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Dear Woodpecker Parents and Guardians,

We are always looking for ways to support children to build strong reading and spelling habits, and after half-term, we will be making a small change to how we record reading and how we practise spellings at home.

Reading at home

To help us celebrate progress and keep children motivated, we are changing how home reading is recorded:

- Instead of using the reading record books, reading will be recorded on a class sheet which is found at the back of our spelling / reading book.
- Each child's reading will be tallied on a weekly basis (up to a maximum of 1 read per day, although the more reading the better of course), and we will display progress in the classroom as children reach different milestones.
- Reading will need to be signed off by an adult each time your child reads at home.

Our aim is to encourage regular reading, build strong reading habits, recognise effort, and make progress visible and motivating for the children. We are aware that lots of families already have a great reading routine at home, and we appreciate your support in popping a quick date and signature on your child's reading log to confirm this - thank you!



Spelling

Alongside our weekly online homework on Doodle Spelling, we will now also be sending home spelling patterns to practise and learn on a weekly basis. This will give children extra opportunities to practise and reinforce the spelling rules and words we are focusing on in class, filling spelling gaps in learning and mastering new patterns in the LKS2 curriculum. The Doodle Spelling tasks will continue as usual, with these new spellings acting as additional support rather than a replacement.

Please help your child to learn these spellings at home, as regular practice will help your child become more confident with their spellings, which in turn supports children's reading and writing.

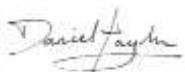
Here are some simple and fun ways you can help your child practice their spellings at home:

- **Spelling Games:** Turn practice into a game! Play games like *Hangman*, *Spelling Bingo*, or *Scrabble* to make learning more enjoyable. You can even create your own word search or crossword puzzle with the week's spelling words. You can make it even more fun by using different coloured pens!
- **Story Writing:** Encourage your child to use their spelling words in a short story. This not only helps with spelling but also supports their writing skills and creativity.
- **Songs and Rhymes:** Create a silly song or rhyme with your child using the spelling words. This can make the learning process memorable and fun!
- **Flashcards:** You can make simple flashcards at home with the spelling words. Challenge your child to say, spell, and use the word in a sentence.

We really appreciate your continued support at home – it plays a vital role in contributing to your child's progress and confidence.

If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.



Dan Taylor and Sam Game