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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Riverbridge, we recognise the importance of teaching our children to spell accurately. To help the children learn their spellings and retain them, we have purchased a subscription to the Spelling Shed for children in Years 3 - 6. Read Write Inc books will no longer be in use.

Spelling Shed is a scheme designed for pupils to practise their weekly spellings online via <https://play.spellingshed.com>. This is free but if you find it easier to access, there is an app you can purchase which works on smartphones and tablets.

Children can practise set spelling rules given by the teacher as well as practise spellings patterns from the National Curriculum. Teachers are able to use the program in school and monitor practice and progress when the site is used at home in the same way as Times Tables Rock Stars.

Each week, alongside home learning set on Google Classroom, the children will also be given a spelling assignment on Spelling Shed. Pupils will receive a new online spelling list each week which will be based around the spelling rules they are learning in class. The assignment is in the form of playing games where the children can choose their own confidence level. Once they've completed the assignment, they can continue to play the games given or start to play the bonus games. The more times they play, the more points and rewards they will earn!

All children should have their own Spelling Shed log-in details stuck into their planners.

For more information and how to get the most out of the programme, please refer to the Parent Guide attached with this letter, which can also be found on our website under Curriculum, Subject and English or via <https://www.riverbridgeprimary.co.uk/learning/curriculum/english>.

We hope that the children will have fun using this programme and, as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with your class teacher.

Kind regards,

 

Miss Heffernan and Mrs Cooper
(English Subject Leads)

