



Springwell Park

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BBC 500 Word Story Competition

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to invite your child to take part in the BBC's 500 Words competition, a wonderful opportunity for young writers to unleash their creativity and enjoy the art of storytelling. This national competition encourages children to write a short story of no more than 500 words on any topic they like. It's a great way for them to explore their imagination, write for pleasure, and have fun with words.

One of the many fantastic aspects of the 500 Words competition is that it focuses on creativity and originality rather than grammar and punctuation. The judges are looking for stories that are inventive, unique, and engaging—so your child can truly let their imagination run wild! Whether it's an adventure, a mystery, or a story of friendship, every idea is welcome.

We would love for the children to write their stories at home, and once completed, they should hand them in to **Mr. Hanlon**, clearly marked with their name and class. Mr. Hanlon will then submit the stories to the BBC on your behalf.

Each finalist will receive a £20 National Book Token. The bronze, silver and gold winners will all receive a bundle of books, with the gold winners also winning 500 books for our school. The bronze, silver and gold winners will also take home an illustration of their story from a top children's illustrator!

Encouraging your child to take part in this competition can help foster a love of writing, boost their confidence, and provide a fun, creative outlet.

We hope you'll join us in supporting and encouraging them to participate.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Hanlon

Assistant Headteacher



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