

Spelling Bee 2019 Competition

Robert le Kyng Primary School

Dear Parents,

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As a school we are continuing to raise the profile of spelling and teaching the children the value of being able to spell. In celebration of this we will be hosting our second RLK Spelling Bee competition. Just as with sports day, we want to celebrate all the children's efforts they are making with their spelling.



What is it?

The Spelling Bee competition is a spelling competition and is thought to have originated in the USA but has become incredibly popular with children across the world. At RLK all children from Reception to Year 6 will be invited to take part.

How does it work?

Each child will be given a word list linked to the year group expectation and will have a date to learn them by. Next term they will be tested during the week beginning Monday 17th June 2019. As this will take place in the summer term, the children will have been learning the appropriate spelling rules and patterns for these words during the year. Each word list gets progressively trickier.

Class heats

Each class Teacher will support their class with a heat or round. This will decide the class finalist that will be sent to the semi-final in a whole school assembly. During these heats each child in the class will be given a spelling from the list and asked to write it on a wipe board. If the child spells the word incorrectly, they are out of that heat. Class heats will take place during the week beginning Monday 17th June 2019.

How is a winner decided?

To ensure a fair competition during the whole school final each child will continue to be given a word from their own year group list. They will write these words on wipe boards as in the heats. As they give incorrect answers they will be out of the final. Certificates will be given to all participants and badges to the class winners and a trophy to the RLK Spelling Bee champion. The whole school final will take place on Thursday 27nd June 2019.

What if my child doesn't want to take part?

The children will be given a list of words to learn and whether they wish to take part within the competition or not, this is a great opportunity for them to practise the rules and patterns they have learned over the year. If your child does not wish to take part they will still be involved in supporting their peers and it might give them the confidence to take part next time. The lists will also be available on the school website.

Any questions or queries, please ask your class teachers.

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