Year Five : Term 1: Week 1

- Most nouns ending in 'o' form their plural by adding 's'.
- There are some exceptions to this rule when 'es' is added to form the plural.
- A few words keep the plural spelling of the original language, e.g. some Italian foods are already plural.

bananas	kangaroos	cargoes	mangoes	macaroni
cameras	patios	buffaloes	flamingos	fungi
igloos	pizzas	echoes	tomatoes	spaghetti
umbrellas	radios	heroes	potatoes	bacteria
Challenge:	antennae cri	teria phenome	ena strata	algae

Year Five : Term 1: Week 2

- Most nouns add 's' in their plural form
- Nouns ending in hissing, buzzing or shushing sounds (s/x/ch/sh) add 'es' in their plural form. This adds a syllable and makes it easier to say.
- Nouns ending in a consonant + 'y' change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'.
- Nouns ending in a vowel + 'y' simply add 's'.
- Several nouns ending in 'o' add 'es' in the plural. These tend to be older words, e.g. potatoes. Newer words like patio and radio add 's' in the plural.

houses	hisses	patches	city	cities
schools	buses	dishes	try	tries
balloons	boxes	wishes	party	parties
elephants	foxes	watches	jelly	jellies
Challenge:	giraffes s	ketches count	ries poppies	copies

Year Five : Term 1: Week 3

• Some words provide the root for other words.

act	actor	action	react	reaction
child	children	childhood	childish	childlike
electric	electrical	electricity	electrician	electronic
take	mistake	mistaken	overtaken	overtaking
Challenge:	examine exar	nination gove	ern governor	government

Year Five : Term I: Week 4

Root words (continued)

assist	boring	delighted operate co-operation	prove	cover
assistant	boredom		approve	recover
assistance	light		approval	discover
bore	lightning		disapprove	discovery
Challenge:	obey obedie	ent obedience	disobey	disobedience

Year Five: Term 1: Week 5

- Many nouns ending in f' drop the f' and add ves' in the plural form.
- There are exceptions 'ff' words just add 's', for example.
- Some nouns have unusual plurals, e.g. goose/geese.
- Some have kept the plural form of the original language ('a' singular, 'ae' plural is Latin).
- Several nouns ending in 'o' add 'es' in the plural, e.g. potato/potatoes.

calf	thief	knife		life	mouse
calves	thieves	knives		lives	mice
self	half	loaf		wife	woman
selves	halves	loaves		wives	women
Challenge:	formula 1	formulae	cactus	cacti	scarves

Year Five: Term 1: Week 6

• 'auto' means 'self'; 'circum' means 'round' or 'about'; 'bi' means 'two' or 'twice'; 'tele' means 'distant'; 'trans' means 'across'.

autograph	circumference	biceps	telephone	transmit	rt
autobiography	circumstance	bicycle	telescope	transfer	
automatic	circulate	bilingual	television	transpoi	
automobile	circular	bisect	telegraph	transpla	
Challenge:	transatlantic tr	ansparent	circumnavigate	automaton	binary

Year Five: Term 2: Week 7

- 'cian' where words end in 'c'; common in occupations
- 'tion' the most common ending
- 'sion' where the base word ends in d/de or s/se (e.g. explode, confuse)
- 'ssion' clear, soft 'sh' sound
- 'ation' long 'a' is always followed by 'tion'
- 'otion/ution/etion' the base word usually contains the vowel, clearly pronounced

optician	extension	session	fiction	education
electrician	confusion	profession	fraction	completion
magician	explosion	discussion	direction	position
politician	collision	mission	attention	pollution
Challenge:	physician poss	ession proport	ion demonstrati	on competition