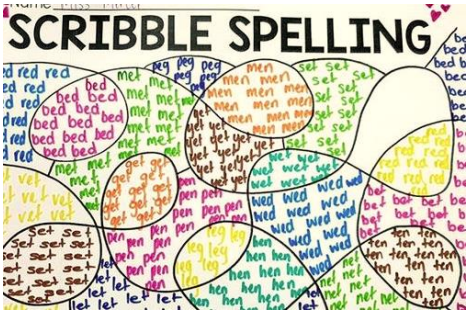
Spelling rule 11
The suffix *-ous*

This week, children are focusing on word endings with the suffix *-ous*. A suffix is a letter or a group of letters added to the end of a root word that can change the meaning or purpose of the word.

Can you figure out what the suffix *-ous* does to the root word?

Some spelling strategies to try at home:

- Use cut out or magnetic letters to build words together, then mix up the letters and rebuild the word together
- Use mnemonics - silly sentences where the first letter of each word makes up the word to be spelled
- Find smaller words in the bigger word, for example 'there is a hen in when'



Some websites to help:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqqsw6f/articles/zqcpv9q

https://spellingframe.co.uk/spelling-rule/16/11-The-suffix-ous-1-of-2

Challenge your child to find as many words with the suffix –ous as possible and write them in their spelling book to practise in class. Can they create a poster with pictures of each word or create flashcards for those they find the most difficult?

Some words to think about:

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dangerous (dan-ger-ous)

famous (fa-mous)

enormous (e-nor-mous)

humorous (hu-mor-ous)

glamorous (glam-or-ous)

courageous (cou-ra-geous)

curious (cu-ri-ous)

hideous (hid-e-ous)

courteous (cour-te-ous)

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to pop in and ask ☺ I really hope this helps embed the different rules, instead of simply memorising a list of words.

Kindest regards,
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