Year 5/6 National Curriculum Spellings

Autumn 2

Spelling	Words ending in –able and –ible Words ending in –ably and –ibly						
Rule and Guidance	The –able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard before it, even if there is no related word ending in –ation.	If the –able ending is added to a word ending in –ce or –ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds (as in cap and gap) before the a of the –able ending.	As with –ant and –ance/–ancy, the able ending is used if there is a related word ending in –ation.	Ends in e	Adding -ly	The –ible ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).	
Example Words	dependable comfortable reasonable breakable fashionable perishable likeable	able (ends in e) knowledgeable changeable noticeable	operable considerable applicable tolerable	advisable believable desirable excitable adorable valuable	dependably comfortably reasonably changeably noticeably considerably adorably valuably believably	possible horrible terrible visible incredible sensible forcible legible responsible reversible	possibly horribly terribly visibly incredibly sensibly forcibly legibly responsibly reversibly
Teaching method	Root word + suffix					Fred talk	