

Dear Parents/Carers,

Across the school, we will be starting a weekly spelling test.

The children will be tested on 'high frequency' words.

High frequency words are words which appear most often in the English language and in written texts.

As these words are used and appear so regularly, it is very important for children to be able to read and spell them from an early age.

In Grasshoppers, the children will receive their new word list and be tested on a **Thursday**.

They will have a list of 8 words to learn each week and they will be tested on those words, along with 2 additional unknown words.

For some, the word lists may seem easy to spell but they will increase in difficulty.

The children will have opportunity to learn these words in school and I would be grateful if the children could be encouraged to do **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** at home, to learn their word list. I will also put the word lists on Spelling Shed.

### Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

**Look:** First look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is difficult, look at that part in more detail.

**Say:** Say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable.

**Cover:** Cover the word.

**Write:** Write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so.

**Check:** Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again - **look, say, cover, write, check**.

Along with their spelling list, the children will be given individual tasks to do. For most children, this will be learning the phonic sounds that they are not yet secure with.

Many thanks for your support with this. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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