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Dear parents and carers

Since the introduction of the new National Curriculum, greater challenges have been placed on all children in terms of the spellings that they are required to know. We are always looking at the best ways to support our pupils' learning, both in school and at home and are therefore introducing the No Nonsense Spelling programme which will be delivered from Year 2 (after full coverage of phonics up to phase 5) to Year 6.

The programme is devised to ensure the children receive a comprehensive and progressive approach to spelling. Its emphasis is on how to teach the strategies, knowledge and skills pupils need to learn. Within the teaching of spelling, it embraces knowledge of spelling conventions, patterns and rules. It also promotes the learning of spellings, including statutory words, common exceptions and personal spellings.

The children will still receive their weekly spellings to learn however, they may vary in number from 5 to 10. This is dependent on the spelling focus. For tricky words and the statutory words the children will receive up to 5 spellings to learn. For words that can be spelt phonetically but are consolidating the learning of a particular grapheme (e.g. ear or ure) the children may receive up to 10 words.

All children will have a spelling journal, which will be accessible at all times in all lessons and therefore will stay in school. This is where the children will carry out their weekly spelling tests. So you can help or encourage your children learn their spellings, attached is a list of different strategies which are promoted within the No Nonsense spelling programme.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

Wendy Daley
English Leader

Following in God's footsteps, together we grow and flourish



to be the best we can be.

