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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As part of our work to promote high standards of spelling throughout the school and ensure that children are learning all their Year Group key words, we will be holding our first ever Spelling Bee in December. We feel that this will be a motivating and fun way to celebrate the achievements of all the children whilst increase their accuracy in spelling. Each class will focus on their National Curriculum word lists set out for their year group, a full list of the words that your child should be able to read for their age group is available on our school website and in the back of their Reading Records.

The Spelling Bee will run as follows:

Round One: Each year group will be given a month to learn a list of words taken from the National Curriculum word list. Children will have already practised many of these words over the term and this will be a useful opportunity to ensure they have remembered these words. These will be sent home this Monday on a special book mark. Each class teacher will give their class a written spelling quiz on these words during the week beginning 10th December.

Semi- final: Those that spelt all of their words correctly in their quiz will be invited to a Spelling Bee with their class teacher. They will be asked to spell words out loud at this stage using letter names, in the style of a traditional spelling bee, for example: *today- t-o-d-a-y*. The children will receive a certificate for their participation in this round.

Final: Those that spelt all of their words correctly during the Semi-final round will be invited to a final with the Senior Leadership Team. Again, they will be asked to spell words aloud in the style of a traditional spelling bee. Those who are successful in this will earn their own extra special Spelling Bee badge which they can wear with pride.

We believe that this structure gives all children the opportunity take part in what should be a fun event, whilst also reinforcing important work on Spelling.

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

Many thanks,

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English Subject Leader