

Friday 8th September 2023

Year 1 Spelling Passports

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday your child brought home their new '**spelling passport**' to support their learning of spelling in Year 1. The passport lists the spelling patterns that are being focussed on **each week** over a half term. So last week we have already been looking at set 1 in class. The children can then spend just a few minutes at home practising this set during the following week, then the next week they can practise set 2 once we have covered them in class and so on. This allows us to teach the pattern in class first and then the children follow up at home with practising the spelling that has been taught.

Within the passport there are some ideas of ways in which your child can practise their spellings of that week to try and make it more fun. Alongside their passport we are providing a 'spelling jotter' so they can practise and keep a record of their progress.

Every Friday your child just needs to bring in their passport with their 'spelling jotter' to show a member of staff that they have been practising the spelling focus of the week. They will then receive a stamp on their passport. At the end of the half term they will receive a special sticker for their consistent effort.

Once your child knows how to carry out some of the different ways they can practise their spellings we would encourage them to try and complete some of their practise independently. You may be able to think of some other words that have that week's spelling focus and practise those too. If your child is spelling the words and others correctly, then the next step would be to apply those spellings correctly to some sentences.

The children will not have a weekly spelling test but we expect them to be starting to apply their spellings to their writing in class.

A new passport will be sent home at the beginning of each half term with the next set of weekly focus spelling patterns.

Please make sure your child looks after their passport and jotter and brings it in **every Friday**.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ella Kotzé
(Year 1 Lead)