



# Lydgate Junior School

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## Spelling information.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made some changes to the way we teach spelling at school this year and wanted to share this information with you. We are going to be using a scheme called 'Spelling Shed', which is an up-to-date scheme, developed after extensive research into the teaching of spelling and how children learn to spell. The scheme is based on phonics, morphology and etymology and includes three 20 minute teaching sessions, including focused learning activities. The spellings will be revisited throughout the week, in order to consolidate the learning further. We have started using the scheme over the last two weeks and the children have been really enthusiastic!

We will no longer be sending home lists of spellings for all children to learn for a weekly dictation. Research shows that this is not an effective method of teaching spellings. However, we are attaching the lists of spelling words which children are expected to know in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. If you wish to practise spellings with your children, you might like to choose a small number of these words to focus on each week.

We have assessed all pupils' knowledge of the Year 1 and 2 'common exception words' over the first two weeks back at school. Pupils who are not fully confident with the spelling of these words will be supported, in small groups, to learn them at school and they may have spelling lists sent home to practise.

We are really excited about these changes and feel confident that the children will benefit from them and really enjoy their spelling learning!

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