



At Beech Hill, we use our spelling strategies:



1. **TRY 3 TIMES** – try 3 different ways to spell your word and decide which looks best.
2. **KNOW YOUR ROOT WORDS** – they will help you when adding **prefixes** and **suffixes**.
3. **SOUND IT OUT** – break the word down into **syllables** and say it aloud or in your head. It may sound silly but it works. *eg. Wed-nes-day or Feb-ru-ary.*
4. **DOT DON'T DODGE** – if you are unsure of a spelling but on a roll with your writing, put a dot under the word you want to come back to and check at the end.
5. **USE WHAT YOU KNOW** – think of words that sound like the word you want to spell. Think about **homophones** for that sound and have a go.
6. **RHYME OR RIDDLE** – think of a poem, riddle or mnemonic to remember tricky words. *eg. There's a Strawberry Sundae in dessert but just sand in the desert.*