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Dear parent/carer

Spelling Programme Year 3

At Thomas Coram School we pride ourselves on a thorough and creative approach to teaching and learning.

From this spring half term, spelling skills in Year 3 classes are being taught using a revised approach. Recent research suggests that best practice in the teaching of spelling should be a 'little and often' approach, with spelling taught and practised several times each week. This is a similar approach to that used in the teaching of phonic skills, is recommended by Herts for Learning (the school improvement service for Hertfordshire County Council), and has proved highly successful in other schools.

Lesson teaching will focus on the spelling patterns, revision of phonic skills and on the practice of spelling using a range of word games. Whilst we shall continue to give a list of spelling words, every Friday, there will be only five or six example words to be practised. Each Friday there will be dictation test to assess children's learning of these spelling words.

Yours sincerely

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