



# Willow Lane Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the very exciting news that we are now providing all children from years 2-6 the opportunity to practise their spellings at home. Your child will begin to bring spellings home to practise on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** and then will be tested on them on the following Friday. This will work in a cycle from week to week.

## Why practise at home?

As part of our regular phonic and spelling teaching, children learn how to spell a range of words that include words with phonic sounds, spelling patterns, prefixes (e.g. 'un' and 'dis') and suffixes (e.g. 'ed' or 'less.') They are also taught 'tricky words' or 'common exception words' and these are often words without spelling patterns. These are taught and learnt in school throughout the week. At Willow Lane, we understand the importance of practising learning many times and in a range of ways in order for it to 'stick.' This is why we believe that if children have the chance to practise their spellings at home, they are more likely to remember them and therefore, spell them correctly throughout all of their lives.

## What will they practise?

Your child will bring home around 5 spellings per week on a "look, cover, write and check sheet." This will be double sided. These spellings will be based on their learning in class. These will then be tested a week later before new ones coming home.

## How will they practise?

In school, your child will write their first attempt next to each new spelling before they bring them home. At home, they will look at the spelling, cover it, write it from memory (not copy it) and then check they have spelt it correctly and if they have, tick it. Then they will repeat this. It is best if they practise the spellings more than once, around 3-5 times per week. Shorter bursts over different days would be more effective. We will let you know any spellings your child needs to keep practising on the sheet they have completed so please return the practice sheet to school on Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's spellings or the best way to help them learn them, please contact your child's class teacher or myself and we can talk things through together.

Many thanks for your continued support,

S. Frankland (English Subject Lead)

