



Monday 4th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our work to promote high standards of spelling throughout the school, we will be having another **William Byrd Spelling Bee**, which will take place on **Thursday 21st November**.

What is it?

The Spelling Bee competition is becoming more popular in the UK and as we celebrate our children's sporting achievements, we are looking for other ways to acknowledge our children's successes. Our Spelling Bee will take place from Year 1 to Year 6.

How does it work?

Each year group will be given the list of words recommended for children to read and spell for their age. Some words have been chosen to challenge children and extend their vocabulary bank. We encourage you to help children remember the meaning of each of the words so that they can use them in their writing.

The process will take place as follows:



Each class teacher to choose 10 words from the list at random for children to write. Anyone who gets all ten words correctly spelt will move to round two.



This is the oral stage where children will be asked to spell aloud 10 random words from their spelling list. Anyone who gets 10/10 will move to the semi-finals.



The Semi-finals is a knockout round. This is continued until there is one person identified to represent their class. If your child makes it to the final, you will be invited to attend.



Finals

Once a class winner has been found, they will challenge their partner class held in the style of knockout resulting in a year group winner.

We encourage parents and carers to support the children with practising their words in preparation for the Spelling Bee. In the event of a tiebreak, children will be asked to define the meaning of words.

If you have any questions, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely
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