



The BeDifferent Federated Spelling Challenge 2021-2022



Monday 20th September 2021

Dear Families,

Spelling is fundamental to successful reading and writing experiences-the easier your child can recognise and spell words, the greater their enjoyment and ability to use language will be. To inject a little fun and competition into the learning of spellings, we are launching a **BeDifferent Spellathon** for children in Years 3-6.

Our aims are:

- To promote spelling across the BeDifferent Federation.
- To inject elements of competitive fun and a sense of achievement to this curriculum area.
- To embed the statutory spellings of each year group so that each child has the maximum knowledge to achieve the best they can by the end of their Primary School experience.

Inside your child's reading record and uploaded to your child's Google Classroom, you will find a list of Spellathon spellings for your child to learn during this half term ready for their first spelling test the week commencing **Monday 18th October 2021**. Spellings will be allocated to your child based on your child's spelling ability. If your child has 10, 25 or even 30 spellings to learn, we are encouraging your child to learn them all and spell them all correctly in order to achieve that 100% spelling achievement and receive a BeDifferent Spellathon certificate of achievement. The BeDifferent Spellathon award ceremony will be on **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

During the week beginning **10th January 2022**, the children will be tested again on exactly the same words and those that achieve 100% will be entered into the grand **BeDifferent Spellathon**, which will involve children from across the same year group competing against each other. We will then shortlist the top spelling champions to 6 per year group. These children will then be included in the BeDifferent Spellathon, which will take place in March 2022, in one of the three schools.

Please do support your child in learning their allocated spellings and I wish everyone the very best of luck!

Kind regards,

Mrs Bull

Chief Executive Headteacher