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Dear parents and carers,

In my role as English Leader, it has been wonderful to see such a wide range of writing opportunities from Year R to Year 6 this term and the children have been brilliant in getting back into the swing of things, producing some really lovely pieces of writing.

We are continuing to focus on improving spelling and we have potential for some spelling events later on in the year. In the meantime, to support children, we have recently introduced Spelling Shed as a learning tool for children in Years 1 – 6. Each child will have a user name and password – these, along with an easy-access QR code, will be sent home with the children over the coming days. Spelling shed works on all devices (computer, tablet and mobile). Simply visit www.spellingshed.com, log in, and click play!

Each year group may use Spelling Shed in a slightly different way (e.g. some may set home tasks via Spelling Shed and some may use it as a tool in the classroom). If a teacher has set your child a specific list of words, this will pop up as a red notification when your child logs in, and if they haven't, the full lists of words encompassing all National Curriculum spelling objectives are available for all children to use and practise whenever they like.

Spelling Shed organises these in stages, e.g. Stage 1, Stage 2, etc. – these match with year group objectives, so Year 1 objectives would be in Stage 1. However, being labelled as stages rather than year groups is a really great way for children to feel confident at accessing spelling words appropriate for their own attainment without feeling like they are not part of their own year group.

We are really looking forward to integrating Spelling Shed into both our home and in-school learning, and we are already super excited at the competitions going on to climb the leader board! Start practising, as Mr Dodson might be top of our first leader board!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Morgan

English Leader

