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Dear Year 4 Parents,

We are very excited to inform you about the Year 4 spelling project which will be taking place this term.

There is a lot of educational research that tells us that the learning of spelling lists for weekly tests is not the best way for children to learn to spell. In school, we have an approach which explores rules, and gives children time to understand this.

This term, we will be focusing on how this links to the vital partnership between school and home in helping children to learn to spell. This means that we will have a new approach. To reinforce the understanding of spelling rules, the children in Year 4 will be adapting the way they learn spellings at home. Your child will no longer receive a list of seven words to memorise through the week to be tested on Monday. Instead, your child will be sent home with either one or two spelling rules which they have been learning in class that week.

When they come home with the rule or pattern in their green log books, please help them to use the pattern/rule to spell words using that pattern/rule; for instance with the spelling pattern *sure*, the children could write the word *pleasure* or *treasure*. Any words which they practise could then go into their homework books.

The impact of this should be seen in their writing in other lessons, giving them strategies to spell using patterns and rules that they can apply to new words they try to spell. The children will have this change explained by their class teacher during this week.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak with one of us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Folly, Mrs Tack and Mr Emmess

