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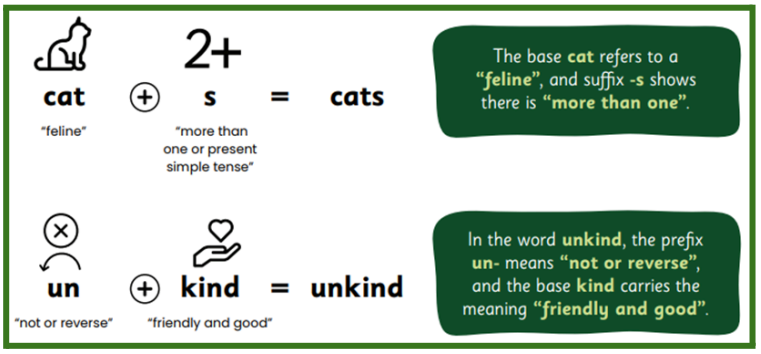
Thursday 5th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

From this half term, we will be using a new spelling scheme in class based on Grammarsaurus. This will mean the spelling homework will be different and include varied activities for your child to complete. As the spelling rule will have been taught in class, the learning should be familiar at home.

Through the Grammarsaurus scheme, children will be learning how words are built — not just memorised.

We'll be focusing on etymology and morphology in spelling, which means understanding where words come from and how words are made up of smaller parts called morphemes. A morpheme is the smallest part of a word that contributes to meaning. For example, cats has two morphemes.



We encourage a creative and playful approach to spelling rather than learning word lists. Here are some fun ways to support your child:

- Practise **phonics** to help spell common bases correctly, especially high-frequency ones like 'look', 'call', 'read', 'watch', etc.
- Take a simple base like 'play', 'jump', or 'walk', for example. Using word sums, see how many new words you can make with different prefixes and suffixes:
  - **play ⊕ ed = played**
  - **play ⊕ er = player**
  - **re ⊕ play = replay**
  - **un ⊕ play ⊕ able = unplayable**
- Practise breaking words into **word sums** to see how words are made:
  - **walked = walk ⊕ ed**
  - **biker = bike ⊕ er**
  - **watching = watch ⊕ ing**

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with your class teacher.

Thank you,

Mrs Spillane (English lead) and Miss Smith (KS2 lead)