The **Teaching Packs** Pupil Picker lets you enter a selection of names (or other words) and then choose one of those at random. You can then pick another name / word at random, removing the previous winner from the list if required (so they are not picked again).

Try using the pupil picker tool in some of the following ways…

- Teachers often need to choose individuals in the classroom for different tasks and activities (e.g. taking the register to the school office). Enter the names of the children in your class and let the pupil picker choose one of them at random. The 'winner' could then be asked to complete this task.
- Enter the names of your children and use the pupil picker to sort them into groups. For example, choose two names at a time and ask those children to work in a pair for the next activity.
- Use the picker as a way of introducing children to the concept of probability. What are the chances of being picked if five names are entered into the pupil picker? If more names are added to the pupil picker, does that increase or decrease the chances of winning for each person in the list? What does the word 'random' mean?
- Enter a list of numbers into the pupil picker tool and use it to choose a random number. These could be whole numbers or decimals.
- Use the picker to choose two numbers from a list that you enter. Challenge children to add, subtract, multiply or divide these numbers.
- Use the picker to choose a random phoneme from a selection that your children are familiar with. Can they think of a word that includes that phoneme.
- Add a selection of 'wow' words to the picker and choose one at random. Challenge your children to use that word in a sentence. You will find plenty of examples words in our Wonderful Words Pack.
- Gather a list of words linked to the topic that you are currently studying. Enter these into the picker and ask your children to give a definition for the word that is chosen or use it in a sentence.

Members of **Teaching Packs** can access the Pupil Picker tool at:
www.teachingpacks.co.uk/pupil-picker/