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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3 and 4 pupils,

Spelling is an essential skill that underpins children's development as confident readers and writers. Mrs Parker and I are currently working closely with our HFL English Adviser to review and refine our approach to the teaching of spelling across the school.

As part of this process, from this week, our Year 3 and 4 teachers will be trialling a new spelling scheme, with the possibility of rolling it out across the whole school in the near future. The scheme is available through our existing Purple Mash subscription (which also supports our new Computing curriculum, introduced this academic year) and is fully aligned with the National Curriculum. This will ensure that children are explicitly taught and given opportunities to practise the spelling rules and patterns expected at their year group.

This change will also bring a small adjustment to your child's Home Learning. From this week, weekly spelling activities will be set through **Purple Mash**, which children already have logins for and are familiar with. Unlike Spellingframe, Purple Mash will allow us to set activities that directly link to the spelling rule or pattern your child has been learning in class that week.

Each week, children will be set a spelling quiz to complete. If you would prefer a printed copy of the quiz, this can be arranged; simply let your child's class teacher know.

As with any new initiative, it may take a little time for the scheme to become fully embedded and for children to familiarise themselves with the new approach. However, we are very excited about the opportunities it offers and hope you will be too.

If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would also welcome any constructive feedback as we begin using Purple Mash for spelling.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Garwood *Deputy Headteacher* *English Lead*	Mrs Parker *English Lead*	Mr Dadswell *Lime Class Teacher* *Computing Lead*	Mr Gobin *Marine Class Teacher*	Mrs Bunce *Shamrock Class Teacher*