



# Blanford Mere Nursery and Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We know that many children struggle to apply learnt spellings into everyday classroom practise. To help address this, we have introduced the children to Spelling Shed as part of their school and home work.

The Spelling Shed helps children to practise spelling via a game. The game gives four different degrees of support in the form of difficulty modes; Easy, Medium, Hard and Extreme. Higher levels allow a higher score to be achieved but children can practise as much as they like on lower levels before trying to gain high scores. The scores achieved give a league position and each class has its own league position within a school league and the world league. Your child's teacher will set lists of words that your child should practise and will monitor their progress. Your child will still receive their spellings in the same way as they already are: this will give you the opportunity to practise their spellings with them, as well as them doing this independently.

Spelling Shed can be accessed via <https://play.spellingshed.com>. Your child will be able to login using their existing Mathletics username and password that is already in their planner.

To be entered into the Spelling Shed system a small amount of information is added to their database. This is limited to:

- Name
- A username
- A password

Username are displayed in certain areas so we have used first name and last initial only.

The Spelling Shed does not share any personal information and their full privacy policy can be accessed at <https://www.spellingshed.com/privacy.html>.

Each year group will be expected to complete a certain number of games each week (5 for Year 1, 10 for Year 2, 12 for Years 3 and 4, 15 for Years 5 and 6). Children should be encouraged to challenge themselves, progressing through the difficulty levels. Spelling lists will usually be set on **Monday** for a week. Reception and Year 1 will practise weekly spellings linked to the Jolly Phonic sounds they have learnt that week.

Each term, the child in each year band with the highest total score will receive a prize. Certificates will regularly be awarded within each class.

If you have any questions regarding Spelling Shed, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Mrs Oliver