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Dear East Hoathly parents,

Spellings

This year, all schools across the Pioneer Federation will be taking a different approach to the teaching and learning of spellings. As a result of this, your child will no longer receive a list of spelling words to learn as part of their homework. They will still be learning spelling patterns and rules at school, and your child's teacher may decide to set homework that is linked to this, but there will be no list of words and no more weekly spelling tests.

We have made this decision to ensure that more time can now be allocated to learning the actual rules and patterns, rather than just learning by sight, so that pupils then begin to transfer this learning into other areas. We also found that weekly testing was causing unnecessary stress for some and, of course, that is the last thing we would want!

If you would like to know the spelling focus for your child's class each term, this can be found on the termly class newsletters and on the curriculum maps, that can be found on the website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs Abbie Hill
Pioneer GPS Lead

