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Dear Parent/Carers,

After a lot of thought and feedback from parents we have decided to introduce a weekly spelling list of words to learn for Year 1 and 2 children. The list of words will be linked to the work that the children are doing in Phonics that week. For Year 1 children the list will usually be a sound family e.g. sh – ship, shop, wish, fish etc and for Year 2 it will usually be words with a prefix (unhappy) or suffix (singing). We will send home a list on Monday and the children will receive a “light touch” test on a Friday. We do not want children to worry about the test. Children will be given the opportunity to practise the words in school time but they will also need to practise the spellings at home and so we are asking for your support. The children will also have a sheet of tricky/common words stuck into their Reading Record book which again they can practise at home and you can tick off when you are happy that they can spell them confidently. They will then be given the next sheet. This is more individual and children can progress at their own speed.

We do not want spellings to become an onerous task for parents or children but many parents did express a wish for spelling tests to be introduced in the summer questionnaire and the words that we are choosing will help the children in their everyday writing. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Heidi Elks.  
Head Teacher.