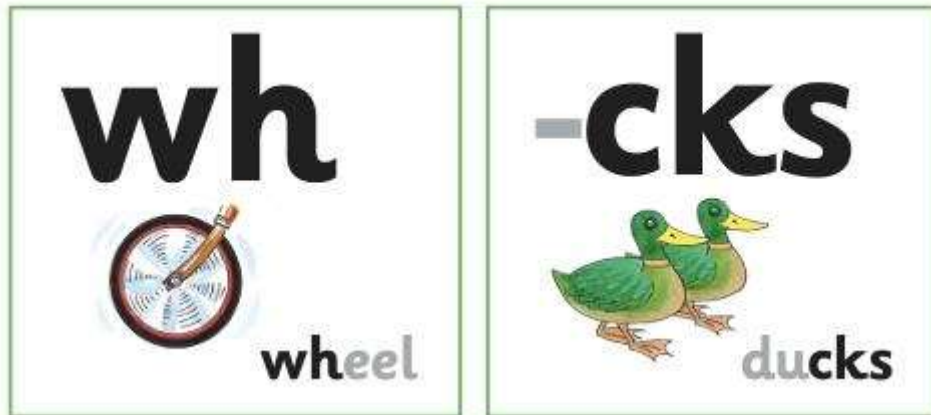




Reception Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 10

What have we explored this week?

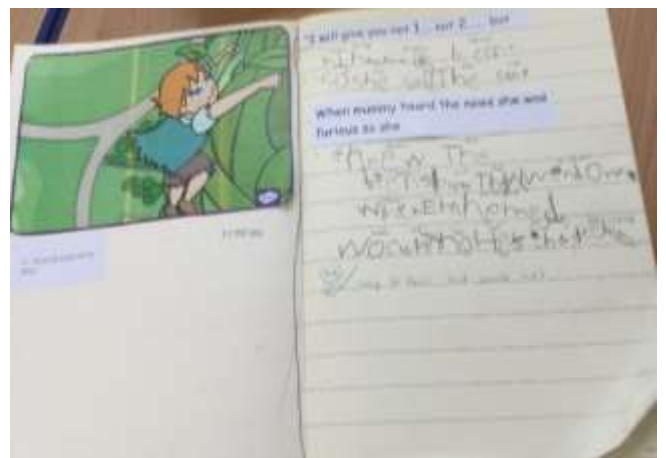
This week's Phonics sounds:



Don't forget to use your Phonics keyrings to practise reading and writing these sounds.

In English, we have been innovating on our story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have been writing their own stories about themselves and the beanstalk. They have been changing lots of parts of the story including who they sell the cow to, whether it is a cow, how many beans they get, whether they want to change the 'magic' beans to a different type of bean, what Jack takes etc.

We have had some super inventive stories and the children have made huge progress with their writing! Here are some examples:





Once upon a time there lived a poor
and her child
He went to the
milk to get
the cow. He
walked and walked and walked until
he
met a magic



When mummy heard the news she was
furious as she



I will give you one
the toy. But
three magic beans
when he got home
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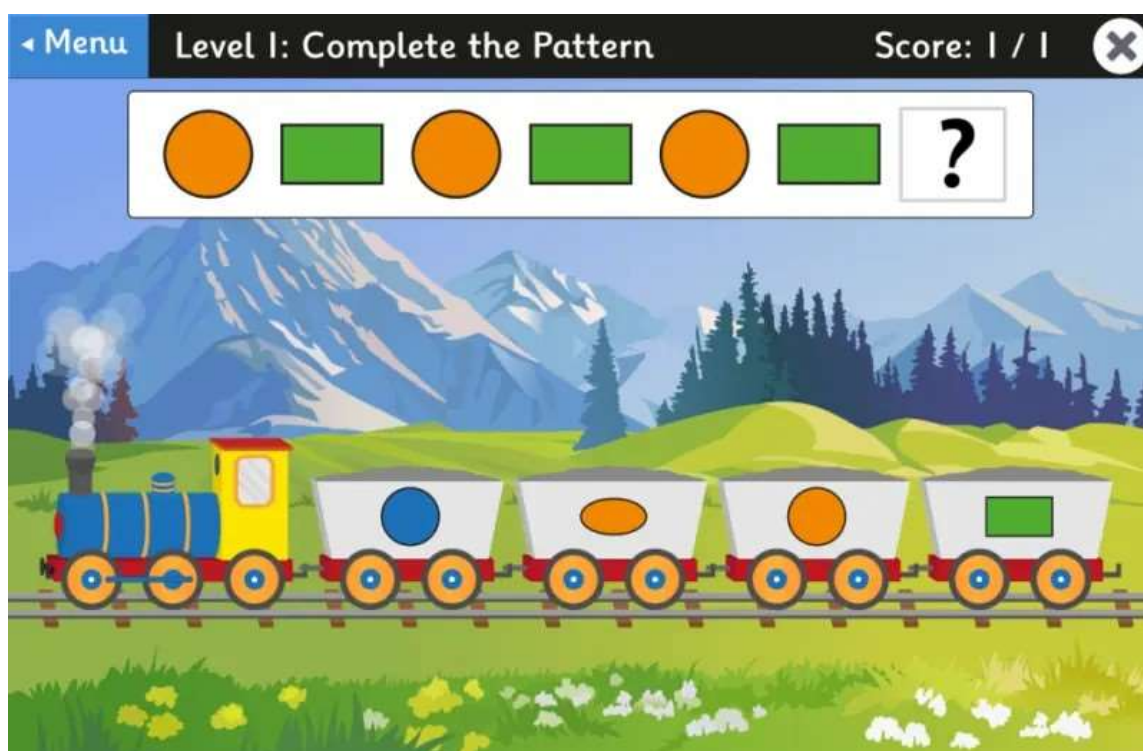
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In Maths, we looked at continuing patterns and making our own repeating patterns. The children made patterns from chosen objects including pencils, counters, toys and even fruit. They looked at AB patterns and have begun to look at ABC patterns.



You might want to play this game at home to practise it:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>



Some beautiful photos from our Book Look on Monday:



Here are some photos of the children enjoying their Space themed Play and Explore activities:



Religious Studies - As part of our Religious Studies lessons on the run up to Easter, we have been talking about the Easter Story. We have enjoyed talking about the story very lightly, using an upbeat child-friendly video to support us with the different parts of the story. Here is a link to the video if you would like to see it:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VtcF_fOoWY&scrllybrkr=783lead2



Shakespeare Festival - Well done to all of the Reception children, who stole the show on Wednesday's Shakespeare Festival!



Sanskrit - In Sanskrit the children continued to learn the names of animals and also recapped colours and the alphabet. We are sending home some Sanskrit flashcards to practise the alphabet at home with your child if you would like to. An additional well done from Mrs Wyatt to Abigail, Clara, Teddy and Margaux for finishing their sticker charts.



Things to Remember

- Please remember to bring a packed lunch in a small backpack for our trip on **Monday 25th March** to Kew Gardens.
- Just a note to inform you that Miss Payne is leaving at the end of this term to pursue her career as an ecologist. We will miss her very much, but we are very pleased to announce that Mr Steel will be supporting Reception B full time after Easter. The children have spent lots of time with Mr Steel since he joined St James in September and we are excited to have him with us!
- On **Tuesday 26th March** we will be visiting the church for an end of term Easter service.
- A reminder that we are holding a Grandparents and Friends Morning on **Wednesday 27th March, 10am to 11:30am**.
- We are also holding our annual Easter Hat Parade on **Wednesday 27th March**. The children are invited to make an Easter-themed hat or headdress to wear on the day along with a £1 donation. A bake sale will take place after the parade, in the courtyard.
- Please do be reminded that **Wednesday 27th March** is our last day of term and the children will be dismissed at **11.30 am**.

- On **Monday 25th March**, the School Council is hosting an Easter Bake Off for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children who wish to enter should bring in 6 small Easter bakes (nut free) on Monday morning. These will be judged by the School Council and the winners will receive 100 house points. Any child who enters will also earn 10 house points. Bakes should be labelled with name, class and description (see poster).

