

Year 3 Autumn 1 – Spelling Focus:

In school spelling sessions, children are taught rules and patterns to spell words.

Below, you will find examples of spellings rules and patterns to practise to support your child with their learning this half term. They will complete a spelling test at the end of the half term.

The test will cover '*mystery*' words that follow the same rules and patterns.

What are Root Words?


❖ A **root word** has nothing added at the beginning or the end.

❖ A **root word** is a **real word** and you make new words from it by adding prefixes and suffixes.

Example:
play = root word

By adding **suffixes** you can make new words.

playing
played
player
playful



Pattern

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The short **u** sound spelt **-ou-**.

Example words:
young, touch, double, trouble, country, cousin, courage, rough, couple

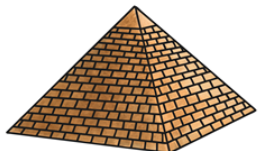


Pattern

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Short **-i** sound spelt with a **y** other than at the end of a word.

Example words:
myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery, symbol, typical




Patterns

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Words with the '-ay-' sound spelt **-ei-, -eigh-, or -ey-**.

Example words:
vein, beige, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey



Suffixes

A **suffix** is a letter or a group of letters added at the **end** of a word, changing or adding to its **meaning**.

Examples of suffixes:
-ed, -ing, -er, -est
-ness, -ment, -ful, -less

-ed
Suffixes
e.g. jumped



past tense

-ing
Suffixes
e.g. jumping



present tense

-er
Suffixes
e.g. bigger



comparative
"more than"

-est
Suffixes
e.g. biggest



comparative
"the most"

-ness
Suffixes
e.g. sadness



the state of something

-ment
Suffixes
e.g. movement



the action

-ful
Suffixes
e.g. painful



filled with

-less
Suffixes
e.g. flawless



without

This half term's Common Exception Words

Words frequently used but do not follow the common phonetic spelling rules.

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| accident | appear | breathe |
| actual | arrive | build |
| address | believe | busy |
| answer | bicycle | business |
| | breath | |