



08<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be beginning Year 2 spelling tests which will take place fortnightly rotation. On the first Friday after your child receives their spellings, they will have a traditional 'word list' spelling test. On the second Friday, the children will have a second spelling test using the same words. In the second test, children will write simple sentences containing the words from their spelling list. **They will only score a point if the spelling of the word from the list is correct and the sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop.** For example:

*The fire spread quickly.* ✓

*the fire spread quickly.* ✗

*The fire spread quiklee.* ✓

*The fire spred quickly.* ✗

The focus words for the test will be uploaded onto Seesaw. Please support your child to learn these words and spell them accurately within sentences unless your child's class teacher shares other advice with you.

Carrying on spelling tests in this way supports children's long term retention of their spellings as when they are having to incorporate the word within a sentence, there are many other skills they are having to consider. We have also found that by expecting children to demarcate sentences with a capital letter and full stop within their test, this has a greater impact on all other writing they produce. This is beneficial in their progress towards the end of Key Stage expectations in writing.

If you have any further questions, then please do speak to a member of the year two team.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's education at home!

Kind regards,

The Year 2 team.