



Northern Parade Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

From next week, we are changing the way we mark and distribute spellings in year 2. This is to ensure that we are using our time and resources efficiently to support children in all areas of the curriculum.

We will expect spelling books to be handed in on a Monday as usual, but instead of having spellings stuck in for them, your child will be expected to copy them into their spelling books ready to practice. This will be completed during school time on a Tuesday.

Mr Williams' group will mark each other's work after their spelling test on a Monday, but for other groups, spellings will be marked by an adult as usual. Your child will be responsible for recording their mark in their spelling book to be shared at home.

Due to these changes, it is more important than ever that your child comes to school fully prepared with their spelling books. We are having more and more children who are not bringing their books in on the required day, which results in more time spent on preparing spellings for children.

In addition to this, we will be setting up a lunchtime spelling club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is to ensure that all children are practising their spellings. Children who are regularly scoring low and not practising at home will be expected to attend for ten minutes before going to lunch on these days. This may support those parents who are challenged by their children when asked to complete their spelling practise at home.

We appreciate that this change may take a bit of getting used to, and we thank you in advance of your support.

In terms of homework, we have had some feedback from parents evening about the amount that is being set. In order to make this more manageable please record the speed reads in your child's reading record book to count towards their weekly reading. The recommended practice time for TT Rockstars is 3 minutes; three times a week (9 minutes per week) and spellings can be practiced daily.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or myself if you have any further concerns.

Many Thanks

Miss N Pullen
Assistant Head

