

## Literacy

We listened to the story Beegu about a little alien who crash lands on Earth and tries to make friends and find her way back to her Mum. The children sequenced the story and captioned pictures. KS1 then created a plan for their own story about a little alien. They designed their character and thought of a problem that they may come across that can be solved at the end of the story.

## Phonics

Reception (Phase 2): We have been revising all of our Phase 2 sounds and tricky words. The children are getting very good at blending independently! 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 5: We have learned some of the alternative spellings for the /ow/, /ur/ and /oi/ sounds. We will be working on sentence writing in our phonics, ensuring our sentences start with a capital letter, have finger spaces, include all of the words and end in a full stop. You can support children at home by dictating simple sentences for them to have a go at writing. This practice is important as it will help with independent writing.



## Maths

We have learnt how to double and half numbers and that these are inverse calculations. Rec have been practically sharing amounts into two groups using spots on ladybird wings. Y1 have also been working practically and recording their answers. Y2 have been doubling and halving 2 digit numbers. **Please practise recalling double and half facts for numbers to 10, the children should be able to instantly recall these!** We have also ordered the days of the week and the months of the year. The children found it tricky deciding which months were in each of the seasons.



## Topic

In History we learnt about the significant person in history - Edith Cavill. The children learnt how in the First World War she was killed for treason because she was tending to wounded soldiers on both sides of the water. Learning about Edith linked nicely to learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. In PSHE the children sorted and thought of good choices and not so good choices. In Science we learnt about the different seasons and how we might adapt what we wear for these. The children created pictures of what we might see at each season. In Music, Mrs Tanner has been helping the children with their Nativity songs. In DT the children made a moving picture using a slider mechanism.



# Autumn 2

## 10/11/23



**Please remember school is closed on Friday as a reward for Speech Day last academic year!!!**

**Please ensure that all school uniform is named – especially blazers**

This week we have learnt about Diwali and how Hindus and Sikhs celebrate the festival of light. Children have made diva lamps to be placed in their windows to welcome home Rama and Sita!

Thank you to all the families who joined us at the November Hop on Tuesday. It was such a lovely evening spent socialising – these events are so important as they help build our little community and raise funds to be spent on the children! Our last fundraising bought us 5 brand new Chromebooks! Thank you for your generosity.

Children are bringing home the rest of their song lyrics to learn for the Nativity. Children have also been given their lines to learn, please support children with learning these at home, little and often usually does the trick!

Remember, you can hear a sample of the songs here to help children learn the tunes!

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/busy-busy-bethlehem.html#>

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: Art Day

Friday: School Closed