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Dear Parents / Carers

Spellings

As you are probably wondering, we have now stopped sending spellings home for the children to be tested on. We want to ensure that we concentrate on things that have the most impact on the children's learning. The learning of spellings weekly doesn't help with the long term retention of the spellings or their patterns and spellings they learn accurately for a test often aren't reflected in the children's writing.

The teaching staff will be ensuring that children regularly learn spellings in class and have high expectations of the application of these in their written work. These spellings will be clearly linked to the phonics they are learning as well as the common exception (tricky) words that are in the National Curriculum.

Your child's teacher will be able to discuss this further with you in Parent Consultations in the coming weeks where they will also provide you with a list of words that the children need to know by the end of their year. It would be great for your child if you could continue to play games with these words or practise writing them correctly, and in sentences, when at home to help support the work they are doing at school.

We will continue to review the impact this has on spellings across the school. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me, or speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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