



Dear parent/carer,

This week we have been assessing the children's progress in maths and English. From the test scores and analysis, it is apparent that some of the children are not practising or learning their weekly spellings.

As a result of this, we have decided to start a daily spelling test called **FAST Spelling**. The children will be given 6 words to practise daily. They will be tested on the words each day in school. Any incorrect spellings from this test will need to be practised at home each evening (5 minutes per evening). The aim is to have all 6 words spelt correctly at the end of each week. The words that we have chosen are taken from the **National Curriculum common exception word list** which identifies the words that all children should be able to spell correctly by the end of KS2.

These six spellings will be sent home along with the weekly spelling list that the children already receive. These spellings will continue to be tested every Friday.

Support at home is an essential part of our home/school partnership. We value your involvement in helping the children to learn their spellings so that we can start to see these spellings being used correctly in their writing. I have enclosed some ideas that you can use to continue to help your child to practise their spellings at home - hopefully it will make their learning more fun and enjoyable.

The children have been told their test results and have hopefully shared these with you. We have also discussed next steps in learning with the pupils. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any of the class teachers in Years 5 and 6.

Thank you

Mrs Ditchfield