**Year 5**  **Week 1 spellings – wb 5.9.22** **Words with the silent letter b**

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**limb climb** These words look like they should rhyme don’t they?

The letter **i** in ‘limb’ makes the **short vowel** sound***i*** but in ‘climb’ it makes the **long vowel sound *igh***.

**comb tomb** These look as though they should rhyme, too – but they don’t! The letter **o** in the word ‘comb’ makes the **long vowel** sound ***ow*** and the letter **o** in tomb makes the **long vowel** sound **oo.**

We can also **add suffixes** to these root words to make **plurals**, **nouns**, **adjectives** and **adverbs**, or to **change the tense of verbs**.

plumb + **ing** = plumbing doubt + **ed** = doubted

The letter 'b' can **act as a silent letter when it comes before 't' or if it comes after 'm'**. Words such as 'comb', 'tomb', 'bomb', 'debt', and 'doubt' are good examples of the 'b' acting as a silent letter. **Of course, there are always exceptions to this rule**; the word 'obtain' doesn't abide by the rules.

**Words to learn:**

bomb plumber

debt thumb

lambing crumb

subtle doubt

climbed numb

**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.