Ideas to support your child in learning spellings

* Look, cover, write, check.
* Write the words on post-its and place them in visible places around the house.
* Look up the meanings of new words in a dictionary.
* Write a sentence containing the word.
* Split the word into phonemes e.g. c-ir-c-le
* Look for words within the word e.g ear in appear.
* Make cards with the word and its meaning on, turn them over and try to match them up.
* Practise writing the words using joined handwriting.
* Type the words on a computer/tablet.
* Have a word of the day to spell at breakfast, before dinner at bathtime etc..
* Make a wordsearch for the words you are learning.
* Count the syllables in the word.
* Play partner spell – take it in turns to spell the letters in the word e.g. Dad a, Sam c, Dad t, Sam u, Dad a, Sam l etc..
* Write the word in tiny, small, medium and huge letters.
* Draw flowers with one petal for each letter of the word.
* Write several attempts at a word, ask your child to pick out the correct spelling.
* Write letters of the alphabet on cards, arrange the letters to spell out the word.