

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel



## Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that we have introduced new spelling systems in the school. Although we have explained this to the children and they are beginning to understand their role, I wanted to ensure that you as parents understand and can support them in developing their spelling knowledge.

From year 2 onwards each child is given a spelling log book.

We expect the children to bring this to every lesson each day of the week, Monday – Friday. Please can you ensure that your child brings it to school every day.

At the front of the book there is a glossary of terms that we use with your child and will help you reinforce this language at home.



On page 4 of your child's log book there is detailed instruction on how to use the spelling log book.

Each week we teach a particular spelling pattern. At the beginning of the week the children are tested on words following the pattern. They are not expected to get these all correct but it gives us a guide to the difficulties they are having. Once the spellings are corrected the children then copy the words they need to practise in the section called 'Speed Spell'. Please help them learn these words over the week.

The other section they fill in over the course of the week is the 'Words to Log and Learn'. These are words they find tricky and need to practise the pattern.

We ask parents to initial next to the words their child has practised and once they are able to spell them correctly three times they can move on. This means the children may need to practise spelling words from the previous weeks until they are confident with them.

At no point do they have a formal spelling test. We have found that often children can get spellings correct in a test but then do not apply them in their writing. This new system encourages them to apply spellings all the time in their writing.

Yours sincerely

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