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How to help?

- Practise reading and spelling CEWs.
- Practise your child's spelling rule with them.
- Encourage your child to write stories, lists and letters.
- Practise key vocabulary from our topic knowledge

Phonics and Spelling

Phoneme— a single unit of sound

Grapheme— a letter, or combination of letters, that corresponds to a single phoneme within a word e.g. ten

Diagraph— a type of grapheme where two letters represent one phoneme (sound) e.g. each

Consonants— most of the letters of the alphabet represent consonants

Vowels— the letters a, e, i, o, u

Segment— break a word into phonemes

Blend— put the phonemes back together

Compound word— a word that contains two or more root words e.g. news+paper, ice+cream

Common exception word (CEW) — a word which cannot 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. delightful

Pseudo word— words used to check phonic decoding skills which are not real words

Homophone— two different words that sound the same e.g. hear/here