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RE- Spelling Award

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are introducing a new spelling scheme to assist us in improving spelling ability across the school. The new scheme is designed for you to work at home with your child in improving their spelling. Once your child has become confident with the set of spellings they are currently working on, they will be tested. They will be able to earn a spelling award for each successful test completed.

At monthly intervals Ms Holmes will test children put forward by their teachers, for an award. The spellings used will be a random selection of the spellings from each section, so it is important that your child is confident with all of the spellings and not just the required amount indicated to pass each test. If successful the children will receive a certificate, which will be given out in Achievement assembly. Should your child be unsuccessful, they will have another opportunity to be tested on the spellings at a later date.

This year's first tests will take place on Tuesday 5th February. All children will be entered for the appropriate badge for their individual level of ability; this will be decided by your child's teacher and you will be informed as to which stage they will begin with, so that you can begin to work alongside your child at home.

The requirements and spelling rules for each badge are indicated below:

Spelling Award Scheme

	Level	Award	Requirements	Spelling rules and lists
Phase One	1	Red	15 words correct	Days of the week colour words numbers to twenty months of the year
	2	Blue	15 words correct	regular verb endings irregular tense changes
	3	Green	15 words correct	Homophones, -igh, -ought, -ear prefixes: dis-, mis-, inter-, sub-, super-, re- 'ou' words
	4	Yellow	20 words correct	Medium frequency words -ckle, -able, double letter + le, -cle, -dle, -ble, -ible, -ple, comparatives
Phase Two	5	Red STAR	20 words correct	Y3-Y4 words lists from the new National Curriculum endings which sound like 'shul' Y5-Y6 words lists from the new National Curriculum affixes for diminutives (prefixes and suffixes meaning 'small') words with silent letters homophones and other words that are often confused the suffix -ous
	6	Blue STAR	20 words correct	ful, -ly, -ive, ic, -ist in-, im-, ir-, il- latin prefixes words with 'ee' sound spelt ei after c use of the hyphen adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer
	7	Green STAR	25 words correct	-cian, -sion, -tion, -ssion ci-, ce-, cy, ca-, co- connectives Y5-Y6 words lists from the new National Curriculum
	8	Yellow STAR	25 words correct	Unstressed vowels and consonants subject specific vocabulary -tious, -cious -ant, -ance, -ence, -ency, -tial, -cial, -ible, -able

Please see further attached guidance and advice on supporting your child to complete each stage of the Spelling Badge Reward Scheme and a complete set of spellings to be used for each level and award at home. If you have any further questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to discuss them with Ms Holmes.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms A Holmes