

Dear parents/carers

We are excited to announce that we are changing our Inspire Federation spelling policy. Our English leadership team have been researching the most effective way for children to learn spellings and most importantly to then be able to transfer these across into their writing. As a result of this we will be introducing the following:

Key stage 1

Children in year 1 will be learning the common exception words for their year group. They will be learning this 2 times a week in class and then these 5 spellings will be sent home each week to learn as part of their homework.

Children in year 2 will be learning the common exception words for their year group. They will be learning this 2 times a week in class and then these 6 spellings will be sent home each week to learn as part of their homework.

In parts of the term year 2 children will be learning the year 2 spelling rules and when this is the case will follow the same format as the year 3/4 key stage 2 spellings detailed below.

Key stage 2

Spelling tests will take a focus on unseen words (words the children have not pre-learnt)

In Years 3 and 4, children will be set on teams, as part of their weekly homework, the spelling rule they have been learning that week in class and 3 examples of words that follow this rule. There may also be a spelling task for this rule set for homework. On their test, these 3 words may or may not be used but they will be tested on 6 words that follow their rule.

Years 5 and 6 will only be set on teams the spelling rule, no example words, and their test will consist of 8 unseen words following their rule. On the week of teaching the statutory words, there will be no seen or unseen as there is no rule to follow so children in KS2 can be sent home with 10 statutory words.

We have started learning the spellings this week in class and are already seeing a vast improvement in the retention of spellings so are very excited to roll this out.

Any questions on this please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to explain in more detail.

Thanks you for your continued support,

English leadership team