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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the success of our implementation of Spelling Shed within the classroom, we will now be offering an at home option.

Learning a spelling list for a weekly test only commits these words to a person's short term memory, and will have little impact on how well they can spell within their written work if they are not frequently revisited. That is where the benefits of Spelling Shed come in. Spelling Shed allows the children to regularly recall previously learnt spelling patterns in a fun and engaging way, ensuring that the words they have learnt for their weekly tests are not quickly forgotten. Children can play on Spelling Shed at any time and practise a wide range of spellings by selecting their year group (called a 'stage'). The game gives four different degrees of support in the form of difficulty modes; Easy, Medium, Hard and Extreme. Higher levels allow a higher score to be achieved.

Spelling Shed also allows for homework 'assignments' to be set. All classes will be utilising this feature as an optional way for children to practise their weekly spellings at home. We will also send home paper copies of the spellings on a half termly basis if you would prefer your child not to use the online resources.

Your child has been given their login information this week, and they can access the online game via <http://play.spellingshed.com>. The website can be accessed via the internet using a laptop or tablet for free, or via an app. You do not need to download the app as children can complete everything they need using the online web browser version. For support on using the Spelling Shed website, please see the instruction guide on the next page.

If you have any questions regarding the website or homework, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Loudon
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