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Read, Write, Inc. Spelling

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Radcliffe Primary School, we recognise the importance of teaching our pupils to be effective spellers. As a result of this, we will be moving to the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling programme from November 10th, 2025, for pupils in Year 2-6. Although pupils were able to score well on their spelling tests, this was not always being consistently applied within their writing and therefore a change to how we teach spellings was important.

Read, Write, Inc. Spelling is a spelling programme based on proven strategies of teacher modelling, followed by partner work to embed learning. The programme covers all the word structures and spelling requirements for Years 2-6 and is the next step in your child's learning from the Read, Write, Inc. Phonics programme that we already follow in EYFS and Year 1.

The scheme has been specially created to meet the higher demands of the spelling curriculum appendix and the results it produces are outstanding. We certainly hope that it has the same impact with our pupils. Pupils have been carefully grouped to ensure that they are in a group suitable to their spelling knowledge so they can make rapid progress, and the needs of all pupils are met.

Your child will now receive:

- A daily spelling pattern lesson.
- In-school access to the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling practice books, which are full of structured activities and lively illustrations.
- Access to online content in school, with an exciting spelling planet, extra support for checking answers and much more.
- Their own Logbooks, which are to be taken home to record individual progress and build a home/school link. This can be done through practising words that your child has written to 'Log and Learn'.
- They can also access the Extra Practice Zone where pupils can apply and consolidate their learning during their learning at home.

Due to the changes with the way spellings are now taught, pupils will consolidate spellings taught through a range of other teamwork activities within the spelling lesson.

Pupils' spelling knowledge will continue to be assessed informally on a weekly basis and then through a spelling test at the end of each half-term. This will ensure that they have consolidated the spelling rules learned in the half-term. Therefore, it is vitally important that, as part of their homework, pupils use their 'Logbooks' to continually review and revise spelling rules and patterns that have been previously taught, using their words to 'Log and Learn' each week. You could call out the words for your child to spell aloud or quickly jot down and write your initial next to the word each time they spell it correctly. Keep returning to words on previous pages until you are sure your child can spell them easily. Regular, daily repetition of spellings is vitally important to ensure that all pupils can consolidate and apply their spelling knowledge.
The school has made a considerable investment buying in this scheme and the spelling scheme will have the most impact if pupils take home their Logbooks for daily practice of their 'Log and Learn' words. However, should a logbook be lost, **there would be a charge of £2.00 needed to replace it. Books should be in school every day and kept in their school bags.**

Miss Smith and Miss Prescott will be holding a short drop-in session for parents/carers who have any questions about the RWI Spelling Programme. This will take place after school on **Tuesday 18th November from 3.40pm-4.00pm** in the Key stage 1 hall. Please come to the office entrance after school

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith