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Dear Parents / Carers,

New Spelling Homework – Spelling Shed



At Barrow Hedges, we recognise the importance of teaching our children to spell accurately. Spelling can be a source of much stress and anxiety for many children and adults. When children are equipped with a range of strategies for learning spelling and can apply these when writing independently, they feel more confident to enjoy the creative process of writing. For this reason, we have been reviewing our approach to teaching spelling and have some exciting changes to announce.

To help our teaching of spelling, we have signed up to Spelling Shed for children in Years 1 to 6. Spelling Shed is a game-based tool that can be used at home to boost children's confidence in spelling. The Spelling Shed scheme is based on cutting edge research into the teaching of spelling. Children enjoy playing games and practise their spellings in a fun, interactive way.

Children will continue to learn a set list of spellings linked to the expectations of their year group each week. These will be the spelling rules and patterns that will be explored during spelling lessons in school and the words that they practise using the games. Children will continue to be tested in school on Fridays.

In addition to the weekly spelling assignments, teachers will be setting a 'SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) Quiz' on Spelling Shed every other week. This will replace the grammar and punctuation homework currently set on Teams. Children will continue to receive a reading comprehension task on Teams on the alternate weeks.

Your child has been given their login information and they can access Spelling Shed online using this link: <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>. The website can be accessed using a computer, phone or tablet. You do not need to download the Spelling Shed app to play, however this is



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available if you choose to pay to download this to your phone. I have attached a Parent Guide to this email to support you to use Spelling Shed at home.

If you have any questions, please speak to you class teacher.

Best wishes,

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