

## Message from the head:

What an incredibly busy week this has been as we get ready to break for half term. As we considered the theme of 'Let's Connect' as part of this week's Children's Mental Health Week I have been struck this week in particular how lucky we are with many of the connections we have that support our school. From the CLC who were in this week for internet safety day, to the October Gallery who regularly welcome our classes (2 visited this week alone) to our link with Talacre and the coaching programme there through Tom Looney, one of our parents, to the links we have with other Camden schools—be that our cluster schools (Rhyl, Gospel Oak and Primrose Hill) or with others such as Emmanuel who we linked up with for pen pals this week. Our most important connections are of course you, our Fleet Community. Thanks for your help and support this term. Have a great break.

## Half Term Home Learning Projects—Years 2-6

Home learning projects should be brought into school by the deadline of Monday 27th February. We will hold an exhibition on Tuesday 28th after school in the hall so that parents and family can see the wonderful work the children create and celebrate their achievements. Remember, the project can take any form—picture, sculpture, model, writing, digital presentation—but should relate to their current class topic. It can cover something they have learnt in class or something related they have researched themselves. If you would like to see a slideshow of previous home learning projects for ideas see this link:

<https://vimeo.com/710828239>

## Weekly Thursday Class Teas

The class teas we hold on a Thursday after school are one of the ways we try to raise money for Fleet to aid and enhance our curriculum. As you probably know, schools budgets are getting tighter and tighter each year. More than ever we need all the help we can get to simply be able to offer the same things we have previously, never mind funding new resources and projects. While each individual tea raises a relatively modest amount of money, it is vital nonetheless. Over the course of the year it adds up and all goes towards trips, workshops and other curriculum costs. Not only is it a vital financial support to the school, at it's heart (and this has been lost a little since the pandemic) it was always a great opportunity for the school community to come together each week—a chance for parents and children to socialise in the hall and playground, chat and catch up with each other. While each tea is organised by a specific year group which changes each week, the whole school community is welcome to attend and encouraged to come along to the hall to purchase and snack and have a chat. We know everyone is facing tough times financially, and everyone's time is precious too, but these weekly tea sales were and are a key part of the Fleet Community Calendar. Please look out on the dates list for when it is your class' turn to host and please, if you can, donate some items for sale and come along to help serve if you can. Remember, they happen most Thursday's in the hall after school—come along whether it's your class tea or not and enjoy the event. Thank you.

## Half Term: Monday 13th—Friday 17th Feb

Next week is the last the half term holiday. We return to school on Monday 20th. If you are looking for half term activities remember to look at the Community Notices Newsletter that was sent via ParentHub on

Wednesday—there are adverts for a number of activities happening all across Camden.



<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Newsletters/22-23/8th%20February%202023.pdf>

## Punctuality Award

This week, as usual, the majority of children managed to get to school on time. We again saw improvement—second week in a row down to 26 lates from 37 last week. Reception and Year 1 came out on as best with only 2 each just pipping year 3 who had 3 lates. Years 2, 5 and 6 did well too with only 4 each. A huge thank you to you all for ensuring your children get here early and ready to learn from 9am. To those who have been struggling and have shown improvement these last two weeks, well done and keep it up. Remember, if there is any reason you are struggling please don't wait for us to contact you, come and see us and we can work together to help.



## Attendance Award

Our recent improving attendance continues to move in the right direction. All but one class this week comfortably above our target of 96%. Huge well done to all for this. Especially Year 4 (winners with 99.7%) and year 5 (second place with 99.3%). For the week we were 97.2% our best weekly total for some time. For the year we are again improving now up to 92.6%. Please continue to help us to improve towards our 96% target by helping and encouraging your children to be resilient in the face of minor illnesses—we of course understand when children are too ill they should not be here. A big thank you for your continued support in ensuring the children are in school as much as possible.



## Lunch Menu: 20th—24th February

### Meat Free Monday

Mac & Cheese Station—a choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours with vegetarian toppings  
Peas & Carrots  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Wednesday

Meat/Halal: Roast Turkey  
Vegetarian: Quorn Casserole  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Carrots & Brussel Sprouts  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Tuesday

Meat/Halal: Cajun Chicken  
Vegetarian: Chickpea & Apricot Tagine  
Rice or Cous Cous  
Broccoli & Sweetcorn  
Lemon Drizzle Cake  
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

### Thursday

Meat/Halal: Spaghetti Bolognese  
Vegetarian: Vegetable Fajitas  
Garlic Bread  
Green Beans, Roasted  
Butternut Squash  
Rice Pudding & Berries

### Friday

Meat/Halal: Fish fingers  
Vegetarian: Mexican Roll  
Chips or Savoury  
Cous Cous  
Tomato Sauce  
Baked Beans & Peas  
Yoghurt & Fruit

### Available Daily

Freshly Cooked Jacket Potato  
Freshly Baked Bread

**Please remember to let the office know if you want your child to change to or from school lunches so you are charged correctly**

# Stars of the week!



Well done to these children who have been chosen by their class teachers to be the 'Star of the Week' - Well done to all these children, and to all the rest who might not have been picked this week but could have been.



## Reception

For getting involved and having lots of fun this week. You have been a great vet and I have enjoyed watching you help all the animals in our pet shop. Well done for playing nicely with everyone and being a good friend.

## Year 1

For consistently working really hard and being a wonderful role-model. You are always very kind and caring to others too. Thank you!



## Year 2

We've been so impressed by your kindness towards others and your hard work this week. You are developing your independence and it's impressing us! Well done.

## Year 3

For always making insightful contributions during lessons! You work hard to be the best student you can be! Keep it up superstar!

## Year 4

For your wonderful attitude towards your learning! You are focused and independent and always try your very best. I was particularly impressed this week with the effort you put into your biography. Well done!



## Year 5

For your wonderful attitude! You are so conscientious and strive to do your best in all subjects. As well as this, you are an extremely kind and caring friend and have been a super supportive classmate this week! We're so lucky to have you - keep up the great work!

## Year 6

For your resilience and positive attitude to all our learning this week. You have focused during lessons and assembly practice as well as being supportive and kind to those around you. Well done!



# Dates for your diary this term...

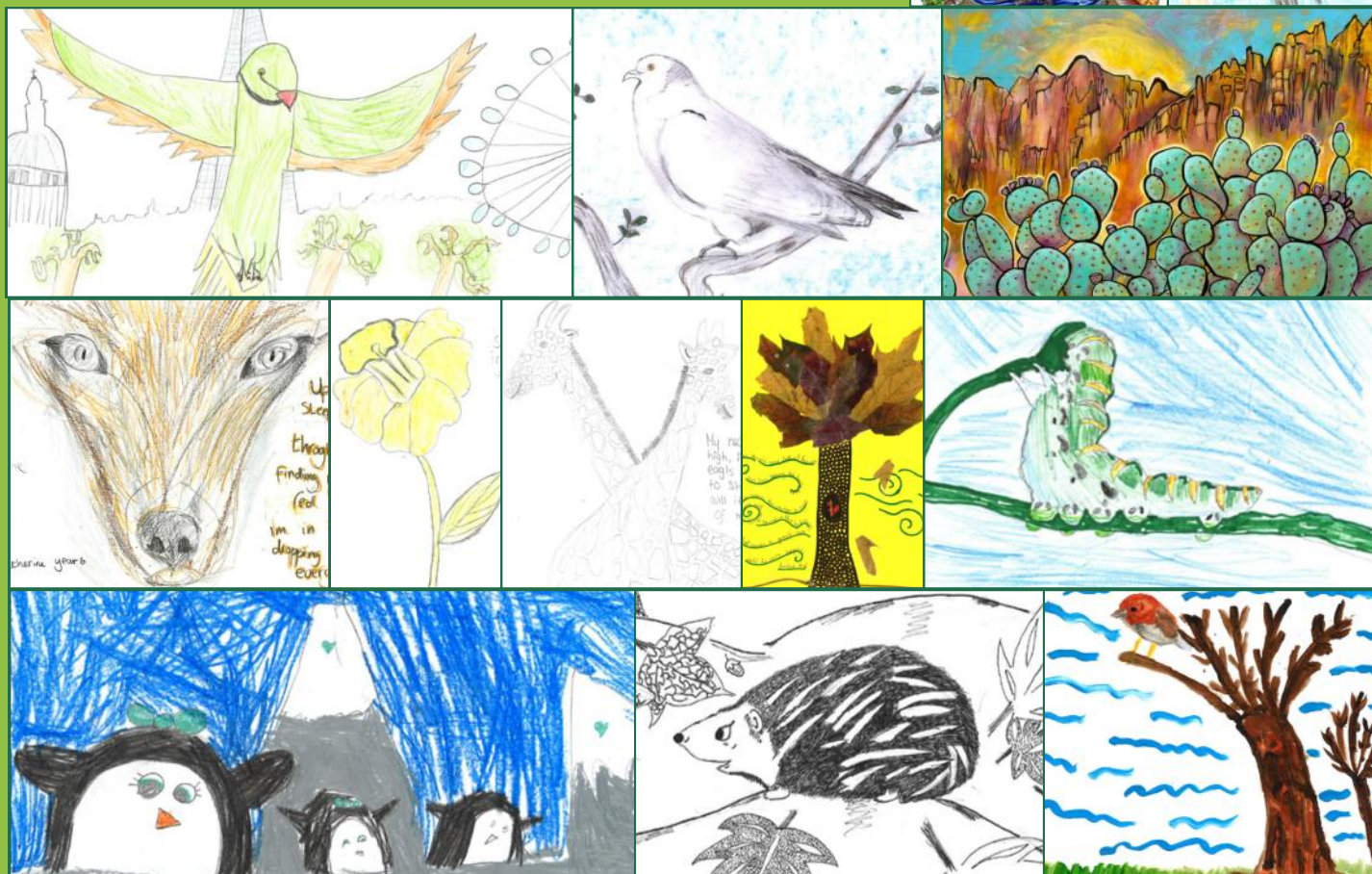
Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via parent hub closer to the date of a trip for requests for help and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

- **13th-17th February:** Half Term—school closed
- **20th Feb-3rd Mar:** Bike Training for Y3, Y1 and EYFS
- **21st February:** Year 3 to British Museum
- **21st February:** Year 4 to Talacre
- **22nd February:** Year 3 Friendship Workshop (in school)
- **23rd February:** Year 3 to Talacre
- **23rd February:** Year 2 STEAM Workshop (in school)
- **23rd February:** Year 5 Class Tea
- **24th February:** Year 5 Class Assembly
- **27th Feb-3rd Mar:** Book Week
- **27th February:** Year 6 to East London Mosque
- **28th February:** Home Learning Project Exhibition in the Hall after school
- **28th February:** Book Fair in the Hall after school
- **2nd March: FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school status t.b.c.**
- **2nd March:** Year 4 Class Tea
- **3rd March:** World Book Day—Dress Up as your favourite story character (moved due to the teacher strike planned for 2nd)
- **3rd March:** Year 4 Class Assembly
- **3rd March:** Arsenal workshops with Years 4 & 6
- **7th March:** Year 1 to the Heath
- **7th March:** Year 5 to Royal Observatory, Greenwich
- **8th March:** Year 2 to the Heath
- **8th March:** Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball @ Talacre after school (selected children)
- **9th March:** Year 6 to Talacre
- **9th March:** Year 2 Class Tea
- **10th March:** Parent Workshop @9am—Trauma Informed Practice and how we use it in school
- **10th March:** Year 2 Class Assembly
- **13th March:** Irish Dancing Workshop for KS1 & KS2
- **13th March:** Year 6 to British Museum
- **14th March:** Year 5 to the Science Museum
- **15th & 16th March: FURTHER STRIKE DAY BY NEU MEMBERS—school status t.b.c.**
- **15th March:** Nursery to Kentish Town City Farm (waiting on new date due to strike)
- **16th March:** Year 2 to Regents Park
- **16th March:** Year 3 Class Tea
- **17th March:** Year 3 Class Assembly
- **20th—30th March:** Year 5 Swimming everyday
- **21st March:** Year 6 to British Library
- **21st March:** Parent Meetings: only Year 1 and Year 2
- **22nd March:** Parent Meetings: only Reception, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
- **23rd March:** Year 3 to Talacre
- **23rd March:** Year 2 to Hampstead Heath
- **23rd March:** Year 5 Trumpets & Trombones RAH rehearsal (at Fleet)
- **23rd March:** Parent Meetings: all classes—Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
- **23rd March:** Year 1 Class Tea
- **24th March:** Year 1 Class Assembly
- **27th March:** Year 4 to Science Museum
- **28th March:** Year 4 Airspace Workshop (in school)
- **30th March:** Year 2 to Talacre
- **30th March:** Year 1 to the Zoo
- **30th March:** International Food Evening—5-7pm
- **31st March:** end of term—school closes at 2pm
- **18th April:** Summer Term Starts—Children Back

# This year's theme...A Wonderful World!

The theme this year is **‘A Wonderful World’** and is all about the natural world and protecting it. Art can be inspired by nature, animals, plants, insects, birds, ocean life, habitats, protecting the environment or environmentalists—see some of the examples at the bottom of this page.

Prizes will be awarded termly, with a selection of entries chosen to go in the calendar for 2024. Entries should be handed in to the school





# Fleet Facts!



**Well done to all these children who have passed their Fleet Facts test this week!**

**Year 2:** Sufian, Lily Rose, Mariam, Yahya, Tal-lulah

**Year 3:** Lir, Amine, Hester, Maryam

**Year 4:** Noah, Arafat, Marcel, Sam, Yacub, Saaimah, Jake Sullivan, Daniel, Lashanty, Ursula

**Year 5:** Ena, Sufiyan, Yara, Evangeline, Muhib, Hana, Millie, Hunter, Rayan, Tabby, Alea, Osman, Tyrell, Theo, Ranya, Yonis, Alfie, Rayn, Nadeem, Natasha, Gabi, Saheim

**Year 6:** Poppy, Ugo

## **Times Tables Rock Stars of the Week—this week!**

**Well done to these children who earned the most coins in their class on Times Tables Rock Stars this week!**

**Year 2: Musa—3,252 coins!**

**Year 3: Frankie—4,514 coins—4 weeks in a row!**

**Year 4: Jarod—19,370 coins!**

**Year 5: Ena—25,760 coins—4 weeks in a row!**

**Year 6: Tawfiq—11,560 coins!**



# This term's topics...



**Nursery:** Giant Paws and Monster Roars

**Reception:** Let's Go to the Shops

**Year 1:** Wild Things

**Year 2:** Seeds and Thneeds

**Year 3:** Glorious Greeks

**Year 4:** We are Heroes

**Year 5:** Just Beyond the Stars

**Year 6:** Arabian Nights





# This week at Fleet...

This week we have had a brilliant end to the first half term. There have been visits to our favourite gallery—The October Gallery by years 1 and 4. We have been celebrating our connections as part of this week's 'Children's Mental Health Week' which among other activities included writing letters to pen-pals in other Camden schools (some great photos are included of the excitement on the face of some year 4s receiving their letters!) and older children buddy reading with younger ones. Year 2 worked with the coaches at Talacre, while year 1 and 4 had their weekly session with the Arsenal coaches. Gillian and Mary from the CLC both came in this week to run internet safety and computing workshops with most of the classes in the school. Pitch Perfect followed last week's amazing concert performance at the Grant Museum with a trip to Bloomsbury Studios to be professionally recorded as part of the project they have been working on, and possibly the most exciting event of the week (by the reaction of the children) was the visit of year 6 to UCS school for a science workshop where they put their in class theory learning into practice examining, touching and studying real sheep's hearts! This is as well as all the interesting lessons that have been happening in class from fabric design (Y6) and writing and illustrating books and stories (Y6 & Y4) to drama inspired by Greek legends (Y3) to scientific experiments with dye and flowers (Y2) to planet 'top trumps' (Y5) to 'cosmic yoga' (Y2) to thinking about our family and friends and all our connections (Y1). Then all rounded off brilliantly with the fantastic Year 6 class assembly of 1001 Arabian Nights! What a very busy week—children have definitely earned a break over half term to recharge ready for it all to start again on the 20th! We hope you enjoy the photos from your child's activities this week.





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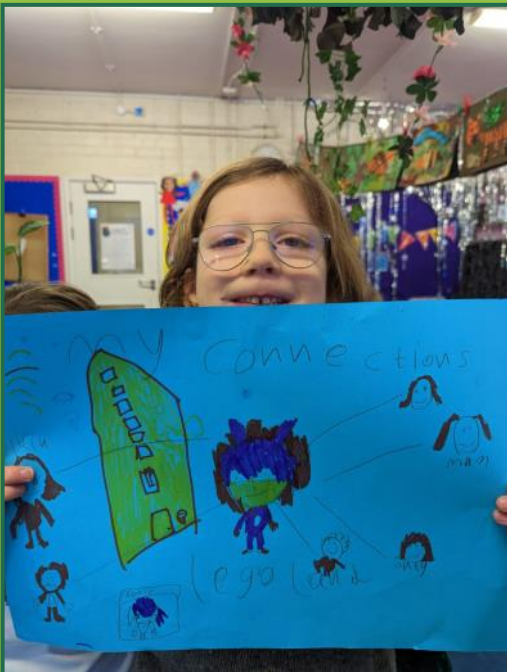
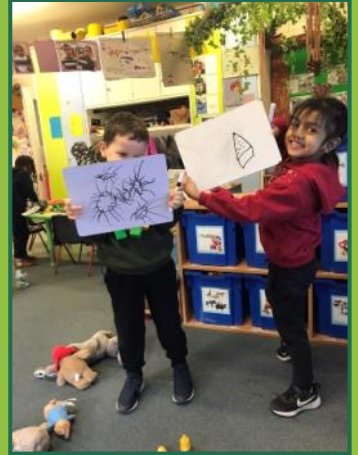


# Year 6 Class Assembly - 1001 Arabian Nights!





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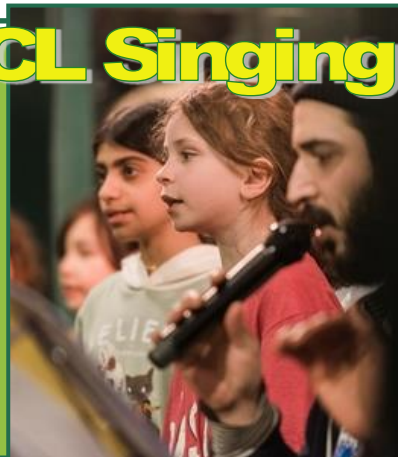


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# Pitch Perfect UCL Singing Performance





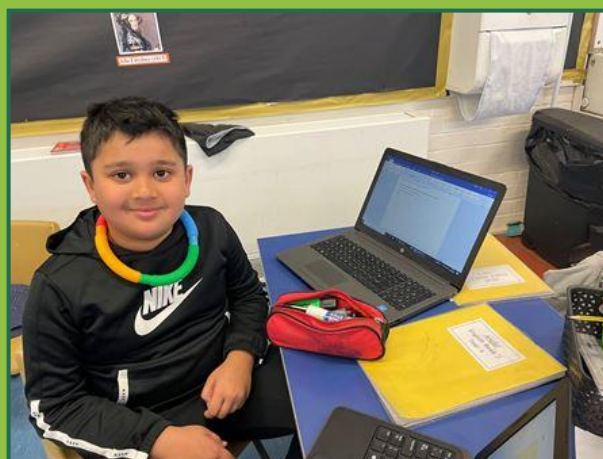
# Get connected - Children's Mental Health Week

All our classes 'connected' with children at Emmanuel School this week as part of Children's Mental Health Week - our children loved writing and receiving letters as did the children at Emmanuel—thanks Becca (Fleet) and Lorraine (Emmanuel) for organising!



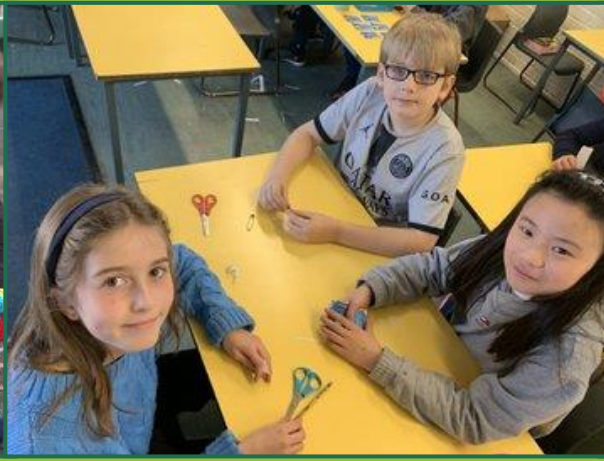


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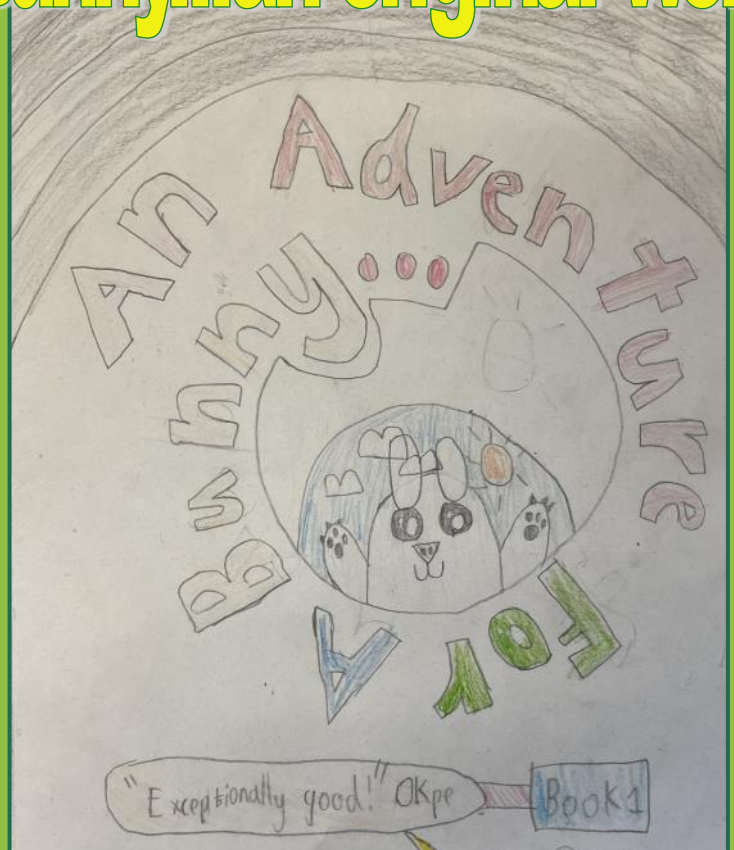


# An Adventure for a Bunny...an original work!

Written &  
Illustrated  
by...



Floppy is caught!  
Join him on a  
adventure of a  
lifetime!

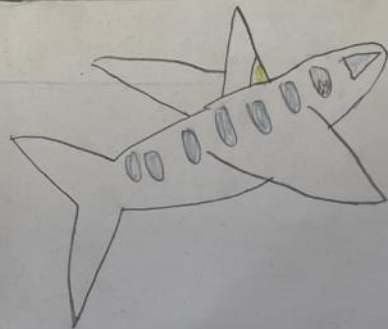


On a lovely countryside,  
you could hear  
the birds tweeting,  
the sheep baa-ing,  
but above all, you could hear  
a growling engine.  
Gravel Spits out from  
beneath the monster's wheels.  
Clang! Claws Scratching,  
heart pounding, Floppy the bunny is in a cage.  
Now it's his turn to tell the story!



This. I S. Weird.

I am on this metal machine  
Soaring through the infinite blue,  
And the hum of the rocket boosters  
leaving space dust behind.  
I think it is. Is this a rocket?  
How should I know?  
Then, I looked  
My spine tingled.

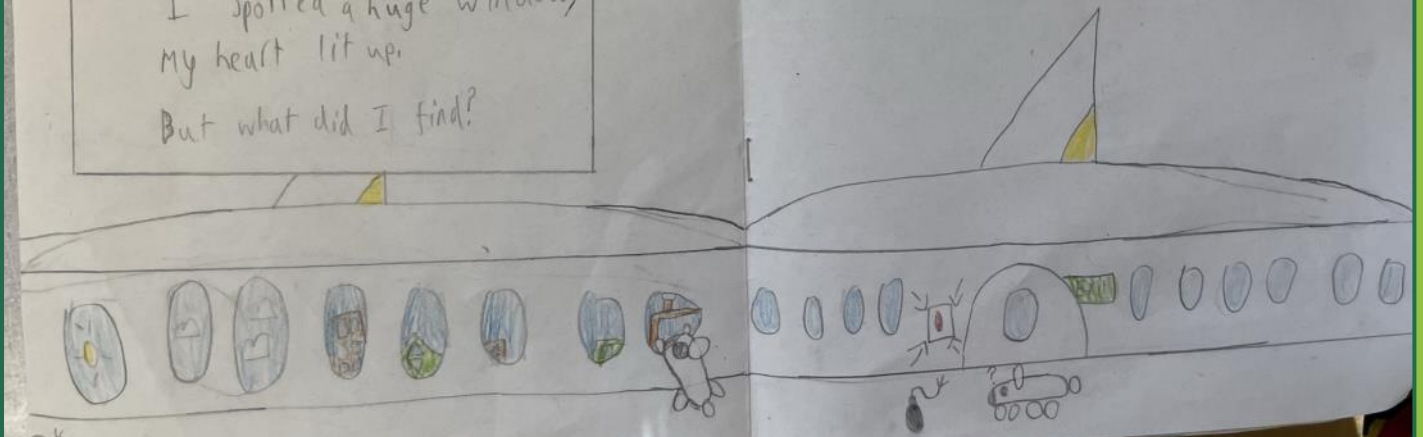




# An Adventure for a Bunny...an original work!

I. Saw the... city!  
Every heartbeat,  
every sound  
every movement  
and every mound.  
A high hill,  
a trudging rat  
a meowing cat.  
I spotted a huge window,  
my heart lit up.  
But what did I find?

I look at the window,  
embedded in the door.  
I gave it a push,  
a huff  
and a puff.  
Still, it would not budge.  
Then, my scuttling paws  
on the floor found a  
round,  
metal ball.



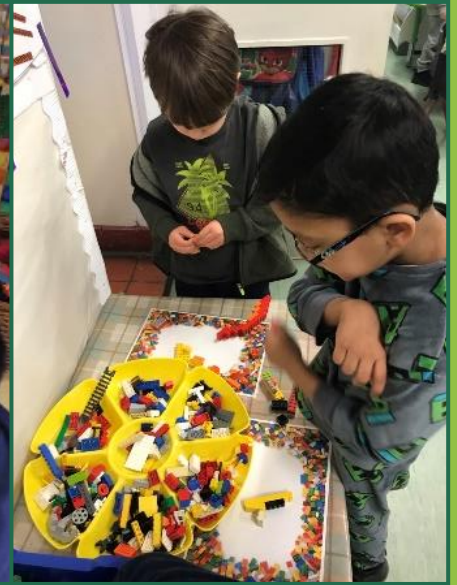
A bomb! A bomb!  
I was sweating!  
I ran faster than ever,  
I scratched and I scratched,  
I scratched at the devastating door.  
Then, I saw a button  
in the wall.  
I knew it wasn't  
the time,  
but I couldn't help it...

I gave a sigh of relief  
when the door went "Beeep!"  
As it sucked everything  
outside.  
Then, "BOOM!"  
The blasting bomb exploded!  
Metal chunks came rocketing out of the  
dust cloud.  
Pssst!  
I'm not sure if this was where  
I was going,  
but I like it.  
A cool breeze,  
the soft sand,  
the rush of the sea...  
**THE BEACH!**





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