

## Year 6 – top tips for spelling.

### Prefixes and suffixes

Suffixes:

#### /shus/ phoneme (sound)

Endings that sound like /shus/ spelt 'cious', 'tious' or 'xious'

e.g. *precious, ambitious, anxious*. If the root word ends with 'ce', the /shus/ sound is usually spelt 'cious' e.g. *grace - gracious*

#### /shul/ phoneme (sound)

The /shul/ sound, words ending 'tial' and 'cial' e.g. *official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential*. The 'cial' spelling is common after a vowel e.g. *special*. The 'tial' spelling is common after a consonant e.g. *martial*.