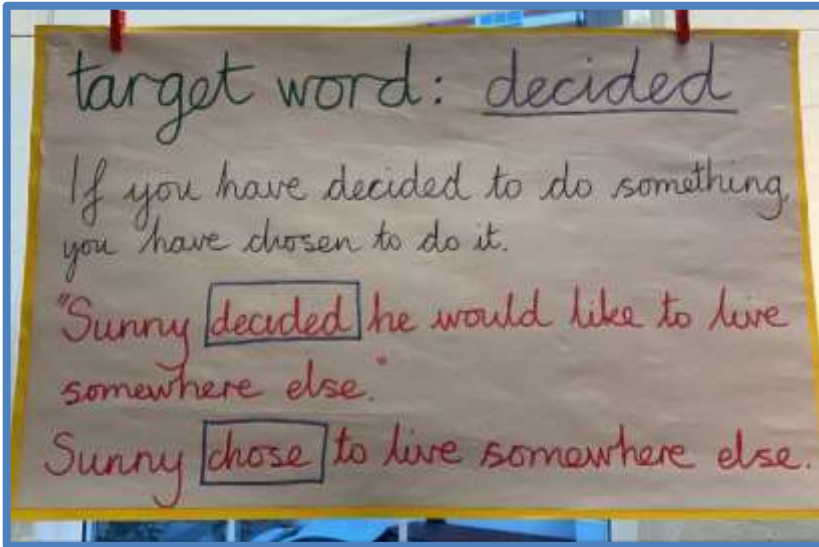




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Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1, Week 5

What have we explored this week?



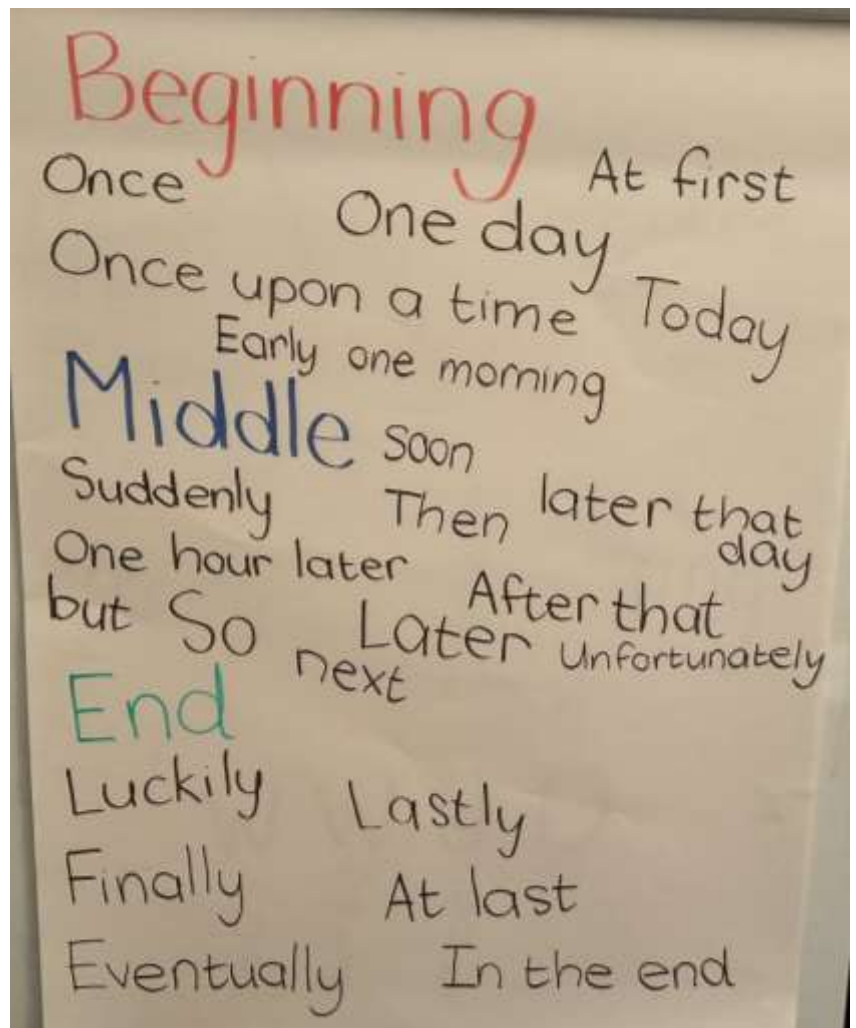
In this week's newsletter I want to give you a little insight into what we have been learning in English this half term. We have absolutely loved our Talk 4 Writing book this half term! I hope that your child has now performed the story for you using the story map we created and sent home. We use the story as the basis of our learning throughout the term in English. This week we looked at some key words: arrived and decided. We discussed how the word is used in the story and then how we could use it in our own writing.





We are continuously learning new skills to develop our writing! We brainstormed words that we might find at the beginning, middle and end of stories and then used these words to come up with quick silly stories! The children worked in partners, taking turns thinking of each part of the story and then came up and shared their stories with the class.

As we build up our writing toolkit, it has been amazing to see the children use these skills in their own writing. I have loved seeing them use ellipses, alliteration and time connective words recently in their weekend diary entries!



Things to remember

- Homework is due the Friday after it has been handed out. Please do not do more than 20/25 minutes of homework a day and reach out if you are struggling to get through it.
- Please ensure your child has a smock at school every day, named and with a loop for it to be hung up.
- We are swimming this half term. Please remember to pack swimming bags every Wednesday. **Please ensure that the swimming bag is a blue school toggle bag that can easily be carried on their shoulders.**
- As we move into wetter weather, please ensure your child has a raincoat at school every day.
- If you have any questions or would like to inform me of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office (office@stjamesprep.co.uk) or at the end of the day.