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Dear Parents/Carers,



Starting from today, I'm pleased to announce that your child will have their own log in details to be able to access a variety of spelling games in order to try to improve spelling throughout our school. Spelling Shed is a fun online programme that helps children to practise and learn their weekly spellings via a simple to use game. The game gives four different degrees of support in the form of levels: Easy, Medium, Hard and Extreme. Higher levels allow a higher score to be achieved, but I would advise children to practise as much as they like on lower levels to build their confidence & success before then moving on to the hard/extreme levels to try to achieve the higher scores. The scores achieved each week give each child a 'shed score', which will automatically reset to 0 the following week and the points that they earned during that week will then add on to the total point score (these points don't disappear!). The more points that children accumulate, the more they will be able to use these to develop their unique avatars and they'll also be able to see themselves climbing up class/school leader boards too.

Your child's teacher will set lists of words that your child should practise each week and this will enable us to monitor their progress easier. We will also send home paper copies of the weekly spellings and I would encourage children to do these alongside the online game – the MORE they practise the BETTER spellers they will become.

Your child has been given their username & password information and they will be able to access the online games via <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>. The website can be accessed via the internet using a laptop or tablet for free, or you can also download the 'Spelling Shed' app which means that you can play the games offline. Unfortunately, even though the school has paid a subscription fee to be able to access the games/resources you would still have to pay a one-off fee of £2.99 to download the app should you wish to access it this way. However, it is NOT necessary to download the app if you don't want to pay this as children can complete everything they need by using the online link above for free.

This week, the children will be shown how to log on and how to access the assignment task that has been set, but I'm pretty sure that in this day in age they will quickly learn how to play the games and have fun earning lots of points etc. If you have any questions regarding the ed shed website/spelling shed app,



please just ask your child's class teacher or myself. I look forward to seeing all the children enjoying interacting with this exciting new resource and I would ask for your support as their parents/carers to be able to access games like this. If they were to spend around a minimum of 5-10 minutes a day playing the spelling shed games, this would make a MASSIVE difference to their overall English attainment.

Many thanks,

Mr Weston

Assistant Head