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Dear Parents

It's been a smooth start to the year – your children have settled in and are working well. Our first homework task “All About Me” was sent home on Friday.

Today we have pre-tested a list of VILLAGE words for spelling this week and the children have brought their tests home in their spelling books to work on at home. This book should to be kept in the reader cover and brought to school each day. The words will be tested again on Friday. Most weeks there will be challenge words as well as list words. The words can be found on the online program, Spelling City. Children have been given user names and passwords.

Google – Spelling City

User name child's first name and grade all in lower case no spaces eg.mary3mw

Password osps also in lower case

Go to Lists and Games box – the words will come up.

Where children have more than three or more words incorrect in the pre test they start on activities in the STUDY section at school before TEST and TEACH activity. FLASH CARDS is great for those needing extra practise as is AUDIO MATCHING and SENTENCE MATCHING. SPEEDY SPELLER is great for the more able spellers. For these children with very few mistakes in the list and challenge words, the next step is for them to learn the meanings and to be able to use them in sentences – have a look at SENTENCE and PARAGRAPH activities.

Whilst the library is undergoing repair work following the holiday “floods” your child will need to read and bring to school a book from home or the local library. The expectation is that children will read for at least 20 – 30 minutes a night and to have their reader covers signed. Please see your child's reader cover for a sample of how to fill out the monthly calendar – which includes the book title and pages read. Children of all ages love to be read to – and reading aloud to an ‘interested’ adult helps to develop their fluency and expression.

This week we will start ability based groups in numeracy and writing. There will be some movement between the groups based on test results and teacher observation over the next few weeks.

For those of you who did not receive the welcome newsletter, sent home in December, please ask your child's class teacher for a copy or read it on the school website under Newsletters Year 3.

We are all looking forward to another great year in the village and getting to know this group of children.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us or contact us by email with any queries or concerns.

Julie, Jan, Jenny, Murray, Kim. Diane and Janet

P.S Thanks to those parents who have offered to come in and get the garden under control. The more helpers the better and don't forget we need chair bags for each classroom. We need some mums (or dads) with basic sewing skills and the time to make a pattern and start sewing. ☺

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