Prefixes
Literacy Objectives:

• To understand what is meant by the term 'prefix';
• To recognise and spell the prefixes: - un and dis.
What Are Prefixes?

• A **prefix** is a group of letters we add to the **front** of a word.
• Prefixes **change the meaning** or **purpose** of the word, e.g.

How has the word meaning been altered?

un + kind = unkind

The word has become its opposite meaning (antonym)
The prefix 'un'

• My mum was **unwell** at the weekend with a bad cold.
The prefix 'un'

- Jerry seemed unhappy that the cat was by his hole.
Add the prefix ‘un’ to these root words!

un

undo
unwell
unload
unfinished
unfit
unpack
The prefix 'dis'

- Sally disagreed with Tom over who threw the snowball.

How has the word meaning been altered with this prefix?

agree-----disagree

Again the word has become an antonym (opposite) of the root word.
The prefix 'dis'

- Can you disable the alarm?
Add the suffix 'dis' to these root words!
To recognise and spell the prefixes: - un and dis.

• Read the sentence carefully.
• Add the correct prefix and rewrite the sentence.
• Use a dictionary to find more words with the prefixes ‘dis’ or ‘un.’
Is it 'un' or 'dis'?  
unfit, unfit, unwell, discharge, uncover, disagree, disobey, disappear, disbelieve, disapprove
Prefixes 2

• To understand what is meant by the term 'prefix';
• To recognise and spell the prefixes: - re, de and pre.
The prefix 're'

- Danny had to **refill** the bucket.
The prefix ‘re’

- The T.V. showed an action replay.
The prefix ‘de’

• Dad had to **defrost** the chicken before he put it in the oven.
The prefix 'de'

- The time to depart from the station had arrived.
The prefix 'pre'

- Bart liked prehistoric animals.
The prefix 'pre'

- A **prefix** is fixed to the front of a word.
To recognise and spell the prefixes: - re de pre.

• Read the sentence carefully.
• Add the correct prefix and rewrite the sentence.
• Use a dictionary to find more words with the prefixes ‘re’ ‘pre’ or ‘de.’
Is it ‘re’ or ‘de’ or ‘pre’?

precaution

prefix deface premature

re heat deposit

re port re arrange
def face