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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to update you about some of the changes we have made to our spelling scheme of work in Key Stage 2.

We have decided to move to a phoneme-based approach to our spelling lists and lessons. This will help the children to build upon their phonics learning in Key Stage 1 and apply it to a wider range of spellings. Following a successful trial in Years 5 and 6, we are adopting this approach across the key stage from the beginning of next term.

Each week, your child will learn or revise a particular sound (phoneme) and some of the different letter patterns (graphemes) that make that sound. They will look at a list of 10 words appropriate to their year group.

They will practise these words each morning **at school** to ensure they have the opportunity to recap them multiple times in one week.

For homework, they will also receive a list of their spelling words to stick in their planner. The expectation is that they write **five sentences at home** using at least 5 of their spelling words. We would ask that parents monitor these sentences and check for errors with spelling, punctuation and coherence. Please contact your child's teacher if you require any clarification or additional information regarding homework.

Kind regards,

The English Team