



Yeading Junior Spelling Bee



It's that time of year again!
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The first two rounds of the Spelling Bee will be class based and will take place in the week beginning 2nd February.

The final round will be held in the hall and will take place in the week beginning 9th February in year groups.

How does it work?

Each year group will be given the list of common exception words recommended for children to read and spell for their age. Common exception words are words in which the English spelling code works in an unusual or uncommon way. They are not words for which phonics 'doesn't work', but they may be exceptions to spelling rules, or words which use a particular combination of letters to represent sound patterns in a rare or unique way.

Round one – Class based (All children)

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

Round two – Class based (All children)

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.

Semi-finals – Class based

The Semi-finals is a knockout round. This is continued until there is one person left to represent their class.

Finals – In the Hall

Once a class winner has been found they will challenge their partner classes held in the style of knockout rounds resulting in a year group winner. The winner will win the Spelling Bee for their House in their year group and points will be added to the House running total.

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 should know. All children will take part in Round one and if your child does not wish to take part from round two they will still be involved in supporting their peers and it might give them the confidence to take part next time.

This is a great opportunity for children to have fun whilst also reinforcing the importance of spelling.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or Ms Cupido.

