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Dear parents and carers,

We have purchased an innovative and fun app called Sir Linkalot that we believe will transform how tricky, non-phonetic, pattern-less words from *was* and *they* to *manoeuvre* and *onomatopoeia* are spelled.

The program covers a range of the technical requirements of the National Curriculum: vocabulary, homophones, punctuation, grammar, rules and patterns. You will see in the above clip that Countdown's Susie Dent is on the app as 'Susie Lexicographer' who will tell you the etymology of words that have an interesting story to tell.

We'll be using it with the children but you can also access the app via a mobile, tablet or laptop to enable your child(ren) to practise at home.

How to access the app

Either type app.sirlinkalot.org in to a browser or search the app 'Sir Linkalot Spelling'. Tap on the log icon at the top right, click on "Sir Linkalot's code (schools only)". Type 'Darlinghurst' in the username and use the following password AAPQGZGT8J

To learn more, have a look at one of their promotional videos [The Future of Spelling](https://vimeo.com/376397859) (<https://vimeo.com/376397859>)

Each bundle contains two types of test after the animations: a multiple-choice one and two crosswords (there are no crosswords in the Level 1 bundles).

We think this will be an extremely useful resource now and all the way through your child's education. Many dyslexia associations endorse the approach as it is proven that visual resources are the most powerful way to commit something to memory. The app was a finalist at the world's largest 'Technology in Education' exhibition, The Bett Show, this year.

If you have any questions or would like some advice on how to use the app, please email sirlinkalot@sirlinkalot.org and he will gladly talk you through it.

Kind regards,



Mrs Dunne