



Sacred Heart School

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Dear Parents

re: Spellings Year One

Every Monday from week 2 on, your child will be given a list of words to take home which will be tested the following Monday.

The words are related to the phonic lessons at school. Most of the spelling words are regular so can be spelled by counting the sounds (phonemes) and writing the corresponding letters (graphemes) for them. A few of the words are high frequency (we use those a lot) and/or tricky words. Tricky words are irregular and have to be learnt by heart by saying the letter names (as in the alphabet).

As you may know from experience, regular, short practice sessions result in better retention than one long practice. The aim is for the children to retain the spellings long term so they can apply them in their writing. Please follow the trace, copy, cover strategy: first your child traces the word, then they copy it, next they cover it, write it and check if it is correct. Finally, repeat cover/write/check.

The practice sheet that is given home, will help your child to follow this sequence. It is important to trace the word that is written on the list already, especially once we start using the continuous joined up (cursive) handwriting style.

Every following Monday, when your child has completed their practice and will no longer need the list, they can bring it back into school so I can praise their great work.

Thank you very much for your support!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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