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Dear parents and carers,

Teaching Spelling

Recent research on the teaching of spelling indicates that pupils learn best when there is an emphasis on the teaching of spelling, rather than rote learning of words. In order to take advantage of this research, we are going to include more teaching of spelling in our curriculum.

Starting this week, your child's spelling words and their related spelling rule will be uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday. Please feel free to spend time explaining the rule to your child so that they are set up for success when the rule is introduced to the class.

This rule will then be taught in school the following week in a short spelling lesson and the children will carry out spelling-related activities relating to the rule. This will replace the weekly spelling test and there will be no expectation for children to send in their completed spelling sheets each week.

We hope that this will have a positive impact on the application of spelling rules to the children's writing.

Many thanks and regards,

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