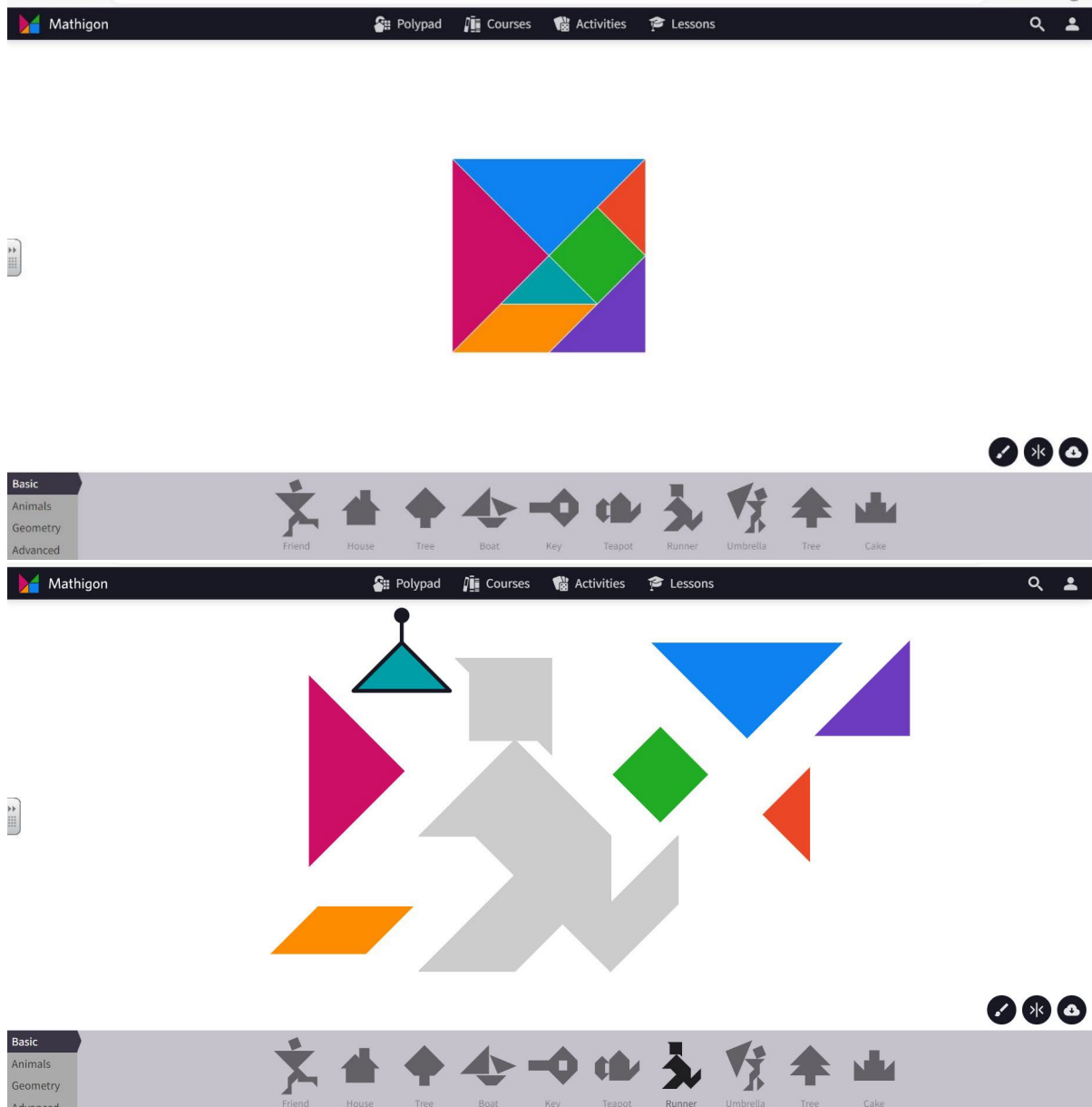


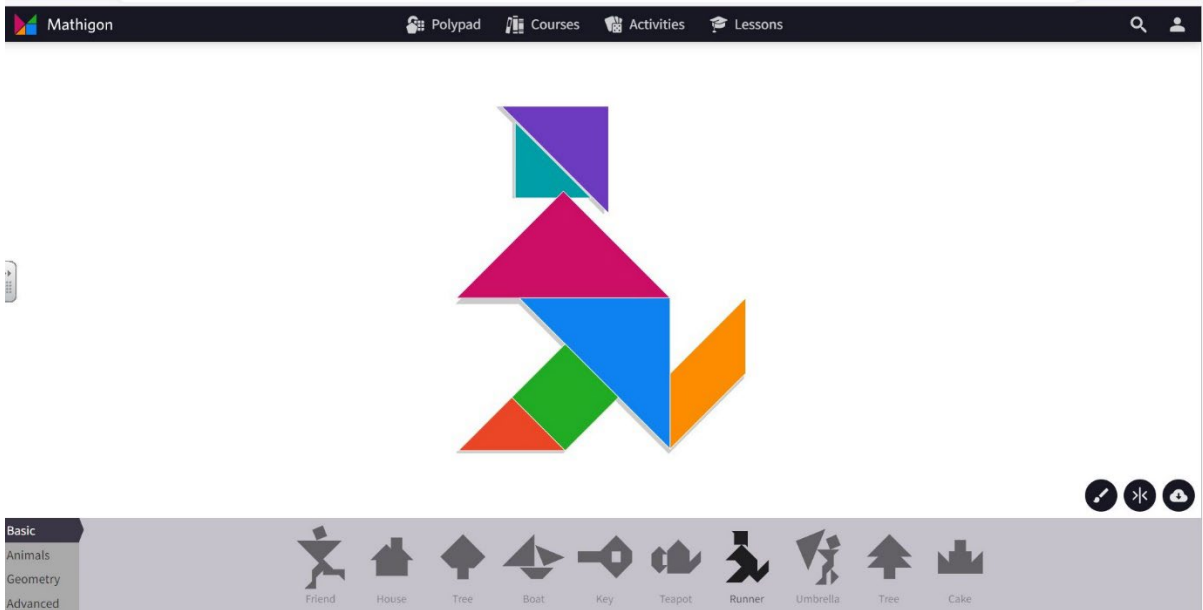
Children's Mental Health Week [February 2023] Shepherds Class

For our dedicated activity, we chose to produce a range of tangrams, which originated in ancient China. This dovetailed conveniently with our History theme of the Shang Dynasty and also Chinese New Year.

The children enjoyed producing basic tangram patterns of well-known animals (rabbit, swan, horse, cat, etc); they then accessed the internet to find more complicated designs. The child-friendly website "Mathigon" proved to be the most useful website; not only did it have some amazing ideas for the children to try out, it also has a terrific interactive tangram builder, too.

Here is an example, in three stages...





Accompanied by some relaxing ambient background music, the activities were both therapeutic and educational [it covers the maths topic of conservation of area].
As you can see...
all had fun!



