



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all your support with helping the children to practise and learn their weekly spelling and with their reading practice. They have been earning lots of class dojo points for their efforts!

As part of their Read Write Inc. phonics session, they do a daily spelling activity and a review of previous spelling linked to the sounds they know. The children also need to learn some words which they can't use their phonics to help them to spell. We call these 'red words'; they are words like 'was', 'the', 'your' which we use all the time but have unusual phonic patterns.

Starting after October half term, we will change the spelling slightly to the following:

- **Your child has a list of the year 1/2 words on page 13 of their Home Learning Journal.** They need to know how to spell and read these words by the end of year 2.
- Each week, they will get a number of these to learn to spell - this will be on a sticker as it is now. They will be tested on one or two of these each day in Read Write Inc. so over the week they will have been tested on them all as part of their daily phonics lesson.
- **They will get new spellings set on a Thursday.**

On a Friday, the children don't go to their phonics group. They stay together to focus on writing linked to a class text.

Please remember to sign up for the loan of a Home Learning Bag as there are useful resources to practise phonics as well as maths.

The maths homework will link to either the resources in the home learning bag or MyMaths.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or to myself.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you all at parent consultations the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November. A link to sign up for an appointment will follow.

Best wishes,

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