



# Gorsemoor Primary School

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## Changes to Spelling at Gorsemoor

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our aim at Gorsemoor to develop, in the children we teach, an enthusiasm for literacy in all its forms and the confidence to express themselves both orally and through the written word.

In light of the increased demanding requirements of the children to complete a SAT test in spelling, punctuation and grammar, we will be using a new spelling scheme at Gorsemoor. This scheme is 'Read, Write, Inc. Spelling' and builds upon the phonics knowledge that your child has learnt already here at school.

*Read Write Inc. Spelling* embeds impressive skills in just 15 minutes a day, quickly and effectively filling the gaps in children's knowledge. To keep children engaged, aliens introduce spelling rules on an exciting online spelling planet and children complete quick-fire activities in their spelling logs. Progress is accurately recorded using practice tests and teachers move children on quickly.

It does mean that the way in which children learn and are tested on spelling has changed. Your child will not have a word list to learn and they will not have a traditional test on Friday. Instead, after our introduction, the children will have personalised spellings that follow the rule of the week and will be tested on these during a 'Speed Spell' (which takes place each Monday).

There will be a parent workshop held on:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (3:00pm - 3:30pm)** about the structure of the spelling scheme and how it works. If you would be interested in attending, please return the slip below.

Kind Regards,

Miss Moorcroft and Mrs. Fitch.  
English Coordinators

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I would like to attend the spelling workshop on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (3:00pm - 3:30pm).

Signed: ..... Date:.....