

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing work to support children's reading and writing, we are writing to inform you of the next steps in our approach to spelling in Year 2.

Some children will continue to work within Phase 5 phonics. The rest of the year group are now following the Little Wandle Spelling Programme and are ready to begin taking part in the weekly spelling checks that form part of this scheme.

Each week, children on the Little Wandle Spelling Programme will have:

- 4 spelling words linked to the spelling pattern/rule taught in class
- 1 'prickly word', which is a word that does not fully follow the rule and may need a little extra practice

All weekly spellings and support materials will be uploaded to **Showbie**, in the **Phonics** folder, under the title '**Home Spellings & Support**' so you can easily find them at home.

Every **Monday**, we will complete a short spelling quiz in school. This is not a formal test and will be presented to children in a positive, supportive way. We recommend practising these words a minimum of times during the week but we encourage a 'little and often' approach. During the quiz, children will be asked to spell:

- the 4 words and the 'prickly word' they have practised at home
- *plus* 4 additional words that follow the same spelling rule

This helps us to check that children are able to apply their spelling knowledge, not just remember individual words, and ensures we continue to pitch spelling learning at the right level.

For some children, learning spellings in this way is not appropriate just yet. These children will continue to receive targeted support and, instead of weekly spellings, they will have a one-page practice mat to help reinforce key skills at home.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,  
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