



# SPELLING RAFFLE

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have officially launched our new Barrow Bee Spelling Raffle in years 1-5 which will be an exciting and fun way to children to learn their spellings and earn rewards.

As of Spring 2023, we have implemented the No Nonsense Spelling Scheme into our curriculum. The focus of the programme is on the teaching of spelling, which embraces knowledge of spelling conventions – patterns and rules; but integral to the teaching is the opportunity to promote the learning of spellings, including statutory words, common exceptions and personal spellings.

We are moving away from weekly spelling lists and instead embedding learning of spellings into our curriculum. We are supporting and encouraging our children to become more independent with their learning of spelling, reflecting on their strengths and areas for improvement through our spelling raffle.

A most recent spelling assessment has allowed teachers and children to identify those words within the national curriculum statutory spelling lists that they are not yet securely able to spell and these then become part of their personal spelling list.

To make spelling more fun and engaging, we are introducing a spelling raffle. When children feel confident with a level of spelling words (Bronze, Silver or Gold), they may put their name in the raffle box. When picked out, they are quizzed by their teacher to win a prize.

Each year group has three levels of spelling; bronze, silver and gold (+platinum for year 2).

Once your child feels confident with a level of spellings, they can cut off the split at the bottom and place in in their class raffle box. At different points throughout the school week, names will be chosen out of the box at random to have a spelling quiz. If the children get 100% correct, they will pass their level and earn a reward from their class teacher. If not, they will simply take their sheet back home to learn those spellings they don't yet know.

We know our children our 'buzzing' about this.