COLLATON ST MARY C of E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the past term, as a staff body, we have been carrying out some detailed research into the effective ways that children are taught and learn their spellings, including ways in which other schools teach spellings. In light of this, we have adapted our policy and would like to clarify how we will be implementing the changes.

Children will bring home weekly spellings; these will follow a pattern or rule which will be focused on in class that week. Alongside this, children will be asked to research that rule or pattern (research can be completed in the home school journal). The children will be tested on their spellings and some of the researched spellings in school once a week. Children will also have a few spellings which are individual to them or are from the recommended list for their year group. Teachers will be looking closely at the work, mainly through their writing in class, for the application of these spelling rules.

Reading is also an important skill for children and supports them in both the spelling and writing process. Children are expected to read each night at home. Every child will be provided with a bookmark with dates on, and we ask parents to initial this once they have read with their child. These will be given to the children after the half term break.

More information and an example of the bookmark can be found on the school's website, along with the home learning policy in the 'Home Learning' section, under 'Learning'.

If you would like any further information, please either speak to your class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Cristy Nelson
Head of School