



6th November 2020

Dear KS1 Parents and Carers,

You will notice that the spellings your child brings home today are slightly different and I wanted to write to you to explain the changes. As a school, we are evaluating the way in which we teach and test spelling and have decided that, in Year 1 and 2, the spellings sent home will have more impact and longevity if they coincide with our phonics teaching.

For this reason, children have been given words from their phonics teacher that contain the phoneme (sound) or spelling rule that they have focused on that week and they will be tested during their phonics lesson on a Friday. Just to clarify, this may mean that your child's spellings differ to another child within their class as spellings are set by their phonics teacher and we stream children for phonics lessons. Children will also have 2 common misconception words that are pitched at the expectation of their year group, taken from the National Curriculum.

We will evaluate the changes we have made and the impact of these at the end of term, but welcome any feedback that you have.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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