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Spelling Shed

Dear Parents,

We have recently begun using 'Spelling Shed' to support our teaching of spelling in school. One of the advantages to this scheme is that there is an online platform for your child to access their spellings each week. This allows them to practice the words they are learning through a variety of online games in a similar way to how they use TT Rock Stars for their times tables. Your child can access the website below using the login that they have been given by their class teacher. Please note though that this login does not give access to the app.

www.spellingshed.com

Your child can choose the level of support the game offers them to help when learning their spellings. It can also help challenge your child when they are feeling more confident. Each time your child plays, they will earn points which they can use to personalise their avatar! However, the overall 'Shed Score' is a rolling total of the previous seven days so this score will go down as well as up. As we move forward with 'Spelling Shed', we will introduce competitions between classes and year groups. We aim to make spelling fun and enjoyable for the children as well as helping every child improve and become more confident with their spelling ability.

Spellings will still be sent out in their spelling books each week and children will continue to complete their weekly test in the back of these books. This is what we do currently. This 'online platform' is an additional resource rather than a replacement.

Please do encourage your child to access the games and please then pass on any feedback to myself or your child's class teacher. As always, we appreciate both your support and patience when introducing something new and are sure that this will be a positive addition to our approach to spelling.

Kind regards,

Miss R Wilson English Subject Lead Assistant Head teacher

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