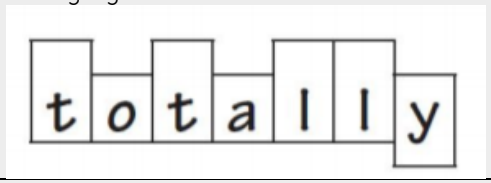
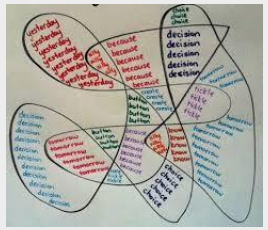
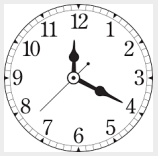
Ellison Primary Academy

Spelling Strategies

Investigate	**Investigate the Rule** How many words can you find that the fit the spelling rule or pattern? Can you find any words so that do not fit the pattern? How would you explain the spelling rule in your own words?	**Explore Books** Look in your reading book/library book for other words which follow your spelling pattern. How many can you find? 	**Investigate Your word** How many vowels has it got? How many consonants? How many syllables has it got? Is it similar to any other words that you know? Why?	**Explore History** Know where a word comes from. E.g knif was the viking word for knife – they pronounced the 'k'!
Practise	**Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** **Look** at the spelling **Say** the spelling **Cover** the spelling up **Write** it down **Check** to see if it's correct. 	**Box It** Write your spelling and draw boxes around it to highlight the ascenders and descenders. 	**Rainbow Writing** Write your word using a range of colours. You could try to use different patterns or shades. accommodate	**Spelling Scribble** Draw a scribble with large, open spaces. Fill the spaces with your spellings. 
	Speed Write Set a timer for one minute.  How many times can you write the spelling correctly? Can you beat your score?	**Draw It** Write down your word and add pictures to key letters to make them memorable. 	**Pyramid** p py pyr pyra pyram pyrami pyramid Write your word in a pyramid. Concentrate on each letter as you write.	**Highlight** Look at your words and highlight the rule. You could also highlight parts of the word you find difficult to remember. (e.g. silent letters: knight, knee, lamb)
Apply	**Exciting Sentence** Use your word (or words) in exciting sentences. Challenge yourself to try using your word in different sentence structures from the Ellison Sentence Menu.	**Dictation** If you are lucky enough to have someone helping you, ask them to use the word in a given sentence. Write down the sentence and underline the word from your spelling list.	**Write It** Write a short story, descriptive paragraph or recount. Challenge yourself to include as many words as possible which follow your rule. 	**Test It** If you are lucky enough to have someone helping you, ask them to read your words to test your spelling. They could challenge you by adding extra words which follow your spelling rule.