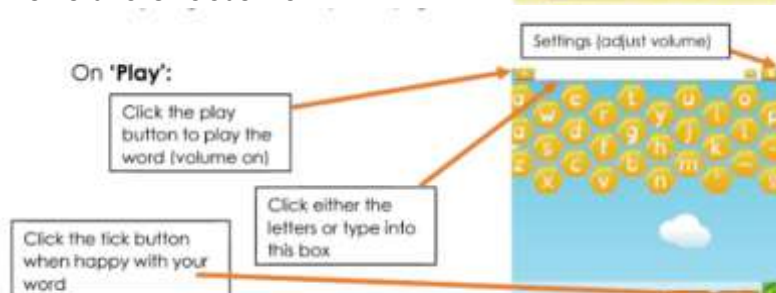
Or there maybe assignments set for HW or to practice:



When a list is clicked, these options come up:

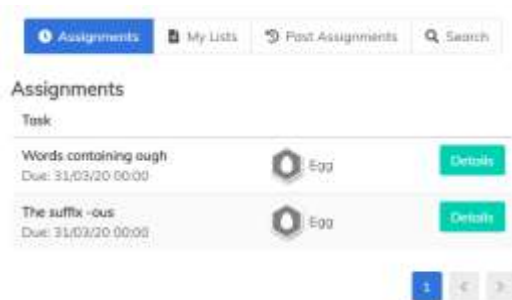
**Play** – is simply playing

- Easy – shows the word and says it
- Medium – just says the word
- Hard just says the word and has more letters to select than are needed
- Extreme says the word and has lots of letters to choose from



**Create Hive** – is a ‘real time’ battle between children who are logged in together in the same room. The teacher can also set a ‘hive’ game in the class and the children need a code to join.

**Bee Keeper** – Guess the word by identifying the letters



**More lists:** If you click on ‘more lists’ on the opening page you will be able to see the assignments set.

You will also be able to see ‘My Lists’ which may contain lists that have been set individually for a pupil, group or class.

On the ‘**My Lists**’ a personalized spelling lists can be created. This maybe words from the 3/4 or 5/6 statutory spelling lists that they are tricky or maybe other words that are being misspelt.

If the + button is clicked, the list can be created and given a name to remember it by. Then type the green button next to the new list and type in each word.

Please encourage children to use Spelling Shed for homework and to practice additional spellings when required.