

Dear Parent

At Ballacottier we are striving to raise standards in spelling in all classes. The parents of all children in Year 1 to Year 6 will receive a half termly chart identifying the spelling pattern that will be a focus in class each week and a list of words that contain that spelling pattern. The words that are listed follow nationally expected standards for the year group your child is in.

Although there will be no weekly spelling test, it would be helpful if you could go over these words and spelling patterns at home to consolidate learning in school.

Spelling assessment is to be conducted across the school. As well as learning new spelling patterns, pupils will revisit those spelling patterns that they are not yet secure and confident with, to help them meet the expected spelling standard for their age.

Pupils with additional needs will work on spelling patterns tailored specifically to address gaps in their learning on an individual basis.

An information document explaining how we will be teaching spelling at Ballacottier and information on how you can support your child's learning at home will be posted on the school website. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Walsh