

# Spellathon

Mencap is the leading UK charity for people with a learning disability, their families and carers. We have been running a successful spelling programme in schools for 20 years. We are delighted to announce the new digital Spellathon, the sponsored spelling competition for schools.

## ABOUT SPELLATHON

The new Spellathon makes spelling fun to learn and easy to teach. It caters for all ages and abilities and will undoubtedly help **improve spelling and literacy skills** in your borough. Schoolchildren play spelling games at school and at home and pledge to spell as many words correctly as they can. In the process, they raise funds for Mencap and their school.

The spelling games are **free**, fully digital, animated and interactive with **over 10,000 words** linked to the **national curriculum**. Schools also receive plenty of teaching and fundraising resources.

**Schools can receive 25%** of the funds their students raise. They can also win a **£10,000 cash prize**, kindly donated by Digital Giving Ltd, as well as free tickets to attractions. Please help us improve the spelling and literacy skills of the UK's children and adults whilst supporting a deserving cause.

Schools can pre register now at [www.spellathon.net](http://www.spellathon.net).

## ABOUT MENCAP

There are 1.5 million people with a learning disability in the UK, yet few people understand what a learning disability is. **Currently 8 out of 10 children with a learning disability are bullied.** By raising awareness through Spellathon, Mencap hopes to change this statistic.

## SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE

We hope that you can support Spellathon, which will advance learning in your area, whilst supporting thousands of people in the UK affected by learning disability.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tom Deffee on 020 7696 5566 or [info@spellathon.net](mailto:info@spellathon.net) should you have any questions or require further details, fliers or copy for your materials.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

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