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EYFS and KS1 changes to spellings

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you of a small change to how we will be approaching spellings and spelling checks across EYFS and Key Stage 1.

Moving forward, pupils will no longer be given weekly spelling lists containing words linked directly to the sounds they have been taught in RWI phonics. Instead, they will continue to receive examples of words that include their new sounds, along with QR codes linking to videos that they can watch at home to reinforce their phonics learning.

In addition to this, children will now bring home words from the statutory list of 'Common Exception Words' each week. These words do not always follow regular spelling patterns and learning them by sight is an important part of developing confident readers and writers. These Common Exception Words will be checked every **Monday** during our Talk for Writing sessions.

This change will help pupils become more familiar with a wider range of high-frequency, challenging words, supporting both their reading fluency and their ability to use these words accurately in their writing.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop strong early literacy skills. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fellows
Headteacher

