

Dear Parents,

This booklet is designed to help you and your child with their home school spellings.

In key stage one children are encouraged to sound out words. However some words cannot always be sounded out and/ or are used frequently. These are known as common exception words and have to be learnt by the child.

They have a bookmark containing their current spelling target (ie the common exception words) which progress through 'rainbow' bookmarks, then 'safari' bookmarks. Once these words have been learned (usually by the end of year 3) the children then proceed to the KS2 bookmarks- **bronze 1, 2 and 3** silver 4, 5 and 6 (usually LKS2) **gold 7, 8 and 9 (usually y5)** and, finally, *diamond, platinum and superstar!*

Spelling quizzes (test) will include the odd word from the previous bookmarks. If successful, the children are rewarded at the Friday celebration assembly and their names added to the roll of honour for that week.

This website page contains all the spellings for you to refer back to (or see what's next). It also contains a few suggestions to make the learning more fun. **It is important for your child not just to spell the word but to understand what it means so words will always be tested in context.**

In addition all children in Key stage two are taught how to use root words and then add prefixes and/or suffixes. The most common prefixes and suffixes taught are listed in the back of this booklet and you may wish to investigate the ones that your child is familiar with.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns please contact your class teacher.

With thanks,

Mrs Borthwick

