**Spelling: Fireflies Class** **Term 4**

**Term overview of spellings + rules**

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| Week | Focus | Rule explained | Example words |
| Week 1  19/02/24 | adding -ive and -ist to polysyllabic words  -ive | Rules: English words hardly ever end with the letter v, so if a word ends with a /v/ sound, the letter e usually needs to be added after the ‘v’.  If the root word end in an e, it is removed before adding –ive or –ist. | attractive, persuasive, imaginative, active, adjective, argumentative, constructive, corrosive, elusive, explosive, offensive, radioactive [a compound word – no hyphen], representative |
| Week 2  26/02/24 | -ist | The suffix -*ist* changes nouns, verbs, and adjectives into nouns, with the meaning “one that does, works with, is connected with, or believes in” the thing referred to in the root word. | Materialist, cyclist, therapist, harpist, cartoonist, environmentalist, arsonist, journalist, specialist, extremist, receptionist |
| Week 3  04/03/24 | The suffix –ly | The suffix –ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply. The suffix –ly starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.  Exceptions: (1) If the root word ends in –y with a consonant letter before it, the y is changed to i, but only if the root word has more than one syllable.  (2) If the root word ends with –le, the –le is changed to –ly.  (3) If the root word ends with –ic, –ally is added rather than just –ly, except in the word publicly.  (4) The words truly, duly, wholly. | Quickly, amusingly, awkwardly, basically, certainly, defiantly, furiously, hastily, presently  happily, angrily  gently, simply, humbly, nobly  basically, frantically, dramatically |
| Week 4  11/03/24 | spelling words beginning with the prefixes sub-, auto-, inter-, and super- | sub– means ‘under’. sub–:  inter– means ‘between’ or ‘among’. | subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge  inter–: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related) |
| Week 5  18/03/24 | super– means ‘above’. | super–: supermarket, superman, superstar |
| Week 6  25/03/24 | auto– means ‘self’ or ‘own’. | auto–: autobiography, autograph |