

Literacy

We listened to the story *The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water* about a little crocodile who turned out to be a dragon! The children thought about the emotions the crocodile would be feeling throughout the story. KS1 matched sentences about the story using the conjunctions *although*, *so* and *but*. Reception wrote a sentence about what they thought a dragon might like to do.

Phonics

Reception 1: We have continued to practise blending and segmenting words using Phase 2 sounds and will continue to revise these until blending is secure.

Reception 2: We will revise the Phase 3 sounds and read and write words using the new digraphs and trigraphs. Children will read short captions and sentences using Phase 2 sounds.

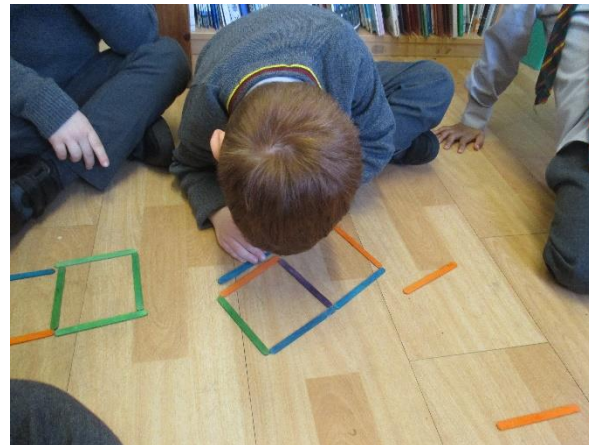
KS1: We revised the Phase 5 GPCs and have learnt the alternative pronunciation for *c*, *j* and *ey*.

Maths

Reception: Children have been sorting, drawing and making the 2D shapes circle, triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon and hexagon. The children have counted the sides and corners and have found different shapes within these. Children have cut a circle into half and quarters to show equal parts. KS1: Children have been revising halving amounts to 20 (their instant recall was a bit rusty so keep practising this at home!) Children have found halves and quarters of shapes and then larger numbers. They have learnt to find this by sharing and recording their working.

Topic

In DT we looked at winding mechanisms and how they can be used to lift heavy loads. In Geography the children learnt about the use of maps and what different kind of maps show. We looked at a compass and observed it showing us which way is North. The children made their own maps of the local area and included symbols for houses, roads, the church, our school and green areas. In RE, the children learnt about different rituals and the importance of Salah in Islam. They learnt that Muslims pray 5 times a day to feel connected with Allah and when they pray outside of a mosque, they use a prayer mat. The children designed prayer mats using colours and patterns. On Thursday the children took part in whole school art day. They looked at artwork made by Georgia O'Keeffe and KS1 made posters about the artist. The children made flower drawings and used marks and lines to decorate petals to make flowers. In Science the children labelled the parts of a plant and planted sunflower seeds, we will watch them grow over the next few weeks!



Spring 2

23/02/24



Welcome back, we hope that everyone had a fun filled half term holiday. We have lots of important events coming up so please keep an eye on the website and make sure to read Mrs Tanner's bulletin each week. Children will be receiving letters in their bags about the Spring Revue, which all children must attend as they will be taking part in performances.

We are looking forward to our International Evening on Tuesday. This is a great event for families to share their cultures and traditions through food and clothing. Children will be speaking about their cultures and we are looking forward to an International Quiz! This is an important fund-raising event for activities such as school trips, parties and school resources so we encourage all families to be involved in these events where possible. Events like these help build and maintain the unity of our strong school community.

Find Mrs Tanner's bulletin here:

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

Reminders & Notices

- International Evening at 6.30pm, we would love to see traditional clothing from different cultures as well as the lovely food you have offered to bring. There will also be a raffle so please bring prize donations along with food on the evening. This will take place at the church hall.
- Please ensure that children have a hat to keep them warm after swimming on Wednesday
- Spring Revue will take place at 7pm on 12th March. School closes at 2.30pm to prepare for this.

Next Week

Monday: Homework due

Tuesday: PE pm, International Eve 6.30pm

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

Friday: Piano lessons am, PE pm