

Sample letter you may want to use to introduce the spelling books to parents....

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we have adopted a new spelling approach. Each child will be issued with their own Spelling Book. This book contains weekly spelling homeworks (up to 10 spellings per week-some children may not be given the full ten, if they are struggling.). Your child will be tested on the same day each week. Your child's book contains all the information about when their test will take place.

The Spelling Books contain not only the spelling homework lists, but also contain spaces for the children to record their results. We feel that it is important that parents get to see their children's results each week and to see a record of results throughout the terms. There are also pages at the back of the book for you to write any notes/concerns you may have regarding spellings.

In addition to this, research has shown that children learn spellings most effectively if they see their spelling mistakes in context. Therefore, every fourth week, you will notice that the children get to create their own spelling list. This list will be comprised of words that they have spelt incorrectly either in their classwork or their previous spelling lists. For more able spellers, this will also be an opportunity for teachers to provide spellings that are above age expectations.

For this spelling system to work, it is vital that children bring the books back to school on the day of their test. For parents of lower Key Stage Two, we would ask you to check with your child and remind them. For older children, we would encourage them to be more independent and responsible for packing their own bags-great preparation for secondary school.

We thank you in advance for your support with this new spelling approach.