



Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School

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Spelling Homework Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past year, we have been reviewing the ways in which we teach spelling. Making use of the latest research and detailed analysis of the outcomes for our children, we have decided to make a few changes to our teaching of spelling.

Research shows that the traditional spelling test is one of short-term memory and does not support children in understanding the principles of spelling. Recent scans of the brain have shown that when children learn spellings for a test, they are using a different part of their brain entirely from when they tackle spellings in the context of their writing. Analysing the spelling of our own children has confirmed this. Children who perform well in spelling tests show little or no improvement in their spelling within other writing. Children who find learning spelling lists difficult, we use the spellings incorrectly in writing and also find the task of learning spelling lists stressful, often feeling unnecessary pressure on the day of the test.

Therefore, this year, children will not receive a weekly spelling list or have a weekly test.

Each half term a set of focus words for each class will be sent home for your information. A spelling record book will be sent home for if you wish your child to practise these.

These words will not be 'tested' as over the course of the half term these words will be a focus within writing sessions. Spelling progress updates will be part of parent consultations.

Yours sincerely

Miss Kilkenny

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laurabeth Kilkenny'.

Head of School



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Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss S Gordon - Deputy DSL: Miss L Kilkenny - Safeguarding Governor: Mr A Emms
If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or **Social Care Direct on 01924 303456.**

Copies of the Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the website.