

Message from the head:

I'd like to start off this week's newsletter with a fantastic well done to our boys and girls Y5 and Y6 football teams whose league season came to an end this week with their last fixtures at Talacre. Both teams equipped themselves well throughout the season, playing with enthusiasm and sporting integrity. The girls finished a respectable 9th with 17th points. The boys managed to put in an 'invincible' season—going undefeated by not losing a single game! However, they were pipped to the title by one point! The team that finished above them, Rhyl, while losing against us, only drew one other game winning the rest. We had 3 draws. It's worth remembering that as a one-form entry school we are at a disadvantage in that 7 of the 11 teams that make up our league are two-form entry meaning they have twice as many children as us to choose from. It's an incredible achievement to finish a season not losing a single game (annoyingly, just ask any Arsenal fan!). The good news is, while the league season is over, that's not the end of the season. Finishing second means the boys have qualified for the Camden playoff tournament. This is where the top two schools from each of the three Camden primary school leagues come up against each other in a mini tournament. This will be taking place towards the end of February. Good luck to all our 'Fleet Invincibles' - we're very proud of them.

I am very aware of the shortness of this half term due to the later than normal start back after New Year—we're already half way through! Seeing the teachers deftly fitting in all the learning for their topics in such a short term is nothing short of miraculous. Please do take some time to regularly check in with your children and ask them about their topic and learning—remember you have the topic snapshot that was sent home (and also available on ParentHub and the school website) to be able to see what the key learning points and information we want them to have learnt by the end of this term—see what they know already.

This week's newsletter has a number of great images of your amazing children working hard. I was particularly impressed with the work year 6 were doing, inspired by the artist Thomas Alston. Look out for those and if your child is in year 6 and you are in school for drop off, why not pop up to the class to see what they've been doing in their 'Blackout' topic—it's really fascinating. Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday.

Fleet Calendar 2024

To order your copy of the fantastic fleet Calendar (with all artwork produced by our children) please contact the office to order one or go online—<https://forms.gle/71yVQXJiNyfy7Pi7>. Excellent value at £4 and includes all the school holiday and INSET dates for 2024.



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Punctuality Award

We are doing brilliantly with punctuality at the moment. After last week's low of 21 we are down again to just 10 across the school! Thanks to the majority who get here everyday on time ensuring they don't miss any of their learning or disturb others' learning and a special mention for two classes—Reception (again!) and Year 4 who were our winners this week with not a single child late—that's three weeks in a row for year 2! Well done to years 6, 5 and 3 with only 1 all week. Year 2 were close behind with 2. Come on year 1—your 5 lates was half of the whole school. We know you can do better! If your child has been late this week please try to ensure they are here on time. Your children need your help to get up, get ready and in to school.



Attendance Award

Year 2 have followed up last week's 100% with another strong showing winning again the attendance prize with 97.7% - fantastic showing Year 2! Year 5 also not far behind them, again following up their 100% last week with 96.3% this week. For the week though we were down to 91.5% with no other classes managing over our target of 96% and a number actually very low below 90%. Overall for the year we have crept up a bit to 93.7%. We know at this time of year there are some coughs and colds around but we urge you to consider carefully if a child needs to be missing school. It is very damaging to their education to have high levels of absence. We all need to be able to develop our resilience and even if a bit under the weather should be in school. Thank you to all of you for ensuring your children are in as often as possible to maximise their learning opportunities.

Lunch Menu: 29th Jan— 2nd Feb

Meat Free Monday

Vegetarian:
A choice of Tomato or Carbonara Pasta with toppings
Vegetables of the day
Iced Sponge

Wednesday

Meat/Halal:
Roast Chicken
Vegetarian:
Veg Sausages
Roast or Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables of the day
Fruit Platter

Friday

Meat/Halal:
Fish Fingers or Salmon
Fishcake
Vegetarian:
Chickpea & Veg Hotpot
Chips or New Potatoes
Tomato Sauce
Vegetables of the day
Melting Moment Biscuit

Tuesday

Meat/Halal:
Lasagne
Vegetarian:
Veg Fajitas with Rice
Vegetables of the day
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Orange
Cookie

Thursday

Meat/Halal:
Chicken Pie & Mashed Potatoes
Vegetarian:
Veg Tagine & Lemon/
Parsley Cous Cous
Vegetables of the day
Peach Upside Down Cake with custard

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!



Nursery

For your wonderful attitude to learning. You are always so thoughtful in everything you do and inspire others with your fantastic ideas. Thank you for being so lovely!

Reception

For showing so much excitement and enjoyment in our learning this week. You have loved all of the role-play opportunities and have engaged your peers in your ideas. Love it!

Year 1

For your fantastic independent story writing. You are an excellent story teller and each week we enjoy listening to the new and exciting chapter. Well done!



Year 2

For all your fab efforts in English this week. You've been working so hard to think of ideas to describe your Extraordinary Garden and I can't wait to read your finished piece of writing. Well done you!

Year 3

For showing resilience! When you are faced with challenges, you are determined to persevere and keep going! This is a great quality for a learner. Keep it up superstar!

Year 4

For your independence! You have displayed real maturity in making the right choices and are really developing your resilience. As well as this, you have displayed a very positive and proactive attitude to learning. Keep it up, superstar!



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.



Year 5

For your brilliant writing in English! Well done for getting into role and writing a thoughtful and interesting letter. I was impressed with how well you weaved figurative language into your writing! Keep it up!

Year 6

For your thoughtful, attentive ideas during class discussions. Well done for considering other people's opinions and participating actively in classroom conversations. Well done.

Dates for your diary this term...

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips may be arranged or cancelled last minute. Where possible we will give as much notice as we can. We need adult volunteers to support on these trips so please do look out for notices on class windows or sent out via ParentHub closer to the date of a trip and contact the office if you are able to accompany. Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

31st Jan & 7th Feb	Healthy Eating Course for Parents & Children—1.30-3.30pm—speak to Lisa in the office to book a place
2nd February	KS1 and KS2 Open Morning—Maths
5th February	Online Safety Workshops for all classes inc. Parent Workshop @ 9am
12th—16th Feb	Half Term
4-8th March	Book Week
7th March	World Book Day—Dressing Up Day!
5th March	Book Fair after school in the hall—come and spend book day token!
13th March	School Council to the Houses of Parliament
20th & 21st March	Parent Teacher Meetings Y1-Y6 (Y2 not doing 20th but 19th instead)
28th March	Last Day of Term—finish at 2pm

Parents Association Events

Thurs 25th April	International Food Evening
Sat 6th July	Summer Fair

YEAR 3 2023-24

1st February	Talacre Sports Morning
8th February	Trip to Wigmore Hall
4th March	Trip to British Museum
7th March	Y3 Class Tea after school—parent run
8th March	Y3 Class Assembly @ 10am
15th March	Trip to the CLC
21st March	Trip to October Gallery

YEAR 4 2023-24

6th February	Trip to the Zoo—inc. endangered animals workshop
7th February	Trip to Keats Library
28th February	Trip to Keats library
29th February	Y4 Class Tea after school—parent run
1st March	Y4 Class Assembly @ 10am
13th March	Trip to Keats Library
22nd March	Dance Workshop

YEAR 5 2023-24

30th January	Trip to the CLC
31st January	Dodgeball competition @ Talacre after school (selected children)
22nd February	Y5 Class Tea after school—parent run
23rd February	Y5 Class Assembly @ 10am
27th February	Trip to Neasden Temple
5th March	Trip to the V&A Museum
12th March	Trip to London Zoo
18th-28th March	Swimming everyday @ Kentish Town Pool

YEAR 6 2023-24

30th January	Talacre Sports Morning
8th February	Y6 Class Tea after school—parent run
9th February	Y6 Class Assembly @ 10am
23rd February	Trip to the zoo
27th February	Trip to Houses of Parliament

NURSERY 2023-24

2nd February	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
5th February	Reading Café—3-3.20pm
28th February	Trip to Kentish Town Farm
1st March	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
6th March	Trip to Keats Library
15th March	Camden Kids Talk Programme—stay and play session for parents
18th March	Reading Café—3-3.20pm
21st March	Individual Parents Appointments

RECEPTION 2023-24

30th January	Parent Meetings 3.30-5pm
31st January	Firefighters visit class
1st February	Parent Meetings 3.30-5pm
1st February	Reception Class Tea after school—parent run
6th February	Stay and Play session
20th February	Trip to the Zoo
22nd February	Role Play Day—Vets!
4th March	Concert @ Cecil Sharp House
15th March	Stay and Play Parent Session
26th March	Trip to Camley Street

YEAR 1 2023-24

22nd February	Trip to the Zoo
27th February	Talacre sports morning
5th March	Talacre sports morning
12th March	Talacre sports morning
21st March	Y1 Class Tea after school—parent run
22nd March	Y1 Class Assembly @ 10am

YEAR 2 2023-24

6th February	Trip to Camley Street
20th February	Trip to Keats Library
14th March	Y2 Class Tea after school—parent run
15th March	Y2 Class Assembly @ 10am
19th March	Parent Meetings—3.30-5.30pm
22nd March	Trip to Heath (am)
22nd March	Dance Workshop (pm)

Term Dates for 2023-24

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb 2024
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March 2024 – close at 2pm

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024 - school closed
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1 st half term	Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024
2 nd half term			Monday 10 th June 2024

Provisional Term Dates for 2024-25

AUTUMN TERM

First day of term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
Half term (inclusive)	Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st November 2024
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024 – close at 2pm

STAFF INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

	Autumn Term
1 st half term	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
2 nd half term	

Please note Nursery and Reception start dates in the Autumn Term differ due to home visits and phased transition. You will receive your child's start date as part of the welcome pack and will be discussed at the meeting prior to the Autumn Term start.

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Tips for Talking

Each week we will be sharing 1 or 10 top tips with you to implement with your children. We hope you will find them useful and together we can help your child to develop their speech, language and communication skills.

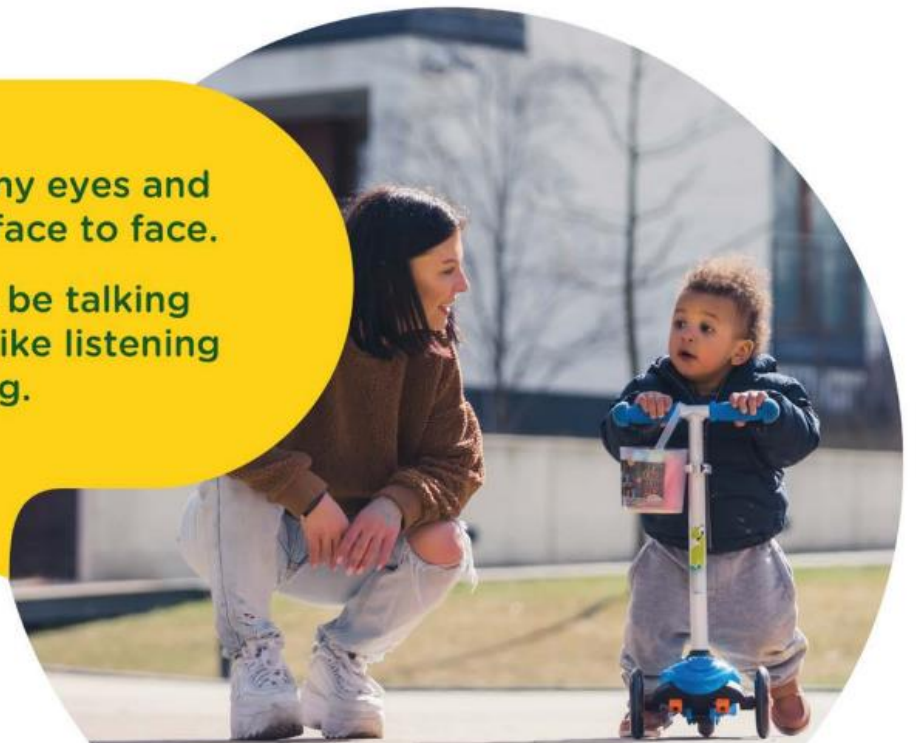
Using the tips

Here are some of the simple things we can all do to support the development of babies' and young children's speech, language and communication skills and give them the best start in life.

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Fleet Primary School Calendar Competition 2025

This year's theme... Famous buildings and landmarks around the world!

The theme this year is **'Famous buildings and landmarks around the world'**. Big thank you to school council for coming up with this year's theme.

We are looking for artwork inspired by buildings and landmarks around the world. These can be man made—buildings, statues, bridges etc. or natural—rivers, reefs, mountains, valleys etc.

Children can use any art medium in their entries and they can enter as many times in a term as they want. It is important that they put their name and class on the reverse side of the picture in pencil (don't write in pen and not on the front). They should also include a 'fun fact' about their subject written on the back too which will be included in the final calendar if their image is selected.

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 office. We have some very talented artists at Fleet and we can't wait to see the fantastic pieces the children come up with. Good luck!



Cover image

Upper KS2
Winner
Spring Term

Artist...
Alex Krasniqi

Fascinating Fact:
Giraffes can grow
up to 5.5m tall—
that's taller than 3
average humans!

Fleet Primary School Calendar 2024 'Wonderful World'

List of artists by month

Cover: Giraffe by Alex Krasniqi	May: Bear by Urzula S Hipp	October: Watersfall and Mountains by Jona Zapp
January: Hawaii: Mountain by Hunter Robinson	June: Hippo & Jellyfish by Hana Luopakova	November: Giraffe by Astrid Schupp
February: Scarlet Macaw by Tobby Balme	July: Sparkling Sun & Mountains in the Desert by Jane Sullivan	December: Kingfisher, Adde r, Robin and Otter by Robyn Cudde
March: Acorn and Bird in a Paving Cobble by Amber-Lily Cobble	August: Giraffe by Skyler Martin	
April: Butterfly by Myra Ibrahim	September: Cat and Dog by Alex Krasniqi	

Fleet Facts!



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

Year 2: James, Anthony, Ilyes, Adam, Zaina, Grace R

Year 3: Lilli, Tymur, Jannah, Musa, Albie

Year 4: Amine, Ayman, Leo, Lir, Mason, Michaela, Mo, Naz, Robyn, Rocco

Year 5: Zaim, Amreen, Okpe

Year 6: Hana, Rayan K, Yara, Millie, Natasha, Saheim, Ranya, Abid, Gabi

Times Tables Rock Stars of the Term!

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

Year 2: Sera—8,742 coins!

Year 3: Max—2,193 coins!

Year 4: Alfie—24,540 coins!

Year 5: Okpe—29,081 coins!

Year 6: Ena—43,128 coins!

Numbots Star of the Week!

Year 2: Rron—8,512 coins!

Year 3: Albie—9,052 coins!

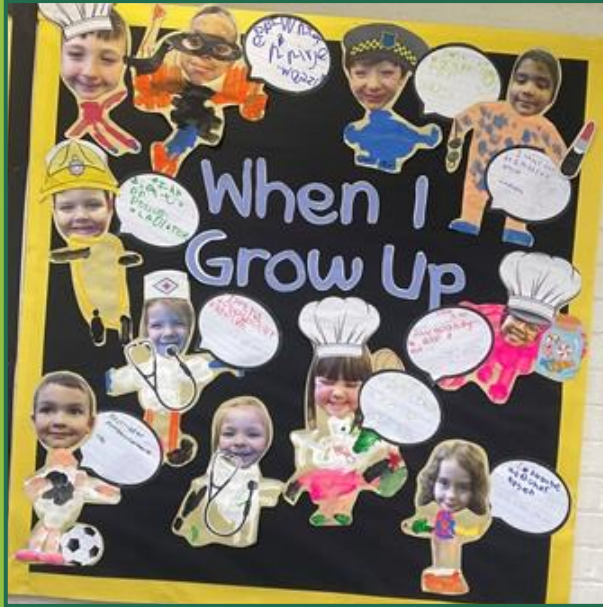
This week at Fleet...

One of the wonderful things about a Primary School curriculum is the sheer breadth of subjects and knowledge the children are able to learn about and also about the wonderfully creative ways the teachers present it. This week we've had children learning about diverse historical periods from Pandora's Box and the Greeks to the design of Anderson Shelters and the Second World War. There has been biographical cartoon portraits in the style of Thomas Alston (kudos points if you had heard of him!) as well as experiments with water colours. Trips to the BFI, Keats Library and Talacre have also been had this week.

The new topics are all well underway with the class topic displays refreshed and up in the admin block (corridor outside adult toilets) - come and have a look if you get a chance. Well done to all the children on another learning packed week.

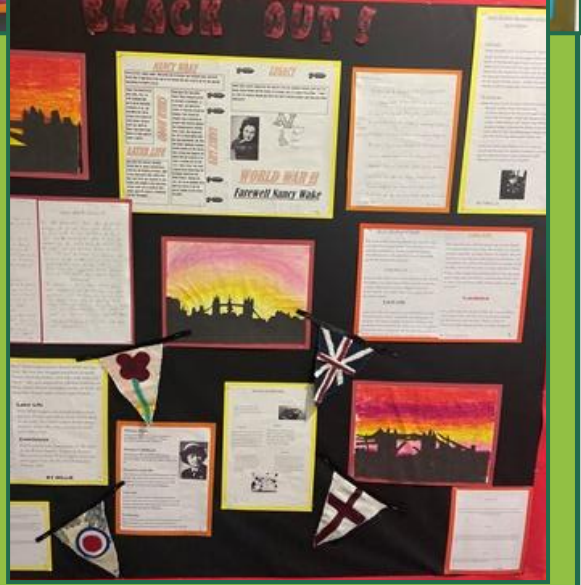


Fleet's Creative Curriculum



Come and see the displays in the admin block!

Year 6:
Blackout
Year 5:
Incredible India
Year 4:
Hope & Heroes
Y3 - Glorious Greeks



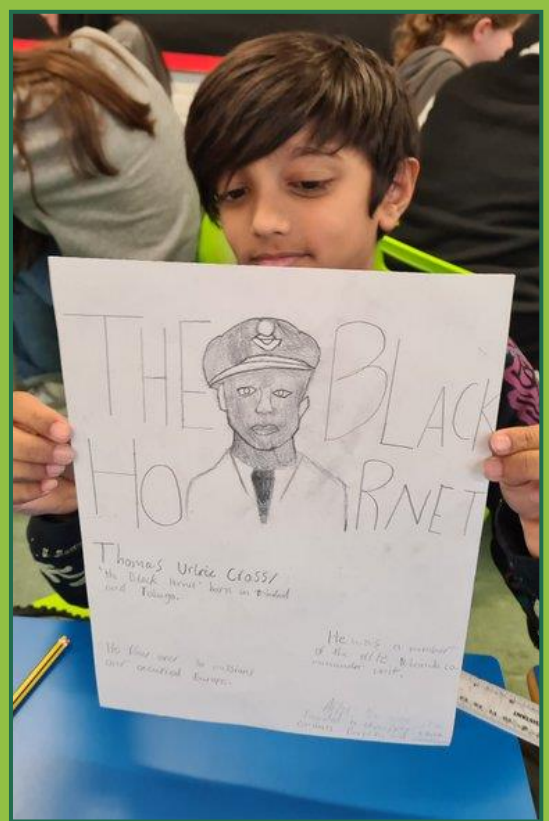
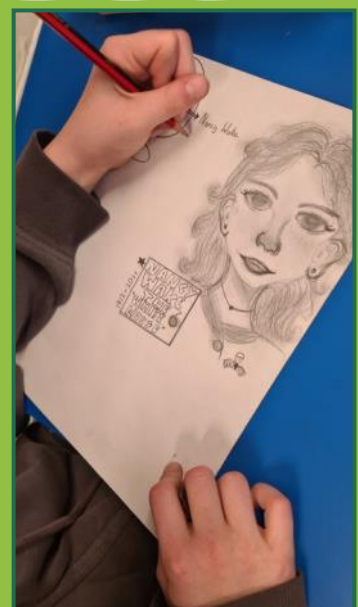
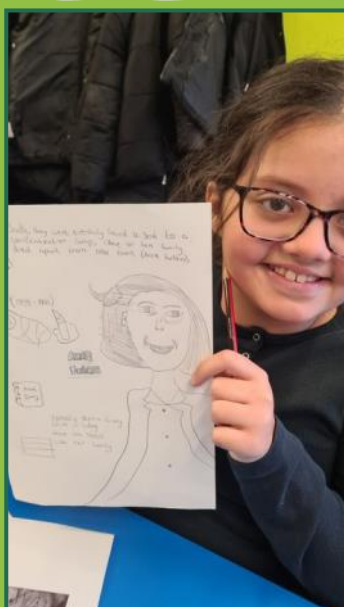
Spring Term Term Topics

Year 2: Seeds and Thneeds
Year 1: Wild Things
Reception: When I Grow Up...
Nursery: Off We Go!

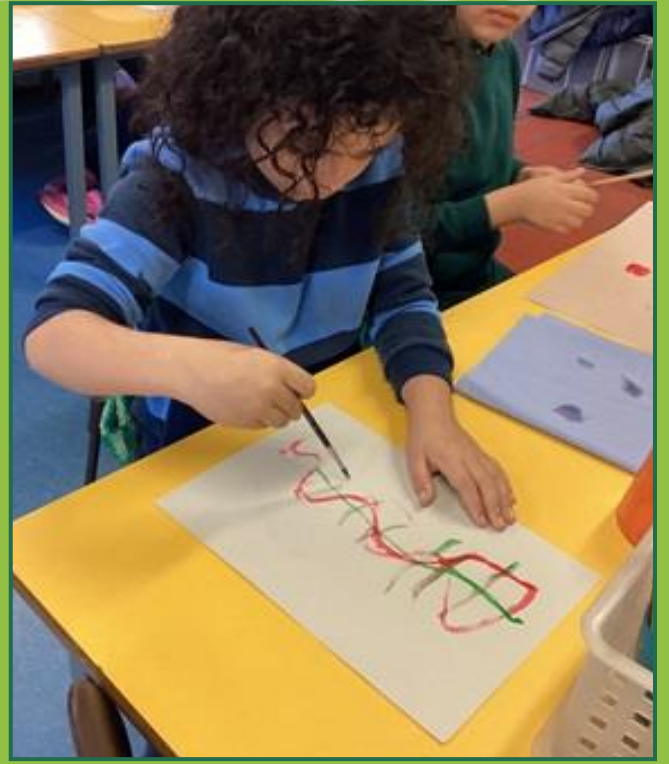
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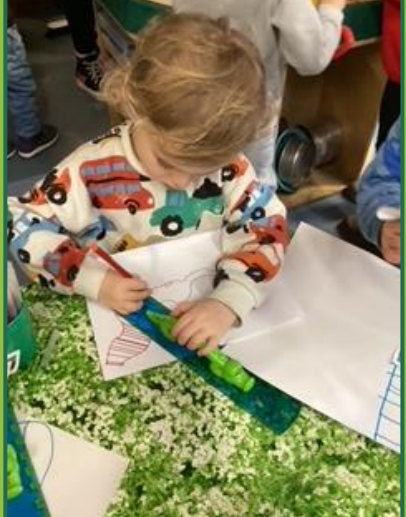
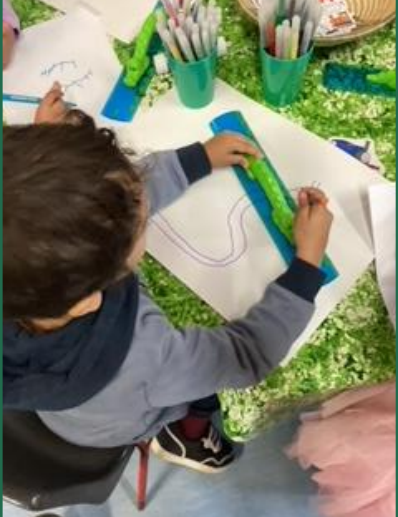
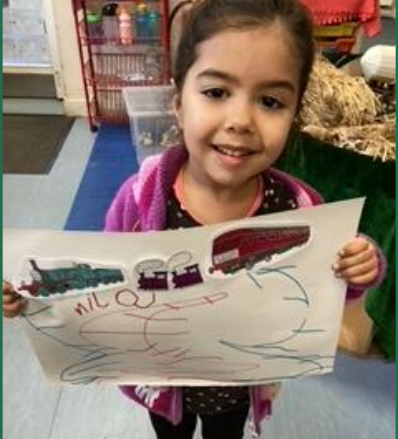
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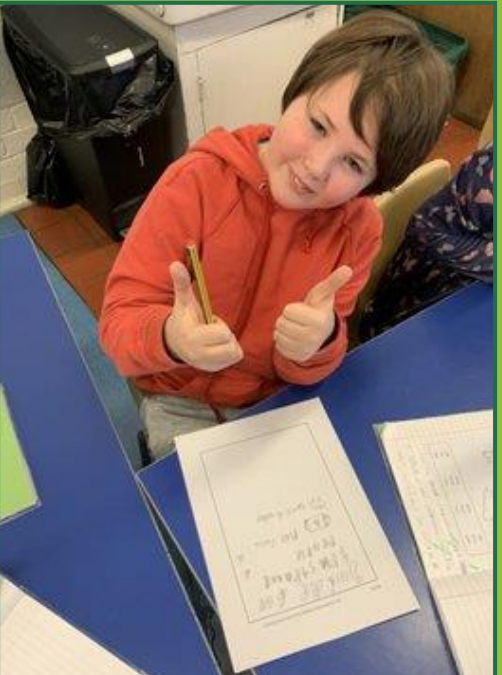
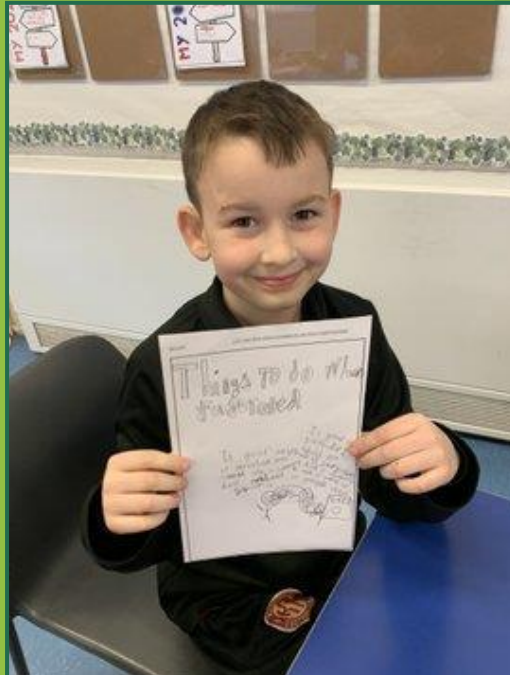
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