

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 2

What have we explored this week?

In Maths, we have revisited the topic of Place Value by looking at comparisons using 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'.

In English, we have been learning the model text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. The children have been deepening their understanding of creating characters through activities such as writing speech bubbles and thinking about Plop's emotional journey as he finds out more about the dark.

Year 2C loved their cookery session and took home the most delicious pasta salad. 2J will have their sessions after half Term.

We also had a fantastic assembly on being 'Elastic' (resilient) which is one of our CORE values - Caring, Open, Responsible, Elastic.



Things to Remember

- **Wednesday 22nd May at 8:20am:** All parents are invited to a meeting about the exciting upcoming Digital Transformation at St James Prep, an initiative involving Years 4, 5 and 6 initially. The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to learn about how devices will be used to enhance teaching and learning, including hands-on demonstrations, and for you to ask about any queries you may have.
- As usual, this week's homework is in the yellow folder. Pupils have been given until Wednesday 1st May to complete all tasks as best as they are able to. The Spelling and Maths tasks should take 20-25 minutes. This week's English homework is a writing activity.
- Please do ensure you are listening to your child read aloud as much as possible – ideally on a daily basis, filling in the yellow reading record. We would encourage quality reading of 10-15 minutes (including discussion) rather than lengthy sessions of page turning! Even though your child may not finish a book every night, they always need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- Some children are using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) regularly and we are already seeing the benefit in class. We are going to be giving extra House Point rewards to pupils who do this, so please do encourage your child to use this excellent resource. Ms Foster has stipulated that each week **TTRS must be played in Garage Mode only**, for 2 x 5 minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.