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Dear Parents/ Carers

This week we will be taking part in a case study for an exciting new way of learning spellings. Thinkalink by Andy Salmon (aka Sir Linkalot) is based on finding links in words as a way to aid memory and recall of learnt words. Whilst the strategies involved also extend to other subject areas, we will currently be focusing on spelling.

Years 5 and 6 have completed an initial test today and for the rest of the week will be learning five words per day – twenty-five in total – before a retest next Monday. A list of the words is below for you to support your child with practising at home, however the best way to complement the learning from class is viewing the animations and strategies at home. This can be done by downloading the free Sir Linkalot app – available from the iTunes Store or the Google Play Store – or by visiting the website: www.thinkalink.org. The pack we are focusing on for the study is Spaghetti Shakespeare (also free). Other packs are available for a small cost, however we are hoping to provide a discount on these for parents in the near future.

At this time, we are trialling this with Upper School and we are very excited to see the impact this will have on supporting children with their spelling.

Kind Regards

Year 5 & Year 6 Team

accommodation	answer	bicycle	biscuit
business	character	colour	crumb
definitely	embarrass	environment	friend
interest	onomatopoeia	parents	parliament
people	queue	sausage	separate
serious	spaghetti	special	there & their
twelfth			

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