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Further Development of Spelling at Newburgh

Dear Parents

After the positive feedback to our new approach to spelling tests we are going to further support your children embedding their spellings. Each half term you will continue to receive lists of spellings that will follow spelling rules that your child has been taught in school and/or a number of common words. On Friday the children will have a "pop quiz" where they will be tested on 10 spellings from this week or previous weeks. After the children have learnt the spelling rule the teacher will also test 2 spellings each week that are not on the list but use the rules taught. For example, if the children had been taught the rule of adding ies then the teacher would choose a word that follows this rule but was not on their sheet to learn. The idea is that the children do not learn the spelling list but the rules of the list that they can then apply in their writing.

The spelling book that you have received home is for the children to practice their spelling in any way that suits them. They may draw pictures for the letters, use different coloured pencils to remind them of a silent letter or draw around sections of the words. In our daily spelling lessons, they will be taught multiple strategies to help them learn new spellings.

If you have any questions about the changes to our spellings homework, please contact your class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

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