

## Long Melford Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

On alternate weeks we will be sending out some spellings for your child to learn or a spelling investigation.

The spellings will usually be linked to the Phonics we have learnt during that week. Please help your child to practise and learn them. A good strategy to use is the 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' method. Ask your child to look carefully at the word, then cover it up and let them have a go. Then uncover the word and get them to check it - see if they can spot any errors they have made and praise their attempts!

We will have spelling checks the following Friday after they have been issued. Please encourage your child but refrain from calling it a spelling test - we want the children to find it a positive experience and not be worried!

This week we are starting off with a spelling investigation. Your child can cut out the letters and arrange them to make as many different words as they can. Encourage your child to read the words they have made and write them on the sheet which they can bring back to school. If they are reluctant to copy the words they have made it is fine for you to write them for your child as the focus is on the recognition of the sounds and making/reading the words.

I'm delighted with how well the children have settled into Peake Class. They are happy and enthusiastic to learn. Please do come and see me if you have any questions or concerns,

With kind regards,

Mrs V. Gentry