

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are continually looking for ways to improve the curriculum we offer our children and have recently invested in renewing our spelling system. Year 5 trialled 'Spelling Shed' in Autumn 1, and after positive feedback and an improvement in spelling and its application, it is now being rolled out across Year 2 – 6.

Spelling Shed focuses on learning the patterns of letters and how they are used to make certain spoken sounds, how words are structured into subcomponents to give meaning and the origins of words which can lead to certain patterns of spelling. With this in-depth understanding of spelling, children improve their spelling knowledge and apply spellings correctly within contexts.

You will notice that your child has been put in a spelling group, either Blue (the former Yellow and Blue spelling groups) or Green (the former Green spelling group.) Please note that these groups are not permanent, and after discussion with you at home, these groups could be subject to change, if necessary. Similarly, the spellings sent out to your child may be changed to alternative ones, depending on their particular needs. In the event of having to do this, I will be in touch to discuss said alternatives. For now, we will let every child in the class spend a few weeks working with the new spellings.

After explicitly being taught the spelling rule in school, your child will receive words linked to the week's rule (number dependent upon group) and five statutory words to learn at home as part of your child's spelling homework. During the spelling test, the children will be tested on two 'unseen words' which follow the week's rule.

See below spelling homework template:

Rule:		Statutory:
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Green: Just learn the green words and write them into 5 sentences.		Both Green and Blue are to learn the 5 statutory words.
Blue: Learn the green and blue words and write them into 5 sentences.		
Children will also be given two 'unseen words' during the test on Friday to assess their understanding of the week's spelling rule.		
Green: Tested on 12 words in total.		
Blue: Tested on 15 words in total.		

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Mr Faith