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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to share some important information about how we are supporting spelling across the school and how you can help your child at home.

The Importance of Spelling

Spelling is an essential part of learning to read and write confidently. A strong grasp of spelling helps children to communicate more clearly, improves their writing fluency, and strengthens their overall language skills. Developing accurate spelling habits also builds children's confidence as they progress through school.

Weekly Spelling Focus

As part of our whole-school approach, we have 10 target spellings each week which all children will be learning and practising. These spellings will be taught and reviewed regularly in class. Each Friday, pupils will take a short spelling test to check their understanding of that week's words.

Recording Spelling Scores

To help track progress and celebrate success:

- In EYFS and Key Stage 1, your child's spelling test score will be recorded by their teacher in their reading record.
- In Key Stage 2, children will take more responsibility for their own learning by recording their weekly spelling score themselves in their reading record.

We encourage you to check your child's score each week so you can celebrate their hard work and success with them.

Supporting your child at home:

Here are some simple and effective ways to support your child's spelling practice:

1. Look, say, cover, write, check – ask your child to look at the word, say it aloud, cover it, write it, and then check if it's correct.
2. Use the words in sentences – encourage your child to write or say sentences using their spelling words to help them understand meaning and context.
3. Play word games – try fun activities like spelling bingo, hangman, or word searches.
4. Repetition and revisit – short, regular practice sessions (5–10 minutes a day) are more effective than longer sessions once a week.
5. Visual aids – display tricky words on the fridge, in the car, or on bedroom walls to help reinforce learning.
6. Talk About Patterns – help your child notice spelling patterns, prefixes, and suffixes.
7. Use Online Resources – websites and apps listed on the class pages under the 'useful links' sections can make practising spelling fun and interactive.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to develop strong spelling skills. Working together, we can help every child become a confident and capable speller.

Kind regards

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