

### English Knowledge Organiser Year 4

# Spelling

- Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling.
- The prefix in- can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.
- sub-means 'under'.
- inter- means 'between' or 'among'.
- super- means 'above'.

#### Punctuation

- Full stop Marks the end of a sentence.
- , Comma Separates items in a list or clauses in a complex sentence. Can be used before direct speech to separate the reporting clause, and after adverbials.
- Apostrophe Shows belonging or missing letters in words like don't and can't. It can also indicate plural possession.
- "Inverted commas Show quotation.
- ? Question mark Ends a question sentence.
- Colon Joins two related clauses where one clause cannot stand alone.
- Semicolon Joins two equal clauses that are closely related but could also

# Vocabulary

Determiner - A modifying word that determines the kind of reference a noun or noun group has e.g. a, the, every .

**Pronoun** — Word that takes the place of a noun e.g. it, he, she

**Possessive pronoun** — Words that demonstrate ownership e.g. His, her, their

**Adverbial** — Linking ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [e.g. later], place [e.g. nearby] and number [e.g. secondly] or tense choices [e.g. he had seen her before]

Fronted adverbials — Words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows e.g. Later that day, I heard the bad news.

 ${f Paragraph}-{f a}$  distinct section of a piece of writing, usually dealing with a single theme and indicated by a new line, indentation, or numbering.

Plural — More than one

 ${\it Cohesion}$  — forming a united whole. In writing, the sentences will flow and the meaning will be kept.

**Tense** — Shows whether you are writing about the past, present or future

 ${\it Clause}-{\it A}$  group of words which contains a verb Spelling Key Vocabulary Compound word A word that contains two or more root words e.g. news+paper, ice+cream Key word A word which can't be phonetically decoded

**Prefix** - A prefix is added at the beginning of a word in order to turn it into another word e.g. disappear

Suffix - A suffix is an 'ending', used at the end of one word to turn it into another word e.g. teacher

# Text types and authors of note

Fairy tales/traditional/folk tales
Procedural text
Setting description
Stories from another culture
Poetry (Narrative, lyric)
Character descriptions
Play scripts
Letters
Persuasive writing
Expository text
Newspaper Report
Biography
Mythology (Greek/Roman)
Memoir
Speeches

C S Lewis
David Almond
Lemony Snickett
Adeline Yen Man
Michael Morpurgo
Antonie de Saint Exupery
Philippa Pierce
Phillip Pullman

## Handwriting

- I can join my writing style.
- I can maintain accurate formation of all letters
- I can space the lines of my writing so that my ascenders and descenders don't touch.
- I can make the downward strokes of my writing equidistant.

### Common Exception Words

accident imagine consider arrive group earth accidentally increase continue believe guard eight actual bicycle decide eighth auide interest actually breath describe enough heard island address build different exercise heart knowledae althouah busy difficult experience height learn answer business disappear extreme history length calendar appear early famous

library caught favourite material centre February medicine century forward mention certain forwards minute circle fruit natural complete grammar naughty