**Holymead Spelling Bee**

A Spelling Bee is a competition where contestants are asked to spell words.

Initial heats will be held within each class.

The top 2 students from each class will qualify to compete in a Year group Spelling Bee to be held in a hall in front of the whole year group.

Year group words for the English Programme of Sturdy will be used.

The list should include the pronunciation of each word, the definition (a dictionary can be used on the day of the spelling bee) and a sample sentence that uses the word correctly.

All spellers competing in the competition are given a number to determine their spelling order. The numbers are randomly drawn from a hat.

Spellers are seated in numerical order facing the pronouncer and the audience (if there is one). Starting with speller number one, each speller is called in turn to the front of the group and the pronouncer reads the word they are to spell.

The speller is given the opportunity to ask for the word to be repeated, the definition of the word and for the word to be used in a sentence. The speller then spells the word. Once the speller has started to spell the word, he or she may stop and start over from the beginning, HOWEVER, there can be no changes of the letters already spelled or the order in which they were first spelled.

If the speller spells the word correctly they return to their seat. If they spell the word incorrectly, the pronouncer gives the correct spelling of the word and the speller then joins the audience.

The next speller is then called to the stage and given their word to spell. Once all spellers have had a chance, the round is over and the next round begins with the remaining spellers. This is done until two spellers remain. These children will go on to the year group spelling bee.

The year group spelling bee will adhere to the guidelines above until only two spellers remain.

The two final spellers are given words until one spells a word incorrectly. The other speller is then given a chance to spell the word that the other speller spelled incorrectly. If they spell it right they are given one more word. If they spell the second word correctly, they are declared the winner. If they spell the second word wrong then both spellers are still in the competition and the process continues.