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Dear Parents

As you will now be aware, your child has started the Year 3 spelling programme. This programme links phonics and common spelling patterns including high frequency words from the National Literacy Strategy.

The spellings will be tested every Monday morning and a new spelling list will come home on Tuesday. Please help your child to learn their spellings each week, you might like to use some of the following ideas:

- Writing out the correct spelling several times
- Tracing around the word using pen or pencil so that the children know the shape of the word
- Creating a mnemonic to help your child remember the spelling if they find it really tricky e.g. because - big elephants can't always use small entrances.
- Reciting the correct spelling to you
- Use letter tiles from scrabble games to build the words

The spelling list will be stuck into your child's Home Spelling Book and we would encourage them to find and add words that follow the spelling rules that they have been taught in class that week. They may write any new words on the next page in their Home Spelling Books using only one new word per week.

We hope that this explanation helps and that the children will soon become completely familiar with their spelling scheme.

Happy spelling!

Mrs Doran and Mrs Mundy.