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Dear Parents and Carers,

After half term, we will be introducing a new spelling programme as part of our Little Wandle scheme. This programme will help children develop confidence and accuracy in spelling through regular practice and application.

Each week, the children will learn a set of spelling words linked to the spelling patterns taught in class. They will also practise “prickly spellings” — words that are more difficult to remember.

As part of the new approach, we will no longer be carrying out weekly spelling tests. Instead, children will complete dictated sentences in class to help them apply their spelling knowledge in context. These short dictations focus on accurate spelling and sounding out words carefully.

Teachers will assess spelling progress at the end of each half term.

Regular spelling practice at home will make a big difference and help children move their learning into their long-term memory. We encourage short, fun practice sessions throughout the week. Children may practise by:

- Reading and writing their spelling words
- Sounding out and segmenting words
- Identifying tricky or “prickly” parts of words
- Practising dictated sentences that are given

Our first spelling unit after half term will include words such as: circle, ice, fancy, space, dance, bicycle, silence and city.

The prickly spellings for this unit are:
beautiful and laugh.

I have attached the full half term’s spellings, prickly spellings and dictated sentences below.

Thank you for your continued support with your child’s learning at home.

Kind regards,

Miss Puckey.

Spelling Unit 8 week 1

Spelling words

circle	ice	fancy	space
dance	bicycle	silence	city

Prickly spellings

beautiful	laugh

Spelling Unit 9 week 2

Spelling words

revision	casual	confusion	version
usual	pleasure	decision	treasure

Prickly spellings

busy	pretty

Spelling Unit 10 week 3

Spelling words

illness	enjoyment	plentiful	agreement
happiness	helpful	freshness	joyful

Prickly spellings

parents	because

Spelling Unit 10 week 4

Spelling words

carelessly	hopeless	lately	nicely
nosily	happily	penniless	helplessly

Prickly spellings

parents	because

Spelling Unit 11 week 5

Spelling words

I'm	it's	I've	didn't
we'll	can't	hasn't	I'll

Note: You don't need to add dots and dashes to these words.

Prickly spellings

beautiful	laugh	busy	pretty
parents	because		

Dictation

For further spelling practice, dictate these sentences.

Spelling Unit 8 week 1

I drew / a beautiful bicycle / with my pencil.
Do not laugh / when I dance / on the ice.
The mice cycled / to the city / for an ice cream.
The horse had / some spicy rice.

Spelling Unit 9 week 2

I am too busy / to measure you.
That was a / pretty big explosion.
I am busy / doing some revision.
There was confusion / about the location / of the treasure.

Spelling Unit 10 week 3

The joyful dog / wagged its tail / with happiness.
I had / an awful argument / with a dragon.
We had an agreement / I would be helpful / today
I am hopeful / there will be beautiful decorations.

Spelling Unit 10 week 4

My parents / carelessly dropped / the beautiful cake.
The monster yelled noisily / because it was hungry.
The rabbit was helpless / as it had hurt its paw.
Hopefully / there will be no illness / in the class.

Spelling Unit 11 week 5

I'm taking / the pretty kitten / over there.
We'll take an umbrella / because it's raining.
I've been busy / because I'm making / a model car.
You can't laugh / when you see / the cake I've made.