# **Core Skills Analysis**

### Literacy

- Poppy has effectively learned different pluralization rules and can apply them to various nouns, demonstrating her understanding of suffixes and their functions.
- She is able to categorize words based on their plural form, such as recognizing that some nouns take 's', others 'es', and some end with 'ies', showcasing her ability to analyze word structure.
- Poppy's ability to identify root words and prefixes indicates a strong grasp of morphological awareness, allowing her to break down complex words into manageable components.
- Additionally, her understanding of the concept that some words remain unchanged in their plural form, such as 'deer' or 'sheep', illustrates her knowledge of exceptions in English grammar.

## Tips

To further enhance Poppy's understanding of plurals and prefixes, encourage her to engage in word games such as Scrabble or crossword puzzles where she can practice forming plurals and identifying prefixes. Creating flashcards with words that contain prefixes can also support her learning. Consider involving her in writing short stories or sentences utilizing targeted words so that she practices application in context. You may also explore engaging her in activities that involve sorting words into categories based on their spelling rules for plurals, which helps reinforce her learning through visual and tactile methods.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>The Cat in the Hat</u> by Dr. Seuss: A classic children's book that combines playful language with opportunities for understanding plurals through rhymes and repeated phrases.
- <u>The Magic ofPrefixes and Suffixes</u> by Nicolette L. McDonald: An engaging book designed to help children explore the world of prefixes and suffixes through fun stories and illustrations.
- <u>Word Wizard: Plurals, Singulars, and More!</u> by Lola B. Adams: A delightful guide that teaches children about singular and plural forms in an interactive way, fitted with illustrations to enhance understanding.

## **Learning Standards**

- Demonstrate understanding of spoken language and how it can be represented in written forms NC 1.1.
- Understand how to use prefixes and suffixes to create new words NC 2.4.
- Show understanding of the grammatical structures of English, including plural forms NC 2.5.