**Year 5 Week 5 spellings – wb 3.10.22 Words with the silent letter ‘t’**

Silent letters are the letters in words that are **not pronounced,** but make a difference to the meaning and sometimes the pronunciation of a word.

Did you Know? Most silent letters were pronounced for centuries then they became silent, but the spelling was already fixed so were left in the spelling to show the history and pronunciation of the word.

Silent letters aren't there to confuse you. They're there for various reasons and so identifying and understanding them will definitely help your spelling, writing and confidence.

They help the reader to distinguish between homophones (words which have the same sound but different meaning); they can help us work out the meaning of the word and can also change the pronunciation. Silent letters show the origins and history (etymology) of a word.

A silent ‘t’ **often** (but not always) **comes after an s.** (listen, castle, whistle, wrestle)

The best way to learn words with this silent letter is to read and write them lots.

**Words to learn:**

whistle castle

soften wrestle

rustle fasten

ballet mortgage

listen jostle

gourmet thistle

**Homework** – please learn how to spell these words using the rule above.

We would also like you to use a dictionary (book or online version) to find the definitions of your spelling words. Please record into your spelling books.

Perhaps you can even find the origins of some of these words too?