**Word Study: Prefixes**

**Presentation**

Today we’re going to do something different.

I want you to really listen. Remember we were using the moveable alphabet before. Lets go get them.

I want you to really listen. And the thing to listen to is what I am going to repeat. Are you really listening?

Fit, misfit, outfit, refit. What did you hear repeated there?

Fit! Yes.

Listen to another one.

Place, displace, replace, misplace.

Place. Yes – with something else, isn’t it?

Come, overcome, outcome.

Come.

Mmm. Act, react, overact, enact.

Act. Okay.

So what have we discovered – there is a root, and there is something. Where is that something? Lets listen again.

Act, react, overact, enact.

Where is the something? At the beginning, yes. Not at the end, at the beginning.

Okay go and have a look at the chart that’s hanging up and choose a group of words and remember them – keep them in your head and bring them back!

Okay, you know you have to do the root in black. And the other ‘something’ in another colour. Away you go. And you know if you forget you can always go back to the chart.

Okay what words do you have Vera? And what about you Christiana?

And what was the root in your word Vera?

And what about your word Christiana?

Run, hmm. And does anyone have an idea what outrun means? [Check in a casual way they know the meanings of the words].

[I’ll tell you what, we’re not exactly sure. Lets look it up in the dictionary.]

What about your words, lets look at the meaning of your words.

When we did the suffixes, they were at the end weren’t they? Well these pieces that are at the beginning, are called prefixes. And this word prefix actually comes from the Latin word for “before”. Isn’t it interesting that the word prefix means “putting before”?

Well Christiana, can you show me a prefix in one of Vera’s words?

And how about you Vera, can you show me…

You know about your roots – tell me Christian what is the root in Vera’s words?

And Vera, what is…

[So a fluid 3PL of prefix and root]

Can you think of any words with a prefix before them? [Now you are taking it further, out of the chart, just thought]

“Reread” yes.

Anything Christiana? Not at the moment. Tell you what. One of the best places to find words with prefixes and suffixes, particularly prefixes is the dictionary.

**Follow up**

Classified Charts. With the charts you want to give enough examples but not too many. You want them to move beyond the materials.

Look up later work in Jean’s notes e.g. whether prefixes and suffixes change the parts of speech. The exciting thing is that if you do things to these words actually the parts of speech also change. But that depends on what level the children are working with parts of speech. You get the idea.