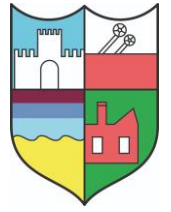




# Ellington Primary School



4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## RWI Spelling

Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to help our children with their spelling and maintain a more cohesive system across the school, we are changing our spelling scheme from Spelling Shed to Read, Write, Inc Spelling. This will allow for a smoother transition when the children finish their Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme and provides a more robust approach to the teaching of spelling.

As such, children in Years 2 - 6 who have completed the phonics programme will no longer receive a list of spellings on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. Instead, each child will receive a log book where they will select and record the spellings they find the most challenging from the “rule” being taught. Their teacher will guide them to do this in a dedicated lesson. This log book must come to and from school every day, much like their reading record.

Each “rule” will be explored over the course of a two week timetable using a variety of activities to help the children learn the spelling rules and how they are applied. There will also be a lot of opportunities to practise more challenging words that don't quite fit a specific pattern.

Every other Monday, children will use their “Speed Spell” session to test some words from the previous “rule” before moving onto their new learning. Your class teacher will make you aware via Dojo of when their first “Speed Spell” session will be.

Whilst we will provide opportunities for the children to practise in school, we kindly ask that you check your child's log book regularly and sign and date each time they have practised at home. These log books have come at a great cost to the school and, if lost, there will be a £2 charge for a replacement.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about this new approach. We hope it will allow the children to get to grips with spelling rules more thoroughly and thank you in advance for your cooperation and help.

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