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Dear Parent / Carer,

Spelling Programme 2017-18

This term we are introducing a new system for spellings that are sent home for children from Year 1 to Year 6. (In Year R, spelling develops closely alongside the teaching of reading and phonics and our youngest pupils will also have key words to focus on later on in the school year.)

At the beginning of each term, the children will be given a list of spellings to practise. There will usually be eight words to focus on each week which will cover the spelling patterns and rules that the children need to learn to ensure consistency and progression across the school.

Every class will have at least three short focused spelling lessons each week with a variety of interactive activities to help them learn these words and others. These will include informal spelling tests and mini 'dictation' style assessments where children listen to a whole sentence and write it down, allowing them to really apply their knowledge. There will also be a focus on ensuring that the children spell these words correctly in their writing.

We would be grateful if you could support your child by helping them to learn to spell the words and, if necessary, to ensure that they understand their meanings.

Classes will start to send their termly lists home tomorrow and the website will be updated shortly to show the lists for each class.

If your child is struggling with aspects of spelling, or if they are finding the words relatively easy and you would like support with further challenges, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance for advice and support.

Sally Christmas

English Subject Leader