



## Parent Information – supporting your child with spelling at home

Regular spelling practise helps children build their vocabulary and feel more confident with their writing, allowing them to write more freely and imaginatively. With your help and encouragement, your child can understand the importance of practising and learning their spellings.

You can help your child by practising the weekly spellings assigned by their class teacher and accessing the Spelling Shed programme. Children from Y1-6 are given weekly spellings. In addition to weekly set spellings, every child from Y1-6 has a personal log on to access Spelling Shed activities. The programme is a fun and engaging way to revise previously learned spelling patterns, boosting confidence in everyday writing. Ideally, pupils should spend a short time each day learning and revising their given spellings for the week and accessing the games and activities available on Spelling Shed. Every child from Y1-6 has an individual log in for Spelling Shed. The log in details will be sent home with your child.

Class teachers will set a list of words for the children to learn which will be the spellings they are focusing on that week in class. These will appear on the child's home screen, if set. If these specific words are not set, a child is still able to practise and play relevant spelling words for their year group. The stages reference the year group e.g. stage 3 = Year 3.

Designed by educators, Spelling Shed encourages the development of critical spelling awareness. Spelling Shed allows pupils to practise their weekly spellings, as well as previously taught spelling patterns and statutory words for their age group, using a variety of engaging and challenging activities. They can earn points and certificates for continued interaction and correct responses in the games. Children can even create their own avatar!

It would be wonderful if you could support your child with this at home. You can access the website at <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb> and the you can find the Parent Guide on our website

