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Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to raise the profile of spelling across the school, we have purchased some new, *Spelling Records*, so that you can see the words your child is required to learn and how they achieved in their test, each week.

Why Spelling Matters?

Learning to spell is a vital stepping stone that helps your child become more confident with reading and writing. When children practice spelling, they aren't just memorising letters—they are learning how sounds, letters, and meanings connect. This hands-on practise directly boosts their reading skills and expands their vocabulary. As spelling becomes second nature, it frees up your child's brainpower to focus on creative storytelling and expressing their big ideas, while naturally expanding their vocabulary. Far from being a chore, learning the rules and patterns behind words turns spelling into a logical puzzle that helps children unlock the full power of language.

How will the Spelling Record help?

Like the Reading Diaries, the *Spelling Record* should be in school every day and taken home to continue to practise the words throughout the week. In addition to the weekly test words provided by the class teacher, there is also information for parents about what the children will learn across the year in spelling, support to understand the spelling rules your child will be taught and ways to support their child practise these at home. Examples of these from Y2 and Y6 can be seen below.



These tests will be marked each week. Any words your child has not spelt successfully, would be beneficial to go over this again with them at home to ensure the spelling becomes second nature.

In addition to practical games, children in the Junior School, have access to Spelling Shed to support spelling. This platform supports the learning through lessons and games; the class teacher will set weekly tasks here to consolidate this every week. More information for parents can be found on our website, here: <https://www.broughtoncommunityschools.com/english>. If you do not have access to online platforms, please speak to the class teacher.

We hope that we can continue to work in partnership to support your child to become confident with spelling.

Yours sincerely

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