

Our Federation welcomes feedback.



As you know, we are trialling a new spelling initiative 'Spice Up Spellings.' Our recent parent questionnaire has shown that parents/carers would actually prefer a form of test in order for there to be an incentive for the children to learn their spellings. Staff have also agreed this would be a good idea. We held a staff meeting where we discussed and decided upon the idea of using a dictation as form of assessment.

A dictation is where the teacher will read out a sentence that includes the spellings and the child will write it down. This is making sure the child is aware of the context and meaning of the word rather than simply writing a list of spellings. You could help your child by doing a mini-dictation at home.

- For Key Stage 1 the children will be assessed every two weeks on a selection of their spellings in the form of sentences.
- For Key Stage 2 children we, felt it needed to be every week.

As a result of these changes, we appreciate that not all children learn in the same way. Therefore, we will still be keeping the menus as an option to help assist the children in learning their spellings. Alternatively, if your child prefers to simply write them out in their books then that is perfectly acceptable too. It is about whatever works best for your child.

We will be providing two Spelling and Grammar workshops for parents/carers where we will be discussing and sharing strategies and ideas – look out for the flyers!

We hope you agree with our choice of assessment and we thank your for valuable input and suggestions.

As always, any questions just ask.

Look forward to seeing you at the spelling workshop!

Kind regards,

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