

## Literacy

This week we have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We looked at the different features of fiction and non-fiction texts and compared them. The children read non-fiction pages about sea creatures and found the heading, lists, labels, diagrams and captions. The children labelled a diagram of a dolphin and drew their own sea creature to label. KS1 wrote a caption for their diagram.

## Phonics

Reception (Phase 2): We have been focusing on the sounds /e/ /u/ /r/ and /h/ and thinking about words that contain with these sounds. Please have a go at making words with the flashcards taken home this week. Ensure that they are kept safe in their reading folders.

KS1 Phase 3: We have been revising the phase 3 sounds /ee/ /igh/ /oa/ and oo making the /u/ sound and the /oo/ sound. We have been reading and spelling words with these sounds.

KS1 Phase 5: We have looked at the digraph ey making the /ee/ sound and have started revising the split digraphs a-e and e-e.



# Autumn 1

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What a lovely week we have had, we have managed to get outside despite the drizzly weather. If children would like to bring wellies to leave at school throughout the week they are very welcome too (school colours if possible). We try to get out whatever the weather!

Please be aware that school closes for half term at 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct for staff training that afternoon.

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>

## Next Week

Monday: Homework due

Tuesday: PE pm

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

Thursday:

## Maths

We have been using analogue clocks to tell the time. Year 2 have been making and reading the times o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We have introduced quarter to with some of the Year 1s – keep on practising with this! Reception & Year 1s have been making and ordering o'clock times and we have introduced half past.

## Topic

In Geography the children made a fact file about one of the countries in the UK with details about the special features of this country. In Science we thought about ways that we keep our body healthy. The children spoke about a healthy diet, keeping clean and exercising. We thought of scientific questions we could ask about exercise. The children learnt about what happens to our body when we exercise. The children sorted activities to decide if it would make their heart beat faster or not. We then took part in an experiment to test their predictions. In PSHE, we thought about how we show our family that we care and ways that they show us we care. In Art, the children made portraits in the style of Picasso's abstract portraits. In RE the children learnt about what it means to belong in a Jewish community. They learnt about shabbat, the Jewish day of rest, and how Jewish people observe this day.