



The Tilstock Spelling Bee



To raise the profile of spelling, and provide children with a purposeful and engaging way to learn, we will be holding a spelling competition every term. We feel that this will be a motivating and fun way to celebrate the achievements of all the children in relation to their learning in English.

How will it all work?

All pupils will take part by learning their year group word list within class and at home, and then compete in a whole class spelling test (written) during the week commencing 7th Dec.

The children with the highest score for each year group (1,2,3,4,5,6), will proceed to the next round: the semi-finals. In this round, the children will compete against children in their key stage, (Year 1,2 = KS1; Year 3,4 = LKS2; Year 5,6 = UKS2) in order to determine the top 'key stage group' winner, who will then proceed to the finals.

The **Ultimate Final will take place during a virtual whole school Christmas Spelling Bee on Friday 11th December.** This part of the competition will be made fair because children will only be challenged on spellings from their year group lists. We will use Microsoft teams so that each class will be able to watch the spelling finals together!

Aside from the initial Class Spelling Test, **all rounds** will require the children to spell the word aloud. The required word will be spoken by the class teacher; the children will need to repeat the word, state the letters to spell the word; and repeat the word again (the competitors will use a whiteboard to support with this). In the Ultimate Final, Mrs Kaminski will read the required words to be spelled by each child.

What are the spellings?

The spellings can be found below and have all been taken from the National Curriculum (2014) statutory spellings and our No Nonsense Spelling planning. The list for Autumn term is only a third of the statutory list; the other third will be distributed for the Spring term spelling bee and the final third for the Summer spelling bee.

All of these lists will be sent home in homework journals and uploaded onto our website.

What are the prizes?

- The top 2 class winners will receive a Tilstock Spelling Bee certificate.
- The semi-finalists (key stage winners) will receive a Tilstock Spelling Bee medal.
- The Ultimate Final winner (whole school) will receive a Tilstock Spelling Bee trophy.

