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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Spelling Shed

During the recent parent's consultations, your child's spelling shed log in and an information pack were given out by your child's class teacher. We hope you have found this information useful, and that your children have enjoyed playing the game so far. We, as class teachers, have been astonished to see how many children have logged on already and how many words have been spelt successfully! Thank you for your support in this.

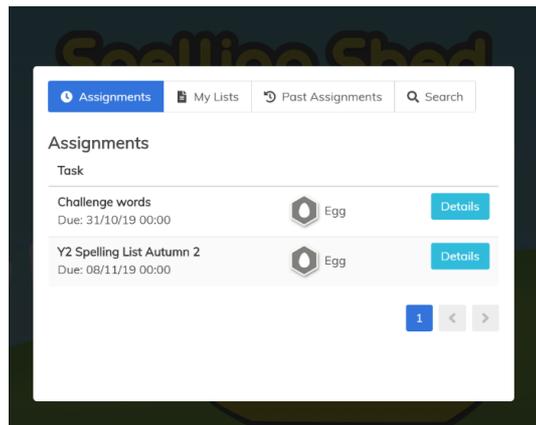
Just to clarify, we will no longer be setting weekly spellings by posting them to the school's website. Spelling Shed is a scheme that will replace the need for this. Instead, teachers will upload weekly the spelling pattern they have been following to the Spelling Shed game. This will mean that the children's games will update and they will be able to play the games using the words focused on during the week in class. This will be alongside their common exception words for their year group. Teachers are able to set different groups of children different spellings that are adapted to their ability, so please note that different children in the same year group may have different spellings to learn. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Once your child has completed their assigned spellings (by practising them, gaining pace and consistency) they will then be able to practise other spelling lists such as their year group's common exception words.

To access your child's spelling lists, you can log on to your child's account. You will see a screen with their current assigned spelling lists on, such as the example from Year Two below:

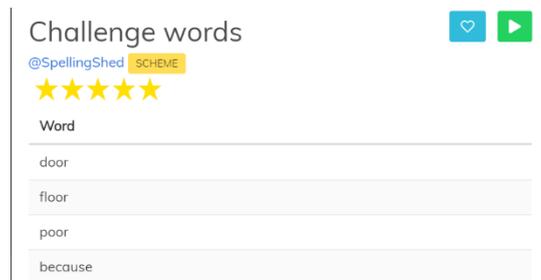


This child has been set two spelling lists. To view the lists, click on 'more lists' and you will be able to view this screen.



To view the words on the list, press 'details'.

You will then be able to view a list of words your child will be practising.



Please feel free to practise spelling these words in any way you wish, spelling practise at home is not just limited to Spelling Shed.

However, one huge benefit of using Spelling Shed is that teachers are able to log in and see your child's spelling data. This allows us to see which words they are spelling correctly/ incorrectly and any patterns they may be struggling with. It is important to tell your child not to rush, and to make sure they spell words correctly. We are also able to see how frequently your child logs on to Spelling Shed, and which games they are playing. Children are able to self-select which level they play at: 'easy' 'medium' 'hard' or 'extreme'. This is also available for teachers to see.

Children in Key Stage Two will still have weekly spelling tests based on the words they have been practising on Spelling Shed during the week. For Year Two, spelling tests will be less frequent and administered as a 'quiz' rather than a formal test.

We really hope that your children enjoy using Spelling Shed, and that you find it a useful way to practise spellings at home. Thank you again for your support with this so far, we are truly amazed how many children are practising at home already!

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