



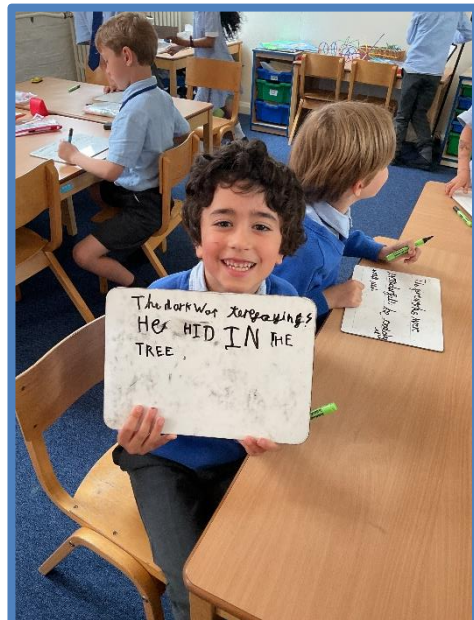
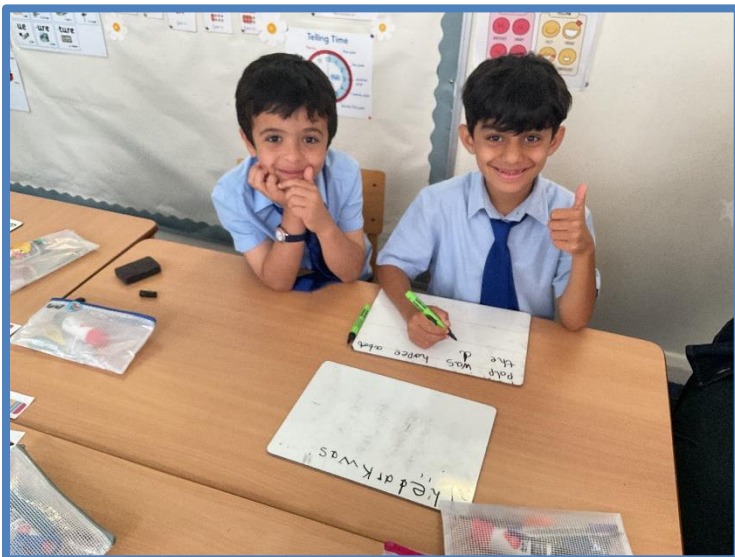
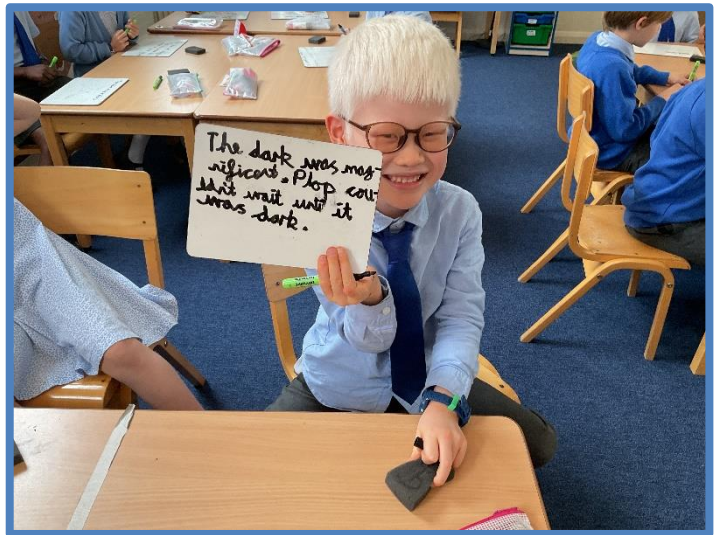
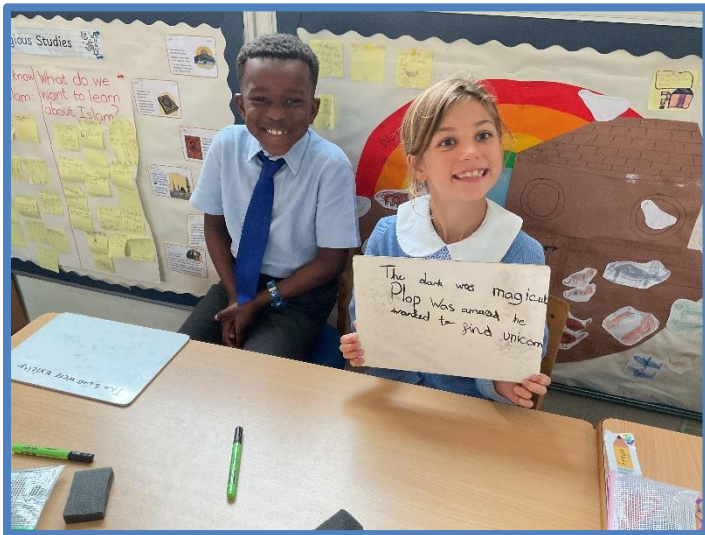
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Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 8

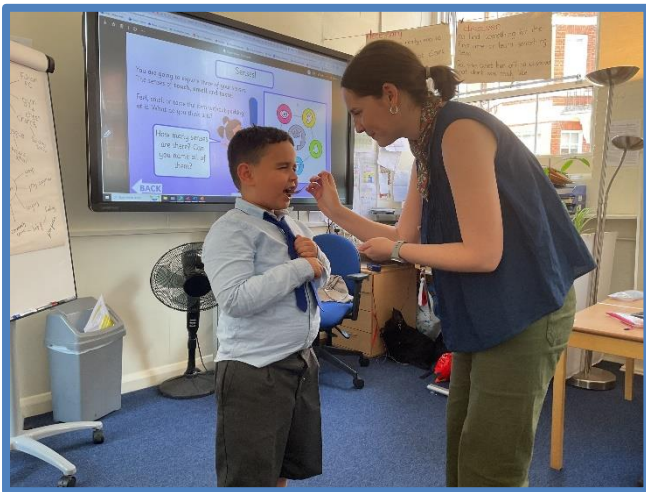
What have we explored this week?

This week in English, the children explored how changing just one word can completely transform the meaning of a sentence. Using *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, they experimented with swapping words like “afraid” for “excited” or “curious” and noticed how the meaning—and even what comes next in the story—changed!



We continue to be super scientists in Year 2! The children bravely took part in smell and taste tests. It was a bit of a “taste roulette” - you either got a sprinkle of sugar or some very sour lime juice!

We also conducted an experiment to see how germs spread through touch. Using three slices of bread, the children tested the effect of unwashed and washed hands compared to a control. The bread was sealed in bags with water, and we observed the changes over the week. The children made predictions, and we were surprised to see that the washed hands bread was just as mouldy as the unwashed one—a good reminder to wash our hands very thoroughly with soap!



Things to remember

- You are invited to the **Sanskrit Speech competition** on Thursday 26th June in the Assembly Hall on the second floor. Please sign up here if you would like to attend: <https://forms.office.com/e/huGQFu7dxn>

Part 1: 9am to approximately 9.50am for Nursery, Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3

Part 2: 10.20am to approximately 11.10am for Years 4, 5 and 6

Part 3: 11.15am to approximately 11.55am for Years 7, 8 and 9

You are welcome to attend one, two, or all three parts, but are asked to remain in the Assembly Hall until the end of the part you are attending.

Refreshments will be served from approximately 9.50am to 10.20am.

- Sports Day is on **Friday 27th June** at Linford Christie Stadium (W12 0DF). Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 8:30am. The event will finish at 12pm and all children need to be collected from the venue.
- Moving Up Morning is on **Monday 30th June**. Children will find out who their new teacher for September will be and will spend time with them in their new classrooms. Parents will receive details on the same day.
- Speech Day is on **Thursday 3rd July** at the Royal Geographical Society. Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 9:30am. The event will finish at approximately 11:30am and all children need to be collected from the venue.
- **Summer Sunflower Growing Competition**
Every child in Nursery to Year 6 has received a sunflower seed. Please help your child plant their seed and remind them to water it during the summer holiday. When the sunflower is at its prime, please take a photo of it and upload this to ClassDojo. Judging of the photos (only) will take place the first week back in September. Happy growing!
 - 1st Place Winners: Gold Green Thumb certificate & 200HPs
 - 2nd Place Winners: Silver Green Thumb certificate & 100HPs
 - 3rd Place Winners: Bronze Green Thumb certificate & 50HPs
- 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.
- **Please note that children must wear a hat a breaktime.** This can be the St James peak cap or the straw hat.

- 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.