Year 3/4 National Curriculum Spellings

Autumn 2

Spelling	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable		The suffix –ly			
Rule and Guidance	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.		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.			
Example Words	Unstressed syllable gardening limiting offering benefiting focusing gardener limited offered focused	Stressed syllable forgetting beginning preferring occurring forgotten forbidden beginner preferred occurred	No change to root word kindly quickly safely rudely sweetly strongly bravely secretly finally usually	Root word ends in 'y' with more than one syllable happily angrily lazily easily busily greedily messily wearily cheekily clumsily	Root word ends in 'le' gently simply humbly nobly horribly terribly possibly incredibly comfortably probably	Root word ends in 'ic' basically frantically dramatically magically tragically comically
Teaching method	Root Word + Suffix		Root Word + Suffix	Root Word + Suffix	Root Word + Suffix	Root Word + Suffix