

SPELLING EPATT

Information for Parents

Teachers in your child's school have recommended that your child would benefit from the support of the EPATT and this leaflet provides some information about it.

Spelling is a really important skill but there are many children who struggle to learn to spell. This can be for lots of different reasons but whatever the reason is, this approach has been designed to accelerate spelling progress by teaching the most important skills needed for spelling, to greater effect. It is being used in many schools across the counties and is producing powerful results.

What is the EPATT?



The EPATT is an online assessment and monitoring tool which includes a daily 5 minute intervention which concentrates on improving spelling skills and independent writing. It can be delivered individually or in a group.

The approach has been developed by two Senior Educational Psychologists in Staffordshire and Warwickshire and is in line with what would be recommended if your child had an individual assessment by an educational psychologist.

What will the school do?

Your child's spelling skills will be assessed using an electronic assessment called the EPATT (Educational Psychology Assessment through Teaching Tool). This will identify the specific skills that require intervention and inform a teaching programme that caters for your child's individual needs.

The EPATT intervention will take place daily and will include direct teaching of the individual spelling skills.

The EPATT will be used to monitor your child's progress both weekly and termly to enable school staff to refine the teaching accordingly.



What information will I receive?

You will be provided with a detailed report of your child's weekly and termly progress at times agreed by your school.



How can I support at home?

Your child will have a Daily Independent Spelling Checklist (DISC) from the spelling EPATT which you can use to practice skills with them at home, if your child would like to do this. However, this is not a requirement and we would recommend reading with your child as described in the Reading EPATT leaflet.

Who can I contact for more details?

For Staffordshire families contact: epliteracy@staffordshire.gov.uk

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