

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have decided to change the way we look at spelling in Year 4, so that children are investigating spelling patterns and rules rather than learning lists. The task will usually follow the same format each week, where children are asked to find examples of the spelling rule using the internet, books etc. When we are back together in school, they will also have a chance to look for words that follow this pattern in class.

Please help your child to learn the spelling rule and use the attached sheet to collect examples of the pattern.

This week our spelling rule is: Adding the suffix '-ous.' If the root word doesn't change, just add 'ous' - e.g. danger ---- dangerous.

If the word ends in 'e', drop the e and add 'ous' - e.g. fame ---- famous.

If the word ends in 'y' change it to an 'i' and add 'ous' - e.g. vary ---- various

Find as many words as you can that end with this suffix and add them onto the grid. The first three have been done for you.

dangerous	famous	various		

Pick three words and write them in a sentence
