

Year 3 Welcome Meeting



Year 3 Teachers:

Miss Corkery

Mrs Hill

Mrs Kelly

Mrs Lennon

Support Staff:

Mrs Yakoob

New for Year 3

Celebrating Class Saints:

3EL St Peter (29th June)

3EH Saint Oscar Romero (24th March)

3TK Saint Therese of Lisieux (1st October)

Homework

- English homework is set on Seesaw on a Tuesday and returned on a Friday.
- Maths homework is set on Seesaw on a Friday and returned on Tuesday.
- Reading homework. Children are heard read by their English Teachers however, it will not be their home reader (AR reading). Please can you sign their diary when they have read at home.
- Spellings will be sent home for the year in a spelling shed booklet and set online.

Reading for Pleasure:

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



Why is it important?

- Of all the subjects taught in school, reading is first among equals – the most singular in importance because all others rely on it. Excellence in almost any academic subject requires strong reading.
- People who read lots attain more. They also develop: general knowledge; vocabulary; a better attitude to writing; higher overall attainment; emotional awareness; a wider understanding of the world and greater expression through speech and writing.
- Significant correlation between reading ability and GCSE results across all subjects. Children who are weak readers will struggle as much in maths and science at GCSE as they do in English and in arts subjects.

Why is it important?

- The consequences of illiteracy are immense:
 - reduced access to higher education;
 - more limited job choices;
 - on average, lower income;
 - higher risk of permanent exclusion;
 - poor health;
 - poor housing;
 - more likely to have a mental health problem;
 - higher risk of imprisonment;
 - shorter life expectancy.

How can you support?

- Read every day with your child for **at least 15 minutes a day.**
- Encourage your child to read a wide range of reading material - fiction, non-fiction, poetry, newspapers and magazines.
- Use our Top 20 or Book of the Month suggestions to help explore a wider range of authors and genres.
- Talk to your child about what they are reading.
- Create a Toppsta profile and enter giveaways to win new books for your child to review – encourage them to share their opinions about what they have read.
- Take them to the library.

Reading Homework:

- We use the Accelerated Reader programme. Children will take an online reading test at least 3 times a year. The results of this test give children a ZPD, which is basically a range from which to choose books from.
- Children can then borrow books from our school library, within their ZPD.
- Once they have read their book, they take an online quiz. If they pass this quiz, extra points are assigned to their accounts. Their 'word count' also increases. These quizzes can be taken at home.
- Reading records must be signed to say you have heard them read at home.

Hearing Children Read at Home:

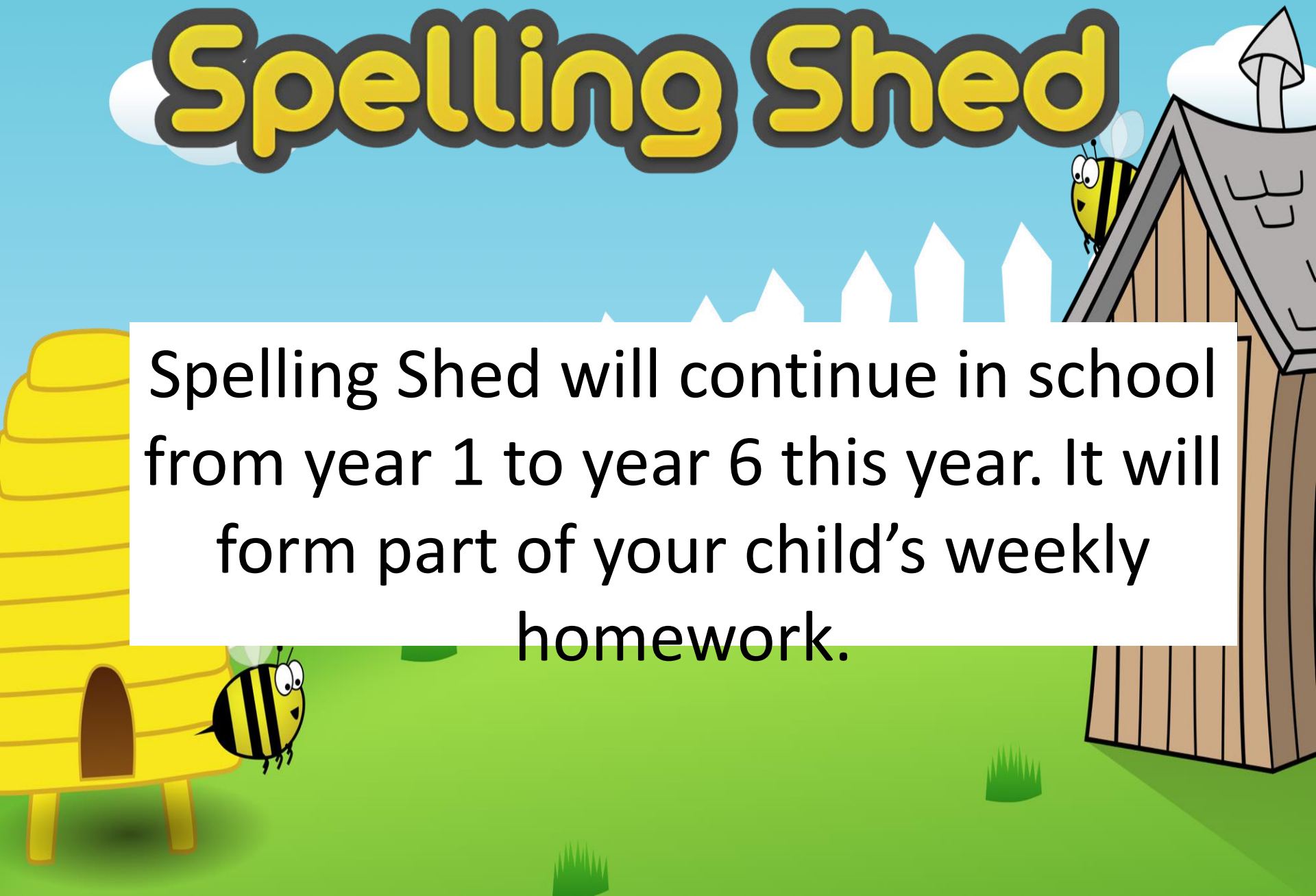
- This should happen for at least fifteen minutes each night.
- Try to make this a special time for you and your child – it should not feel stressful or pressurised for the reader.
- Please focus your attention entirely on your child for this time. Turn off devices and remove other distractions.
- Use strategies such as echo-reading or choral reading to help your child's fluency and expression.
- Even the most confident readers need to be heard reading aloud – encourage older pupils to read to a younger child, or to a pet, or to a doll.

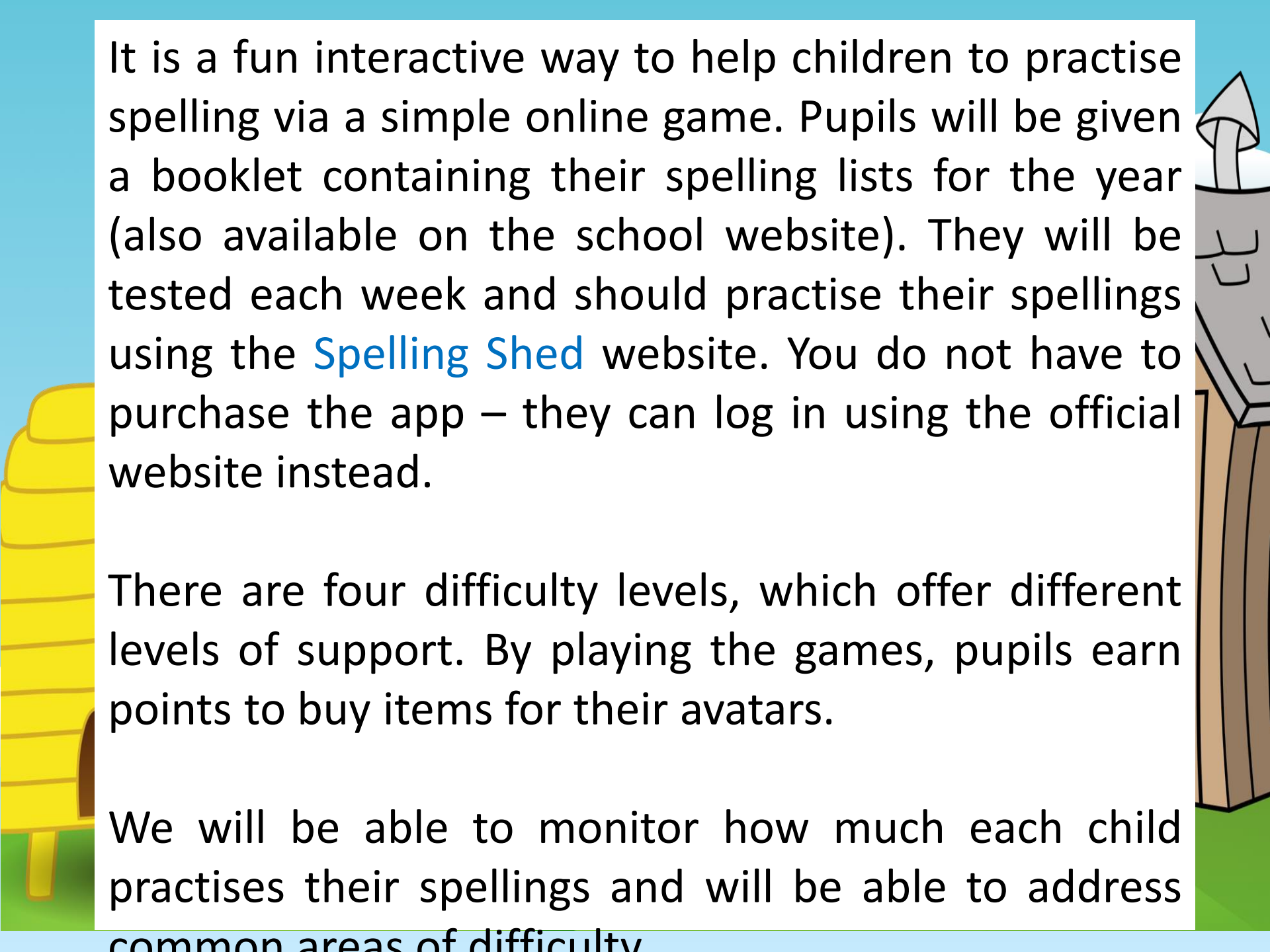
Reading Records:

- Each child has a reading record, which must be signed at least three times a week.
- Children who have their diary signed at least three times per week will be entered into a termly prize draw.
- Teachers will check diaries weekly.
- If a child does not have their diary in school, they will not be able to receive their reading star for that week. Children must collect at least ten stars to enter the prize draw.

Spelling Shed

Spelling Shed will continue in school from year 1 to year 6 this year. It will form part of your child's weekly homework.





It is a fun interactive way to help children to practise spelling via a simple online game. Pupils will be given a booklet containing their spelling lists for the year (also available on the school website). They will be tested each week and should practise their spellings using the [Spelling Shed](#) website. You do not have to purchase the app – they can log in using the official website instead.

There are four difficulty levels, which offer different levels of support. By playing the games, pupils earn points to buy items for their avatars.

We will be able to monitor how much each child practises their spellings and will be able to address common areas of difficulty

- Times Tables Rock Stars

The times tables are the basics of maths. If you know the basics, you'll find the rest much easier

- Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun, game based way to learn and practise times tables on a computer or tablet.



- Each child will have a log in.
- They will earn coins for the progress they make to spend on their avatar.
- Please encourage your child to play and practise at home. We will be celebrating their successes at school too.



Computing

In Y3, as part of the Computing curriculum, we will cover:

- Programming
- Word Processing
- Internet Research and Communication



The computing units incorporate key knowledge and understanding to ensure preparation for using technology devices safely and responsibly. We will also explore Self-Image and Identity, Online Bullying and Privacy and Security.

Get in control of parental controls



If using a
smartphone, check
content lock is set



Set parental
controls on your
home broadband



Control app
downloads
and purchases



Make the
games console
safe and secure



Use safety mode
on YouTube
and Google



If using social
networks, check
privacy settings

Go to internetmatters.org/controls
for step-by-step guides

First Communion Programme

- All children are involved in preparing for First Holy Communion.
- The programme includes 4 meetings throughout the year. (including an RE inspire in school) Dates and attendance in school may be subject to change.
- Belonging Meeting which will be Wednesday 17th November. 5:00pm
- Making Peace Meeting –Wednesday 9th February 5:00pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confessions)
- Tuesday 22nd March 4pm 3TK and 1/2 3EH
- Thursday 24th March 4pm 3EL and 1/2 3EH



First Communion Masses

- Sharing a Meal INSPIRE
- 3TK St. Bernadette's 2pm Tuesday 3rd May
- 3EH St. Bernadette's 2pm Wednesday 4th May
- 3EL St. Bernadette's 2pm Thursday 5th May

- Final Meeting – Wednesday 25th May 5pm
- Sacrament of the Eucharist
- Saturday 11th June 9:15am 3TK and 1/2 3EH
- Saturday 18th June 9:15am 3EL and 1/2 3EH
- Going Forth Mass Wednesday 22nd June 9am.

School Trips

- School trips will need to be paid for on an individual trip basis, costing for each trip will be available on the trip letter.
- There will no longer be a school fund contribution for school trips.
- If the cost of the trip is not met through parent payment, the trip will be unable to go ahead.

Residential

- Residential Trip to Condover Hall, Shropshire.
- Year 3 take part in a residential trip each year. This year it will take place from 7th March – 9th March.



PE

- PE kits should be kept in school at all times.
- Black pumps, black shorts and a white t-shirt are essential for PE lessons.





Bronze Star Awards



- Scheme in school to reward good behaviour.
- 20 stars in the Autumn Term for a special certificate.
- 20 stars in the Spring Term for the bronze star award.
- 20 stars in the Summer Term for a special reward.

Medical

- Please update medical forms including allergies and asthma if required.
- Please ensure all medicines are up to date (e.g. inhalers)

Frequently Asked Questions

- Doors usually open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am.
- Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack to school for break time which should be a piece of fruit.
- Our Year 3 School Governor is Carlos Dela Cruz.
- School meals are charged for in Ks2. If you believe you are eligible for free school meals or are unsure you can check at

Diary Dates

- Maths Parents Evening: Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November (TBC)
- English Parents Evening: Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March (TBC)

Thank you

All of this information is available on the school website. If you have any further queries please contact the Year 3 staff
year3@stberns.bham.sch.uk

