

Thank you for downloading this resource. This poem features lots of examples of the suffixes featured in the National Curriculum for Year 2.

Suggested ideas to use it are:

- Have children read the poem and see what they notice. What do they think makes a good teacher? Do they agree with the poem? What else would they add?
- Highlight that lots of words in the poem contain suffixes (kindness, happiness, merriment, strictness, playfulness, handfuls, useless, powerful, slightly, plentiful, preferably, awful, incredibly, spoonfuls, hopeless, sadness, colourful). How many words can the children find and underline that contain suffixes?
- Can they write any other words they might know that contain the suffixes -ness, -ful, -ment, -ly, -less?
- Can they copy a line or two from the poem, making sure to spell the focus words correctly each time?
- Can they perform the poem to/with a partner, with actions?
- Can they write their own recipe poem for a teacher, a friend, a parent, a carer, a grandparent or a pet using some of the focus words?

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Kind Regards,

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# Recipe for a Teacher

Four big bags of kindness.

Three heaped spoons of happiness.

A pinch of merriment.

A dash of strictness (not too much!).

A hefty dollop of playfulness.

Two generous handfuls of useless facts.

A powerful voice, slightly worn.

A plentiful supply of jokes (preferably awful).

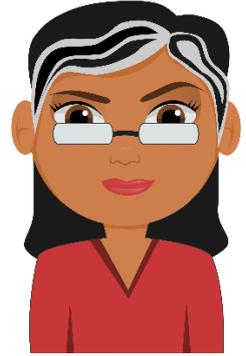
Two hundred incredibly long sighs.

Three spoonfuls of disbelieving stares.

A bag of kind words for when things look hopeless.

Three packs of tissues for sadness and sniffles.

Five thousand colourful pens to lose around school.



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