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Dear Parent/Carer

Literacy - Talk for Writing and Spellings

This year in Literacy we are continuing to embed Talk for Writing across all year groups and use it whilst studying fiction and non-fiction genres.

While learning these texts that are rich in vocabulary, we will be conducting more of a focus towards spelling. Through spelling activities, games, stand-alone lessons and focused personalised objectives, we aim to improve the standards of spelling across the school.

In discussion with all staff, we have agreed to discontinue the weekly spelling test. We believe it is not having the desired impact on long term spelling retention. We believe by adopting a fun and positive approach, this will improve spelling throughout school.

The national curriculum common exception words continue to be of high importance and will continue to be taught in class. These are attached (for children in Years 1 to 6) so you can continue to support your child's spelling at home.

Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children will continue to learn the core vocabulary words which we feel is fundamental in their literacy journey.

Yours sincerely

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Literacy Co-ordinator

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