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Dear Parents/Carers,

Spelling Badges



Improving spelling is always given high priority in school and we have been looking at ways to motivate the children to achieve even more with their spellings and of course apply them in their daily writing tasks.



With this in mind, we are launching our new '**spelling badges**'. These are *additional, voluntary spellings* which all children from **Years 1 to 5** can take part in. We will launch the spelling '**reach for the stars**' badges to the children in an assembly and then if they choose to they will bring home the first set of spelling words. The children will bring home a set of spellings starting with the first coloured badge to work for. These spellings are separate from the ones given in class although they will similarly follow the **statutory and non-statutory spellings** from the New Curriculum for Literacy.



I will then be available on a **Tuesday lunchtime** when your child feels they are ready to come and have a go at spelling them. I will 'test' a random **half of the words** when they feel confident with spelling them by writing them out. These will then be marked and the badge awarded in an assembly time, when success is achieved. The badge system will run in the following order: **Yellow Badge, Blue Badge, Red Badge, Green Badge and finally Gold Badge**. The spellings for each badge will become progressively more difficult; however, all children are welcome to try for all badges.



We will inform you of when the first spellings (Yellow) are available by Dojo messaging service.

Thank you once again for your continued support



Mrs. J Sumner (Literacy Leader)

