

Year 3 Spelling Rules

Unit 1: Prefixes – ‘dis’ and ‘in’

Adding the prefixes ‘dis’ and ‘in’ e.g. dislike, invisible etc.

Unit 2: Prefixes – ‘im’

Adding ‘im’ to root words beginning with ‘m’ or ‘p’ e.g. impatient, immature

Special Focus 1: Orange Words

Words from the Year 3 spelling list e.g. answer, island, February, length, business etc.

Unit 4: Suffixes – ‘ous’

Adding the suffix ‘ous’ e.g. famous etc

Unit 4: Suffixes – ‘ly’

Adding the suffix ‘ly’ e.g. angry - angrily - etc.

Unit 5: Words ending in ‘ture’

e.g. mixture, nature etc.

Special Focus 2: Homophones

Words with the same sound but different spelling/meaning e.g. no & know

Unit 6: Adding ‘ation’ to verbs to form nouns

e.g. inform – information, prepare – preparation etc.

Unit 7: Words with the ‘c’ sound spelt ‘ch’

e.g. school, echo, chaos etc.

Unit 8: Words with the ‘sc’ sound spelt ‘ch’

e.g. chef, machine etc.

Special Focus 3: The short ‘i’ sounds spelt ‘y’

e.g. Egypt, gym, pyramid, mysterious etc.

Unit 9: Suffixes – ‘ion’

Adding the suffix ‘ion’ e.g. action, collection, invention etc.

Unit 10: Suffixes – ‘ian’

Adding the suffix ‘ian’ e.g. musician, politician, mathmetician etc.

Unit 11: Prefixes – ‘re’

Adding the prefix ‘re’ e.g. recycle, replace, rearrange etc.

Special Focus 4: Homophones

Words with the same sound but different spelling/meaning e.g. whether & weather

Unit 12: Prefixes – ‘anti’

Adding the prefix ‘anti’ e.g. antisocial, anticlockwise, antiseptic etc.

Unit 12: Prefixes – ‘super’

Adding the prefix ‘super’ e.g. superhero, supersonic, superstar etc.

Unit 13: Prefixes – ‘sub’

Adding the prefix ‘sub’ e.g. submarine, subtitle, subheading - etc.