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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Spurcroft Primary School & Nursery, we recognise the importance of teaching our pupils to be effective spellers. As a result of this, we are moving to the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling programme pupils in Year 2-6.

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 of 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 high demands of the spelling curriculum, and we will be starting the approach after half term.

Children in Y2-6 will receive:

- A daily spelling lesson using Read, Write, Inc. resources, which are full of structured activities, lively illustrations and engaging video content.
- Their own Spelling Log Books, 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 an online Extra Practice Zone where pupils can apply and consolidate their learning during their learning at home.

Pupils will not take part in a formal weekly spelling test. Consolidation of their weekly spellings will be through a range of activities within the spelling lesson, and other lessons.

Pupils' spelling knowledge will be assessed through their day to day writing, 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 'Log Books' 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 Log Books for daily practice of their 'Log and Learn' words. However, should a log book 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Y2-Y6 Spelling Co-ordinator

