

## Literacy

We listened to the story of the Chinese Zodiac and children worked hard to remember the order the animals finished the race. Reception children ordered the animals and retold the story orally. Year 1 wrote sentences about parts of the story they could remember and also ways that people celebrate LNY. Year 2 matched adjectives to the animals in the story and used these in descriptive sentences.

## Phonics

L3 – children learnt the L3 sounds /j/ /v/ /w/ and /x/ and used these to read and write words.

L3 – children revied the GPCs /ee/ and /th/ reading and writing words containing these sounds.

L4 – children revisited the L3 GPCs and continued to practise reading and writing words with adjacent consonants.

L6 – children learnt how to add the suffixes -y and -est to words ending in e.

## Maths

Rec: Children have practised conceptual subitising to help them know what groups make an amount. They said what amounts of coloured counters they could see rather than counting e.g. the whole is 5, the parts are 2 green, 2 red and 1 yellow. Subitising is a fairly new addition to the EYFS maths curriculum, although is not a new concept. Find more information about subitising here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsjbcmn>

Y1: Children have been telling analogue time and drawing hands on clocks for o'clock, half past and quarter past. Children have also explored what activities they could do in one second, one minute and one hour.

Y2: Children have used analogue clocks to tell the time at 5-minute intervals. They have also worked out intervals of time between two analogue times.

## Topic

In Art, children learned about Kenyan basket craft and watched a video of basket weaving. Using a basket frame, children have started to weave colourful wool baskets. In Geography, children learnt about the equator and climate zones. Y2 plotted climate zones on a world map, R & Y1 sorted animals into hot and cold climates. In PSHE, children thought about uncomfortable feelings such as boredom, frustration and guilt. They thought about ways they could help themselves feel better. In RE we learnt about Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies for Jewish boys and girls. In Science, we learnt about the inventor Ole Kirk Christiansen and his invention of Lego.



# Spring 1

## 31/01/25



The new blinds are up! They make the classroom look so much more spacious and have been a hit with the children! Thank you so much for FQS fundraising support from families that allowed this update to our main room!

This week we have learnt about how people in South East Asian countries celebrate the Lunar New Year. Ms Wu shared with us resources and activities to help children understand the importance of this celebration!

Find Mrs Tanner's bulletin here:

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

Find this half term's curriculum overviews here:

<https://www.queenswoodschool.co.uk/reception-infants>

## Reminders & Notices

- We are still pleading for Facebook or Google reviews of school to help prospective families know a little more about what makes us so special.
- Please ensure children who have piano lessons bring their books as lessons cannot go ahead without them.
- We have an upcoming Valentines cake sale at school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30-4pm. We would love some buns and biscuits to sell – please bring them to school on the morning.
- Our annual International Evening will be hosted after the holidays to celebrate the many cultures that make up our school family. In school we actively encourage sensitive cultural curiosity and respect for others' culture and traditions.

## Next Week

Monday: Homework due, guest speaker from Simon on the Streets pm

Tuesday: PE pm

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

Thursday:

Friday: Piano am, PE pm