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Dear Families,

Re: New Spelling System for 2023

I hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to share some news about our revamped spelling system for the year 2023, aimed at further enhancing our children's confidence in spelling. Our primary goal is to ensure that every child's spelling practice aligns precisely with their current level of understanding, and we have implemented a new approach to achieve this.

To kick-start this initiative, all our children recently completed a brief spelling assessment. This assessment was designed to help us identify their individual strengths and areas that require improvement when it comes to spelling. Based on their assessment results, we are offering a tailored framework.

Here's how the new spelling system works:

- 1. Weekly Spelling Lists:** Starting now, our children will be assigned a specific spelling list to work on each week. These lists have been carefully constructed to match their current spelling abilities and level of understanding.
- 2. Weekly Spelling Tests:** Every week, we will conduct a spelling test in school to evaluate progress. The aim is for each child to master their current list of spellings.
- 3. Progression:** When a child successfully spells all the words on their list correctly, they will move on to the next list on the sheet. This approach ensures that they are continually challenged and learning at a pace that suits them best.
- 4. Addressing Mistakes:** If a pupil happens to make a single spelling mistake, they can still progress to the next list. However, they will also be required to learn the correct spelling of the word they got wrong along with the new words for the week. This approach helps them to consolidate understanding while still moving forward.
- 5. Multiple Mistakes:** If a child makes more than one spelling mistake on their weekly test, they will remain on the same list until they have mastered it. This ensures that they have a solid grasp of the spellings at their current level before moving on.
- 6. Help From You:** Pupils will be practising their spellings regularly within school; however, it would be hugely beneficial for children to practise these at home with you as well. We aim for children to be able to explain to you the list upon which they are

currently focussing but recognise that this is a new system and it may take a while to become fully embedded. Please ask us if you need clarification.

We have attached the initial spelling lists to this letter, and we will update them as needed throughout the year. If your child misplaces their list or you require another copy, please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will provide a replacement.

We believe that this new spelling system will be a valuable tool in helping our children develop their spelling skills in a way that is both challenging and tailored to their needs. If you have any questions, please contact us. We are here to support your child's education and growth in every way possible.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey. We look forward to a successful year of spelling!

Warm regards,

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