

Literacy

We have been learning to retell the story The Three Little Pigs using a story map to help. Each day the children learnt the new actions and words for parts of the story and are beginning to be able to retell this word by word using super story language. The children made their own story maps to help with the retelling.

Phonics

Reception: We revised the previously taught GPCs from Phase 2 and Phase 3 and will continue with learning new sounds next week. Children have been segmenting and blending words independently and reading short sentences.

KS1: We revised the Phase 5 GPCs and have started to learn the alternative pronunciation for the letters a (/ɑ/ /ai/ /o/ /ar/) and e (/e/ /ee/).

Maths

Reception: The children have been using duplo to make amounts to 10. They have been using these to help them show one more and one less than a given number and have been started to record their answers.

KS1: The children have used the greater than and less than symbols to compare different amounts and calculations. They have been calculating $+9/-9$ and $+19,-1$ by adding/subtracting the nearest ten and then subtracting/adding 1.

Topic

In Art, we have been learning about different textures and the children recorded these by making rubbings. They found lots of textures inside and outside in the playground. In History, we spoke about what we knew about boats and their purpose. Children also shared their current knowledge about the Titanic and asked historical enquiry questions about the ship. In Science, the children looked at lots of different materials including wood, metal, glass, plastic and rubber. They are beginning to learn lots of new scientific words to describe these materials. In PE we have been practising throwing and catching a large ball. The children passed the balls between them, practising their aim. In PSHE the children thought about their star qualities and what makes them special. In RE, we thought about ways that we care for ourselves, animals, friends and family and spoke about how we help others. On Wednesday afternoon the children used junk modelling materials to make boats and tested whether they would float or sink!



Spring 1

12/01/24



Happy new year! We hope you have had a good break; the children have come back with a lovely attitude to learning, what a fun filled week! We would like to welcome our new families to the Reception and Infants class, we hope that they have had a good first week as part of Queenswood School.

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.
- 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
- Our Open Mornings are coming up (W/C 22nd Jan) please let friends and family know about our little school if they are looking for a Reception place for the next academic year

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