



# Repton Manor Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to touch base with you about Spelling provision in Year 2-6 at Repton Manor Primary School. With spelling being a fundamental part of the writing process for children, we have recently reviewed the new and improved Spelling Shed documents and are using these to inform the teaching and learning of spelling.

Previously we have run multiple groups of spelling lessons for a wide range of different spelling lists however we are now looking to make our spelling offer more impactful for the children. This will ensure we can effectively focus our attention on the 'words of the week' and concentrate on using them in context through the children's daily spelling diet of real-life word application.

Spelling words for the week will, for the majority of children, still be tested weekly for the remainder of this academic year however some children will be using the 'test' time slot to further practise and consolidate their words, rather than carry out a formal test. For those children who will not access the year group list, your class teacher will inform you of the words/lists they should focus their efforts on so that you can continue to support them at home too.

In each year group we have created a 'Spelling Champions' group, which will enable us to better support children who either need an additional focus on their high frequency words (and not accessing the class lists) or for children who require access to the class lists but just within a smaller group setting, with activities tailored specifically to support them. The children in the 'Spelling Champions' group will not have their words tested weekly.

Please continue to access Spelling Shed at home as it is a fantastic resource which we have just renewed our subscription to. Use this as much as you can to give further opportunities for your child to practise their words in a game application. Please see me or your class teacher if you are having any log in difficulties with this.

Please also note that if your child is due a spelling test and this isn't able to happen on a Thursday, due to an unforeseen circumstance, the test will then occur on the Friday. Tests will not be carried over into the next week as there will be a new set of words to be learnt and practised by then. I am sure you can appreciate that any timetable is subject to change within school and that we will do our very best to support the children with any last-minute changes.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any queries.  
Many thanks for your continued support with your child's spelling journey.

Kindest regards,

*J Farmer*

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