Dormansland Spelling Bee

Dear Parent/Carer,

Due to the success of previous Spelling Bees and as part of our work to promote high standards of spelling throughout the school, we will be holding another Spelling Bee over the first half of the Autumn Term.

They will be given the entire list from the outset, but will be taught 5 or 6 of the spellings each week and tested on these few words each week. Teachers will also spend time directly teaching the children strategies for learning their spellings, which they will be able to use throughout the year.

The Spelling Bee will run as follows:

**Round One (Friday 12th October):** Each year group will be given a month to learn a list of words taken from the National Curriculum High Frequency word list. Children will have the opportunity to practice spelling sounds associated with these words in class and will be able to take the lists home to practice over the first half of the Autumn term. This will be a useful opportunity to ensure they have remembered and learnt these words. Each class teacher will give their class a written test on these words in the after the Autumn Half-term. Children will achieve house points depending how many they get correct, so every spelling counts!

**Semi-final (Week beginning 15th October):** The highest scorers (a small group of children) from each year group will be invited to take part in a semi-final. Spelling words will be from their own and higher year groups and will be spelt out loud. Again children will be awarded house points for their success.

**Final (Week beginning 15th October):** The highest scorer each year group will take part in a final in front of an audience of peers, spelling words aloud in the style of a traditional spelling bee.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Carter

English Co-ordinator