Dear Parents

From this week, your child will be receiving weekly spellings to learn at home. These will be tested in class once a week.

The list of spellings the children receive will reflect the Phonics Bug program they use in class. Dependent on your child’s phonetic development, they will receive between 5 and 10 spellings per week linked to a specific phoneme. These will be stuck in your child’s spelling homework book. Please ensure that the book stays in their folder at all times so that it is available for school use as children will be tested at the back of the book. On test days please remind your child to put it in the collection box for test books.

Your child will be tested, and will receive their new spellings for the week on a Monday if they are in Class CE and on a Friday if they are in Class RH.

Before spelling, please ensure your child can read their words to you and understand the meaning of the words given. Please encourage your child to practise these at least three times a week (we tend to find little and often is best). We would suggest using the ‘Look, Cover, Write, Check’ method where children look at the word, cover it, write it then uncover the word and check to see whether it is correct. **There is plenty of room for your child to do this in their spelling homework book.** If your child has mastered the pattern quickly, do challenge them by asking them to write sentences including their spellings, suggest other words with the same patterns, or add suffixes such as –ing, -ed or –er to the end of suitable words to make new words.

If you require any support with practising spellings at home, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

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