

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the English curriculum, we have made some changes to how we will learn spellings at Newton Road School. Children are required to learn a range of spelling patterns as well as 'statutory spellings' throughout the course of the academic year, as stated in the National Curriculum.

Each week, within class, the children will focus on a different spelling pattern and, through a range of activities, they will investigate and explore the spelling pattern further trying to apply the rule, identifying ways to remember the spellings and spotting when there are particular spellings which don't follow the rule for that particular spelling pattern.

The statutory spellings will be explored through our handwriting sessions where the words will be written within the context of a sentence. The spellings will be practised through handwriting activities which will focus on the vowels and consonants and the formation of the word. In addition to this, we would like to share the statutory spellings with you, so that if you want to, you can support your child, at home, with the learning of these statutory spellings.

Every half term there will be a new set of statutory spellings that we will be focusing on and we will inform you of these. At the end of each half term, classes will hold a spelling quiz, a spelling bee or game show style activity to celebrate the spellings that we have learned.

Attached is a copy of the spellings for your child for this half term. Please feel free to practise the statutory spellings at home or play some spelling games, to support your child further with their spellings. Some useful websites can be found below:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/interactive/literacy.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zcgv39q> (KS1)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb> (KS2)

Thank you for your continued support, should you require any further guidance or have any additional questions, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Moody