

Dear Families

Bikeability

P5's have nearly completed their Bikeability 1 training. The current P6's will undertake Bikeability 1 and 2 combined, in the spring, once more staff have been trained. Bikeability 2 training involves learning to cycle on the roads.

Gala Money

We asked the children how they would like to spend some of the Gala donation. We discounted the zip wire and hot tub but have ordered chalk galore, it is a firm favourite in the playground at the moment. We have also ordered more space hoppers, tarpaulin, some extra balls and a popcorn machine. Some classes are having popcorn parties as they work towards a class reward.

Asthma Inhaler

We hold an emergency inhaler in school for the times where a child cannot get to their own quickly enough or have forgotten or misplaced them. Mrs Mair will have sent consent forms for this. If you have not received one but your child is asthmatic please get in touch.

Homework

This is a gentle reminder that queries sent from families to the Google Classroom aren't always seen, please direct all queries or anything needing a response to the school admin office. Teachers will continue to mark and feedback on homework as they have done previously, this will usually involve just a tick. You will not receive the kind of detailed feedback you received during lockdown.

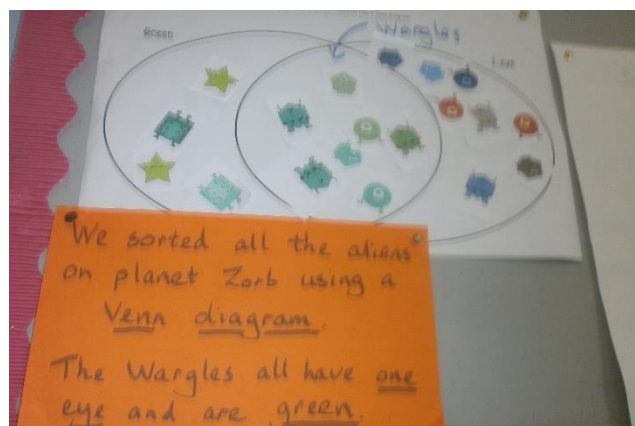
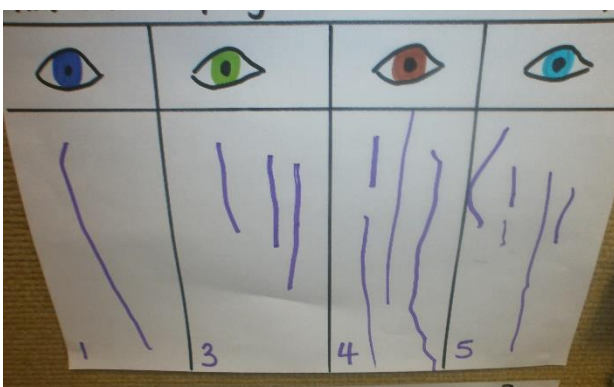
Reading Groups

Reading groups are sometimes arranged by book preference (usually further up the school) or by their ability. In the early years, groups are discerned by phonics knowledge and the sight vocabulary that children know. We assess for fluency and accuracy further up the school when children become more proficient in decoding the text (the actual reading of the text). We also look for: the ability to analyse, read between the lines, infer and derive meaning from the words, their ability to predict based on what they have read. Sometimes we get queries from families about the 'level' of their child's book, please remember it is not just about their ability to actually read the text but all the other skills that go alongside reading skills.



Maths- data handling

Here are some examples of the pupils in Nursery and P2 undertaking some data handling work as part of maths. The P2's also were spotted in the playground making their own Venn diagrams with hula hoops and the different coloured leaves.



Parent/Teacher Phone Call

You will now have received a letter indicating a time for the learning consultation. We are looking forward to the opportunity to speak to parents about their child and to hear from parents too. Remember to return the purple slip so we know the best contact details to use.

Kind Regards

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