



26th January 2017

Dear Parents,

School Website, Homework and Spelling-Updates Spring term 2017

Since the launch of our school website <http://www.nortonfirst.worcs.sch.uk> last year we have been keeping it updated with calendar dates, news items and photographs. The recent additions are regarding the school's 'broad and balanced' curriculum, so please have a look under the curriculum tab. Also the class pages are very exciting with lots of photographs and information about what your child is learning at school.

From the end of next week we are launching a new area for homework and spellings, under the Information for Parents tab. This will be populated with spelling lists by date and per year group up until the next half term. Homework information will be included in this area.

We have revised our homework guidance in accordance with our most recent developments. A copy of which has been published in the same area of the website.

On a practical note:

KS2. Spellings and homework are set on a Friday and tested or returned on the following Wednesday.

Year 2. Spellings are set on Monday and tested on the following Monday. Homework is set on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday.

Year 1. Spellings are set on a Wednesday and tested on the following Wednesday. Homework is set on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday.

Reception. Sounds and high frequency words will be set in their sound book.

We are going to post the spelling lists and information regarding homework on the website, so that parents have an overview and can access the information directly, rather than sending home multiple pieces of paper. Work will continue to be recorded in the brain builder exercise books.

The children will all be completing their spelling tests in their Spelling and Grammar (SPAG) workbooks, so that they can see how they are progressing each week and be given verbal feedback in class. The high importance that we are giving to spelling, grammar, punctuation and phonics is to reflect the national schools' agenda of raising standards and assessment criteria in English and all the work we are setting is directly related to the key skills required for each year group. Oak and Ash class are celebrating this week because all the children achieved 100% in their test, so very well done! If your child's teacher has any concerns regarding your child's achievement, please be assured that we will contact you and will also be supporting the children in class with focused teaching.

Parent consultation evenings are being held on Tuesday 28th Feb 5-8pm and Wednesday 1st March 3- 6pm. At the meeting you will also have the opportunity to see your child's work and discuss their progress.

We do hope that you enjoy the website and find it easy to use. If you experience any difficulties, please can you let us know so that they can be addressed?

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Dean and Mrs Smith