



**Thorndown Pre-School**

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### **Spellings**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spelling is one of the curriculum areas we are working to develop at Thorndown this academic year, and we are changing how spelling is taught. Each class, from Year 2 to Year 6, will be having separate spelling lessons each week, as well as developing their knowledge of spelling through phonics, grammar, reading and writing lessons. The spelling lessons will look at spelling patterns and children will engage in playing spelling games and editing sentences. Research has shown that weekly spelling tests are not the most effective way for children to learn spellings, as they tend to forget them quickly. Children need to apply their knowledge regularly as part of their ongoing work.

Spelling lists for different year groups have been published within part of the national Curriculum. To help us ensure your child's year group spellings remain current for them, you could help by practising at home. I have listed different, fun ways of learning spellings in our spelling guide attached. No more than 10 minutes of practice every week is required.

I have attached to this e-mail:

- A guide of how to reinforce spellings at home, with good ideas to keep learning fresh and fun;
- Some good spelling APPs you may wish to use at home;
- The statutory spelling lists for the end of Year 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6.

Spelling is an area that will be discussed with you at parents' evening in a few weeks' time. However, if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for helping us to improve your child's spelling.

Yours sincerely,

Vicci Godbold

