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Dear Year 5 and Year 2 Parents, Carers and Families

“The magic of spelling is taking speech that is invisible and turning it visible and transportable. Together, let’s cast a spell for the next generation to be intrigued and enthusiastic about words”.

As you may have noticed, your children have not been sent home with a spelling log this year! Do not be alarmed – Year 5 and Year 2 are still learning spellings!

Your Year 5 and Year 2 teachers are working on transforming the way we teach spelling and have begun trialling a new spelling scheme, guided by ‘The Spelling Book’ by educator Jane Considine.

This system works on a two-week rotation:

Week ‘A’ uses an investigative approach in order to understand the principles underpinning word construction and test big questions around how spellings can be grouped. The purpose of these sessions is to facilitate pupils as word gatherers, word sorters, word pattern finders, word interrogators and word concluders! It is on this week that you will receive a set of 15 spellings that you can explore and practise with your children at home. These spellings will be explored across the two-week cycle so that the children gain a depth of understanding around the spellings. All of these words cover focus areas in the Year 2 and 5 National Curriculum and will not be used as a spelling ‘test’. Instead, spelling will be seen as a problem-solving process; a mission to remember spelling for life. Your children will be encouraged to be ‘brave spellers’ who look closely at their mistakes so they can improve, with practice, and commit correct spellings to their long-term memory.

Week ‘B’ consists of five ‘quick-fire’ tasks which explore the improving of spelling knowledge and acquiring of new spelling knowledge. These are snappy investigations that aim to engage and immerse children whilst they learn about spellings. If you would like to find out more about this new spelling scheme, the Year 5 and Year 2 teachers will be holding a workshop after school on **Tuesday 20th September**, where they will be happy to explain the scheme in more detail and answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Year 5 and Year 2 Teachers



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Yours sincerely

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