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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know from my letter in July, we are now no longer sending home spellings as a weekly list to learn; spellings will continue to be taught as part of the National Curriculum, integrated within the English curriculum throughout the week. Teachers use a range of methods for teaching children how to spell, such as through discrete spelling lessons, additional sessions to focus on specific patterns, opportunities to test children's ability to spell words appropriate for their age and ability, challenges, investigations and warm-ups.

We always value your support with helping your child to become an accurate speller and therefore, we have created a list of words for each year group, from Years 1 to 6. Each list outlines the typical words that will be taught throughout the academic year. There may be some variations on these words, linked to similar patterns or rules. These spelling lists are based on the National Curriculum. If you wish to support your child's learning at home by playing games and having discussions involving these words, then we would be very grateful. Daily reading is one of the greatest opportunities to also discuss words, their origins, their spelling and their meaning. The spelling lists can be found on our school website here:

<http://www.vernonprimaryschool.com/page/spellings/80110>

I would like to reassure you that every teacher adapts the learning in the classroom according to the individual needs of a child. If a child has a specific difficulty with spelling, the teacher will ensure they are being taught words in school that are appropriate for their ability. They will also be continuously reinforcing high frequency words using methods that are suitable for a child's learning style. Similarly, if a child is a particularly gifted speller, they will be stretched and challenged to ensure they are not only learning how to spell accurately, but also widening their vocabulary with ambitious and adventurous words from outside of the year group's list.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Walker
Assistant Headteacher/English Subject Leader



Nobody else is quite like me'

