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Dear Parents

As a school we are always striving to improve the children's reading and spelling. To this end we have introduced some new schemes across the school. In Reception and Year 1 we are using Floppy's Phonics to teach the children the sounds letters and how they blend to make words and in Year 2-6 we are using Read, Write Inc. Spelling to help the children learn spelling rules and the difficult words to spell. Each day all children will take part in a phonics or spelling session in addition to their literacy lesson.

Mrs Oakley trialled the use of Floppy's Phonics in Reception last academic year and the children responded very well to the engaging, interactive input. This year it will also be used in Year 1 to build on the children's developing reading skills.

The children in Year 2-6 will have a Spelling Log Book which they will be bringing home and you can see what spelling pattern they are working on, what words they are finding difficult and ideas for how they can be supported.

If you would like more information about how the new schemes are working and how you can support your child please see either myself or your class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr Foster