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### Update to Spellings Homework.

As a school, we are now using 'Spelling Shed' as a way to set spelling homework for your child. Your child can access 'Spelling Shed' either through its **website** (<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>) or you can **download the app** by typing 'Spelling Shed' into your devices app store. Your child's log in for Spelling Shed is in their blue home partnership book. If you are unsure about how to access this or what your child's log in is, please speak to your child's class teacher.



'Spelling Shed' is an interactive tool which allows children to practise specific spellings which have been set by their class teacher. The class teacher is then able to see how well your child has practised and provide feedback to them accordingly. We hope that this 'game like' format will encourage your child to practise their spellings daily and is a good way for the class teacher to monitor this.

Each week, your child's class teacher will set them a list of spellings which relate to the spelling patterns being learned in class. When your child logs on, they will then have the option of choosing a level of difficulty.

There are four levels of difficulty: easy, medium, hard and extreme.

#### Easy:

This allows the player to read the word for as long as they like. The player then chooses the correct spelling from the jumbled letters of that word.

**Medium:**

This does not allow the player to read the word. The player listens to the word and then selects the correct spelling from the jumbled letters.

**Hard:**

This does not allow the player to read the word. The player listens then selects the correct letters from a series of random letters.

**Extreme:** This does not allow the player to read the word. The player listens then selects the correct letters using a full keyboard.

Your child will earn different amounts of points depending on the difficulty of the level they choose. Then they will be able to save points and spend these on their avatar as they wish. Children can also receive rewards of points from teachers for good work which the children will see when they log on.

There are other games linked to Spelling Shed and your child's class teacher will inform your child when appropriate.

Your child's class teacher will inform your child as part of their weekly homework when new spellings have been set. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings daily. 5-10 minutes of practise each day can make a huge difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

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