



Friday 20 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Google Classroom and Spelling shed update

Thank you for all the positive feedback about Google Classroom and Spelling Shed. We are delighted that so many of you are enjoying and finding it beneficial.

We would like to provide some guidance to support you further.

Spelling Shed

We would recommend that you practise the spellings, set on Spelling Shed, at least three times a week. However, depending on your child's confidence, more or less may be required. We have provided your child with a Spelling Journal book to practise the spelling strategies suggested in our previous home learning letter. This book will stay at home and this work does not need to be submitted. Each class teacher will monitor your child's engagement and success on Spelling Shed and through weekly dictations.

Your child can earn points through playing the spelling games and work their way up from an egg to a royal bee.

Google Classroom

Thank you for submitting the first piece of home learning. As you know, we have decided to use this platform to communicate home learning to prepare staff, children and parents for a potential lockdown/ class isolation.

You will see that your child's work has been returned to you. This means that the class teacher and/or the teaching assistant that works in your child's class has acknowledged your child's effort. To view this comment, you need to open the document in a new window. To do this, you need to select the photograph of the work, click on the icon on the right hand side of the page with three dots, click 'open in a new window' and then hover over the work. The teacher's comment will pop up. Once you have seen the comment, you **do not** need to resubmit the piece of work. This will be the consistent approach from all class teachers from this week on. We have been made aware that when trying to view your child's comments you cannot view them when using certain phones and tablets.

If you do not submit the home learning by 12 noon each Thursday, your child's class teacher will not acknowledge it and it will be automatically classified as late.

The stream should only be used by the class teacher to communicate with the class. This is not a class chat stream.

If you have any problems or queries, please email the class teacher rather than using the private comments box.

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