

## Literacy

We listened to the story Croc and Bird about two unlikely animal friends who hatch together and teach each other skills. The children found the similarities and differences between the characters and wrote sentences about them using the conjunctions 'and', 'but', 'because' and 'so'. The children then thought of their own characters who could be unlikely animal friends and wrote their own sentences using these conjunctions to describe their characters.

## Phonics

Reception (Phase 2): We have been focusing on the sounds /f/ /ff/ and /l/ 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 5: We have learned some of the alternative spellings for the /ai/, /ee/, /igh/ and /oa/ 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 been learning about odd and even numbers and finding these on a 100 square, understanding that all even numbers can be shared into 2 equal groups and will have a 0,2,4,6 or 8 in the ones column. We have also learned about fractions of shapes and that to make a half we must share the shape into two equal parts and to make quarters we must share a shape into 4 equal parts. Y2s have had a go at writing fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and they recognised that  $\frac{2}{2}$ ,  $\frac{4}{4}$  are the same as a whole and  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  $\frac{2}{4}$  are the same as a half.

## Topic

In History we thought about what makes people significant. The children learnt about significant people such as Barak Obama, Beyonce, Albert Einstein and Greta Thumberg and that a significant person often has helped lots of people or achieved great things. They also recognised the people that are personally significant to them. In PSHE we started our topic Be Positive and had a go at positive thinking, this is trying to see the best in every situation. In Science we started our Autumn topic by going for an autumn walk around the local area. The children collected autumn leaves to press and dry. In RE we learnt about Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr to start our topic about gifts and giving. In DT we looked at books that had moving parts, we will be designing and making our own moving pictures.



# Autumn 2

## 03/11/23



A busy first week back with lots to celebrate! On Friday we learnt about Bonfire Night and the history behind this annual event. The children decorated firework biscuits, wrote about bonfire night and made chalk firework display pictures. They also tried some Yorkshire parkin, it was not everyone's favourite though!

Thank you for the responses for the November Hop – everyone will have received a ticket with a request for food to bring on the night. Our social events are always a great way for our school community to get together, we look forward to seeing you there!

Children will have brought home song lyrics to learn for the Nativity. Children will be bringing home lines to learn next week, please support children with learning these at home. 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, November Hop 6.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall

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

Thursday:

Friday: Piano am, PE pm