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Dear Parents/Carers,

Changes to Year 2 Spelling

I am writing to inform you of some changes that we are making to the children's spelling homework.

The children will no longer receive the spelling sheets where they learn 15 weekly spellings (which all follow a specific rule). We feel that they have been using a lot of time and energy to learn to spell words that they do not really come across very often or use (eg. axle, fondle).

However, we recognise the importance of learning different spelling rules, so we will be incorporating this into three weekly spelling sessions taught by your child's teacher.

In light of this, we feel that homework time would be better spent learning to spell the Common Exception Words and High Frequency words. These are lists of words (taken from the National Curriculum) which the children use more frequently but some of which cannot be spelt phonetically.

There are different word lists for Year 1 and Year 2. Some children will receive Year 2 words and some children will receive Year 1 words. Please don't be alarmed if your child receives Year 1 words- it just means that their teacher has identified that some of these are being regularly misspelt and they feel your child would benefit from a bit more practice.

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Monday and spelling checks will take place the following Monday for that week's words. Please continue to support your child with learning to spell their words each week.

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

Kind Regards,

Jen Dyson
KS1 Phase Leader & Year 2 Teacher



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