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Preparatory School

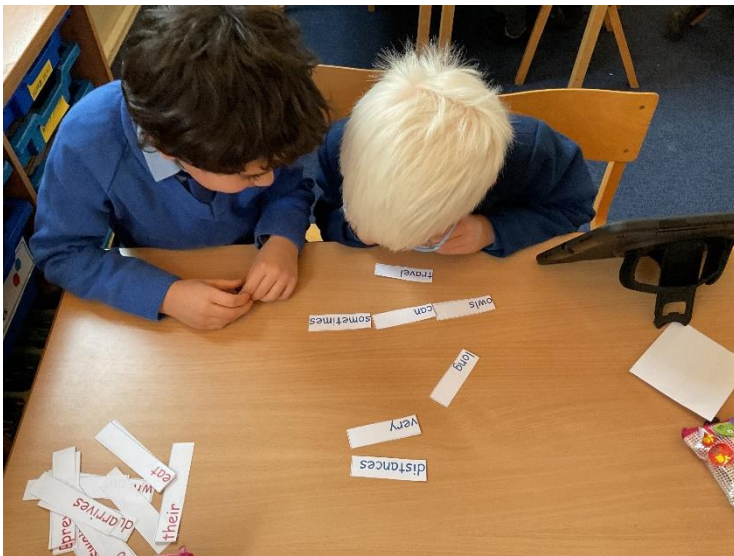
Year 2 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 7

What have we explored this week?



A little throwback to last half term! We really loved spending our last day creating Valentine's Day cards for our loved ones.

I hope you all had a restful half term break! The children have arrived back in class full of beans and ready for the busy half term ahead.



Our new Talk for Writing book is The Storm Owl. We will be using this text to work on our report style writing. This week we have been focusing on owl facts! We played definition matching games (can anyone remember what a baby owl is called?) and then unscrambled sentences that taught us owl facts. Keep an eye out for our beautiful observational drawings of owls!

Things to remember

- Children need to play 2 x 5 minute sessions per week on Times Tables Rock Stars on "garage mode".
- We have set the children up with **Spelling Shed** log ins for them to practise their spelling using the spelling games. The log ins are in the back of their yellow book. Once logged in, go to assignments. There is one assignment for the week's spelling words and the other two assignments will be active throughout the year for the children to practise exception and common word spellings. Please reach out if you have any questions. The use of Spelling Shed is optional.
- There will be a Book Look on Monday 3rd March 8am to 8:45am. We look forward to welcoming you into our classroom and sharing our work with you.
- The children have brought home scripts for the upcoming *Shakespeare Festival*. We have been looking at the text and practising during Drama lessons. Each child has been given lines to be learned off by heart over the coming weeks for their homework. Please support the children in learning their lines in response to the cue line before it.

We are practising:

- Speaking with a "clear voice" (not mumbled - slow is better)
- Speaking out - finding their "big voice"
- Saying their lines with an "acting voice" - lots of expression to keep the attention of the audience. So aim for a "CLEAR, BIG, ACTING VOICE"!

The performance to parents is on Wednesday 12th March at 10:40am; you will be sent a letter with information on how to reserve your place in the next coming weeks.

- Year 2 PTIs will be held on Friday 21st March. Please follow this link to book your slot: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- There will be no swimming for the rest of this half term.
- 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), via Class Dojo or at the end of the day.