

Literacy

The children have planned their own story using the template of the Three Little Pigs but with their own animal characters. They have started to write their stories using the story language they have learnt!

Phonics

Reception: We have continued to practise blending and segmenting words using Phase 2 sounds and have learnt the new sounds for oo (making the short /u/ sound and long /oo/ sound, /ar/ and /or/)

KS1: We revised the Phase 5 GPCs and have learnt the alternative pronunciation for the letters i (/i/ /igh/), o (/o/ /oa/) and u (/u/ /yoo/)



Maths

Reception: The children have been finding the composition of numbers to 5 and recording these as addition calculations. Having quick recall of these number facts supports their mental arithmetic as they progress through school.

KS1: The children have been using place value and number facts (doubles and number bonds) to work out 2 digit addition sums. The children have also been 'bridging through 10', this strategy involves children using their knowledge of addition up to 10 as a base to then work out sums with totals over the 10s. (e.g. 27+5 would be 27+3+2) Find more information about bridging through 10 here: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-bridging-through-10>



Topic

In Art, the children used viewfinders to draw patterns and parts of different buildings. Reception used rollers and blocks to print wall patterns. In History, the children learnt about the passengers on board the Titanic and what it would have been like staying in first, second and third class on the ship. In Science, the children have used scientific vocabulary to describe the properties of different materials. In PSHE we thought about what a positive attitude to learning could mean and how qualities such as resilience and to keep on trying are important to help us learn. In RE, we learnt about the Hindu festival Raksha Bandhan which celebrates the relationship between brothers and sisters. Sisters tie a special bracelet called a Rakhi around their brother's wrist to offer protection.



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Find this half term's curriculum map here:

<https://www.queenswoodschool.co.uk/reception-infants>

Find Mrs Tanner's bulletin here:

<https://www.queenswoodschool.co.uk/news-and-events>

Reminders & Notices

- Please make sure that children have their water bottle in school every day (with **water** not fruit juice as this contains a lot of sugar)
- Please don't send chocolate, sweets or food high in salt, sugar or fat for snack, try extra fruit/carrot sticks/crackers – they will eat them!
- If children bring grapes as a snack, please can these be cut longways as they can be a choking hazard when left whole – thank you!
- Children are welcome to bring wellies in wet weather (school colours please) but please make sure they bring their school shoes too
- Please ensure that children have a hat to keep them warm after swimming on Wednesday

Next Week

Monday: Homework due

Tuesday: PE pm

Wednesday: Swimming pm (children come to school in PE kits) Homework goes out

Friday: Piano lessons am, PE pm