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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Spelling Shed



To further promote the teaching and learning of spellings, Bushmead subscribes to Spelling Shed for children in Year 3 – 6. This spelling scheme teaches children to recognise spelling patterns and highlights notable exceptions. Words are taught in context and linked to other words with similar patterns in order to fully explore their meanings.

Your child has been provided with a username and password, which can be found inside their Spelling Record Book, and have already logged in during school sessions. Weekly spelling lists will continue to be sent home (on a Friday) and tested on the following Friday. Children will need to write the spellings out three times in their Spelling Book Record. Additionally, children will be expected to play the online spelling games that teachers have allocated to their account. These can be accessed at [www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) If you have any difficulties accessing the weekly assignments, please speak to your child's teacher or email the office.

Research confirms that spelling enhances young children's ability to read and write. However, as children get older, the continued teaching of appropriate spelling practices (spelling patterns; studying the meaning of roots, prefixes and suffixes; the historical development of the English language and words' language of origin) could provide them with significant benefits (Moats, 2005).

We hope that this move to Spelling Shed, as your child enters Key Stage 2, helps to renew their enthusiasm for spelling and thank you for your support during this transition.

Kind regards,

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