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RE: Sounds and Syllables Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are introducing *Sounds and Syllables* spelling homework to support children's reading fluency and spelling in Key Stage 2. This will be sent home weekly with your child.

How it works:

- Children practise breaking words into their *syllables* (word parts) and identifying the *sounds* (phonemes) within them.
- For example: *computer* can be split into three syllables (*com-pu-ter*), and *fantastic* into three (*fan-tas-tic*).
- This helps children to read longer, more complex words with confidence and to apply spelling rules more accurately.

Why it helps:

- Breaking words into syllables makes reading unfamiliar vocabulary easier.
- It supports accurate spelling, especially for multisyllabic words.
- It strengthens vocabulary knowledge, as children become more confident in recognising and using new words.

How you can help at home:

- Ask your child to read the words aloud and break them into syllables.
- Encourage them to count the syllable breaks to reinforce accuracy.
- Discuss word patterns (e.g. prefixes, suffixes, root words) to deepen understanding and complete assigned tasks.

This approach provides a practical strategy to support reading and spelling in primary. Thank you for encouraging your child with this work at home.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Cornell
Head of Castle Cove- Primary