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Community Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

New spelling scheme in school

We are launching a new spelling scheme in school before the Easter break that we hope will improve spelling across the school.

This scheme is very different from how spellings have worked in the past. The change will be evident at home as well as at school.

Children will be taught a spelling rule over a two week unit that consists of six lessons. At the start of this unit they will be given example words that show the rule in practise- they will no longer get a list of words they need to learn by heart. Instead of writing their list out at home we now ask that they complete activities in a spelling journal that relate to the rule and their example words. These activities are not compulsory and we are not setting a minimum that a child has to complete a week but it is strongly suggested that your child completes some every week. Spelling journal books are red and you should be seeing them appear in your child's book bag over the next week. It is highly important that these books are **brought to school every day** as the work done in lessons will also be done within them.

At the end of every unit children will have an assessment and review lesson. In this lesson children's knowledge of the spelling rule will be assessed. This will be done by a dictation that will contain some of the words from their examples but will also contain other words that they will need to apply the rule to.

Good spelling is a vital skill that everyone must learn and we would therefore appreciate it if spellings became a focus at home.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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