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## Spelling Bee 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This term we will be running a Spelling Bee competition across the school and accompanying this letter will be the word lists that will be used as part of this competition. Children will have the opportunity to learn the words at home before competing against one another in each team during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The competition will work by your child being asked to spell aloud a word from the relevant level on the word list. Your child will be first asked to repeat the word to ensure that they have the right one, before spelling out the word letter by letter (please note in Foundation Stage and Lower School, children will be able to sound out the word phonetically). Your child will then need to repeat the word that they have been asked to spell at the end to indicate that they have finished giving the spelling. If they spell the word correctly they will stay in the competition and enter the next round. If they spell the word incorrectly, they go out of the competition. The competition will continue moving through the levels of difficulty until the winner is found.

There will be a separate competition and trophy for each team in the school with different teams in the school starting at different levels. Your child should start off by learning the words in the lowest level for their age group first and then move through the levels of difficulty. It is difficult to anticipate the final level that will be reached for each stage of the school before the winner is found, but based on previous experience, I am attaching a table below to guide you with preparing your child:

Area of the School	Starting Level	Anticipated Final Level for Competition Winner
Foundation Stage	Level 1	Level 4
Lower School	Level 1	Level 6
Middle School	Level 3	Level 8
Upper School	Level 5	Level 9

I appreciate that there are a lot of words on the list to learn and that some children will find the spellings easier to learn than others. Please reassure your child that this is just a friendly competition to see who can spell the most words correctly in a specific area of the school. There is no expectation that your child is expected to learn every word from the lists provided. The competition is designed to bring a bit of extra fun to school life. Just like a race in Sports Day, it will give children the opportunity to practice in advance if they wish before the competition on the final week of this term. Please note in the event of being unable to separate a winner on the day beyond Level 9, then a secret tie breaker list of further advanced spellings will need to be used.

If you have any further questions, then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wieder  
Headteacher

