



ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

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08 January 2024

Dear Mr. Hawley,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 95 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Debden Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary Academy meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 5 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Hinds

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**FANTASTIC
PHONICS – Well
done everyone!**

**TIMES
TABLES
ROCK
STARS**

UPDATE



Top 10 in December

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Hockerill Anglo-European College	1.78
2	Thorley Hill Primary School	2.76
3	Albury CEVA Primary School	2.84
4	Great Bardfield Primary School	2.87
5	Thorn Grove Primary School, Bishop's Stortford	2.89
6	Chrishall Primary School	3.07
7	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Saffron Walden	3.10
8	Dame Bradburys School, Saffron Walden	3.25
9	Debden CEVC Primary Academy	3.30
10	Northgate Primary School, Bishop's Stortford	3.55

Our two targets:

1. To break the top 5
2. To be the best in Saffron Walden

Selected Others

13	Great Chesterford Church Of England Primary Academy	3.93
17	Katherine Semar Junior School	4.67
22	St Mary's CE Primary School, Saffron Walden	5.55
27	Radwinter CEVA Primary School	5.95
28	Thaxted Primary School	6.03

Let's keep pushing!

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Hockerill Anglo-European College	1.68
2	Thorn Grove Primary School, Bishop's Stortford	2.76
3	Great Bardfield Primary School	2.78
4	Albury CEVA Primary School	2.81
5	Chrishall Primary School	2.88
6	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Saffron Walden	3.17
7	Debden CEVC Primary Academy	3.18
8	Thorley Hill Primary School	3.41
9	Northgate Primary School, Bishop's Stortford	3.55
10	Elsenham Primary School	3.61
11	Great Chesterford Church Of England Primary Academy	3.75
12	Great Easton Primary	3.80



UPDATE

BEHAVIOUR HERO OF THE WEEK!

- Led by our student council behaviour ambassadors:
Romily and Emma!
- One behaviour superstar is chosen each week by the learning support assistants/ midday supervisors.
- This might be someone who:
 - Does something really kind or helpful;
 - Is always extremely polite and respectful;
 - Shows excellent learning behaviours;
 - Goes out of their way to help someone else.



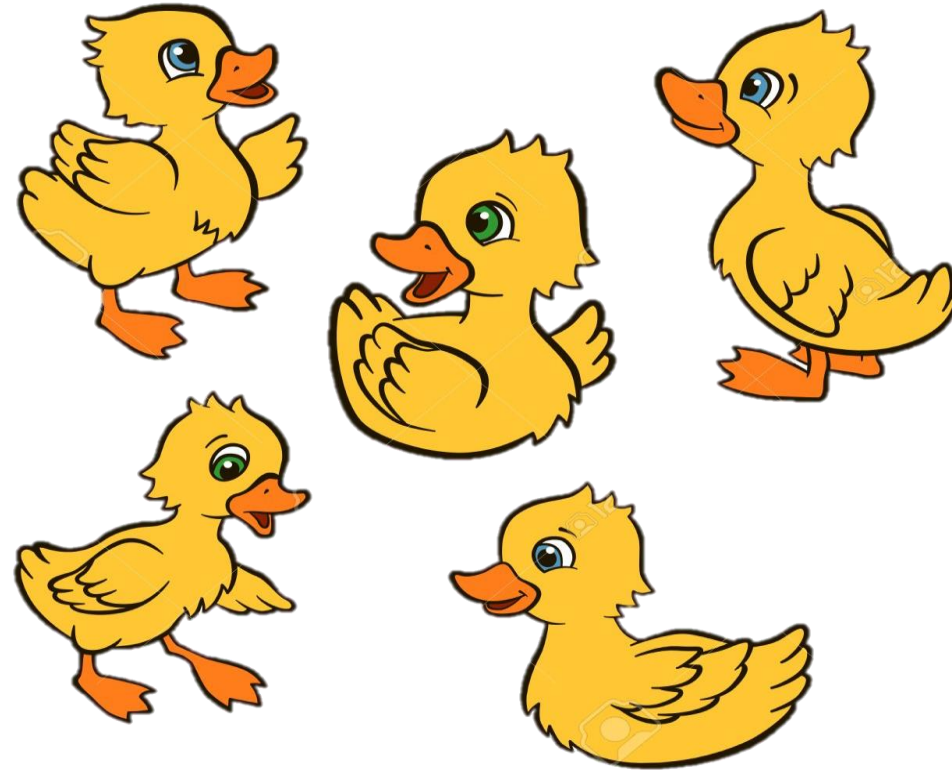
And the winner is...

ARABELLA!

CONGRATULATIONS!



LET'S HEAR FROM
THE...



The Solar System



We live on Planet Earth.

Janeila

Saturn has a ring of rocks
and it's windy there.

Alba



Reaching **GOLD!**

Max

Alba

Poppy

Ari

Luna

Caris

Isabella

Tiffany

Olivia

And the winner is...

MAX!

CONGRATULATIONS!



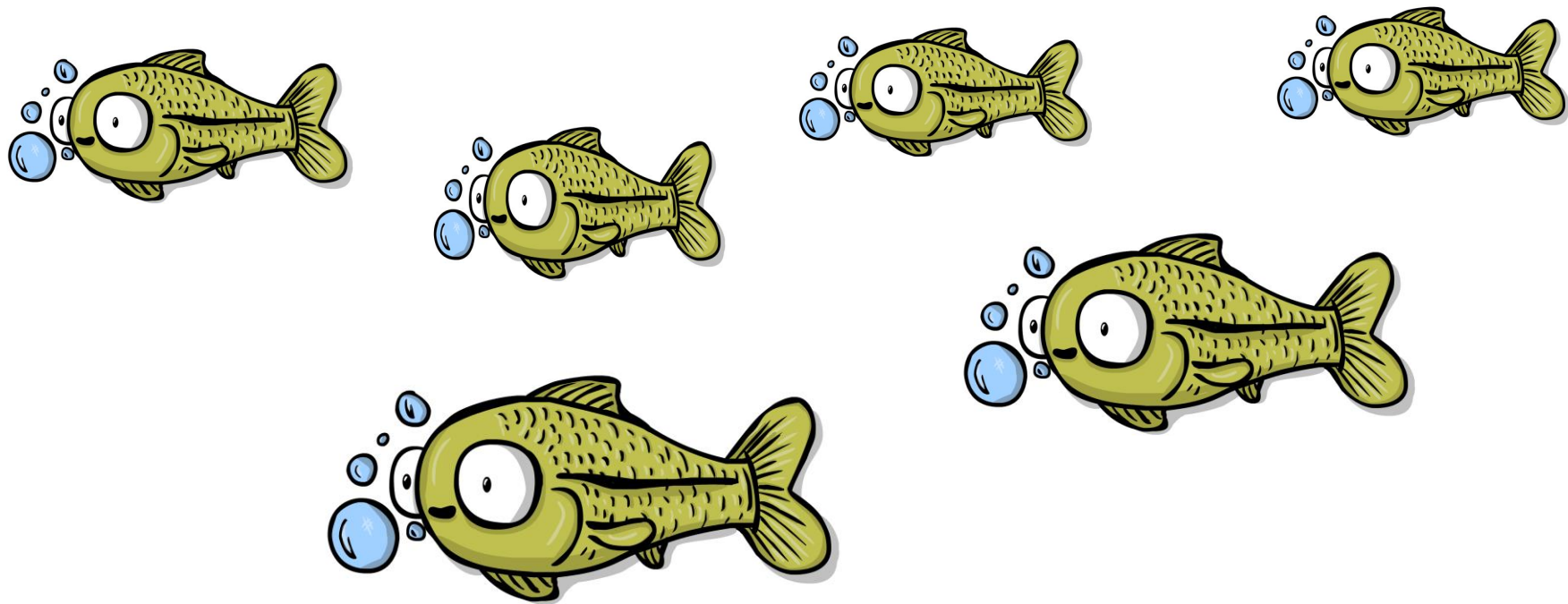
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TIFFANY!

CONGRATULATIONS!



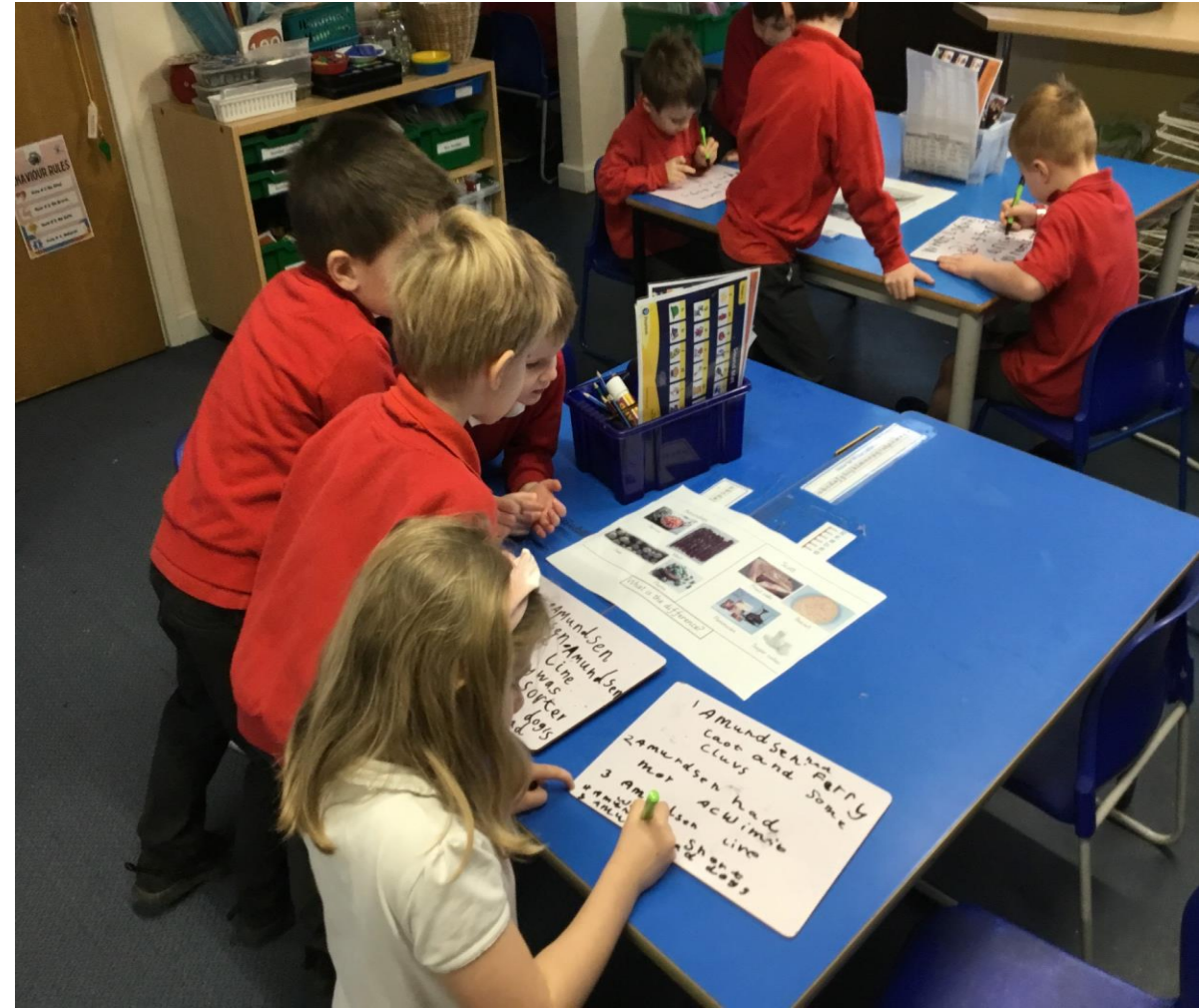
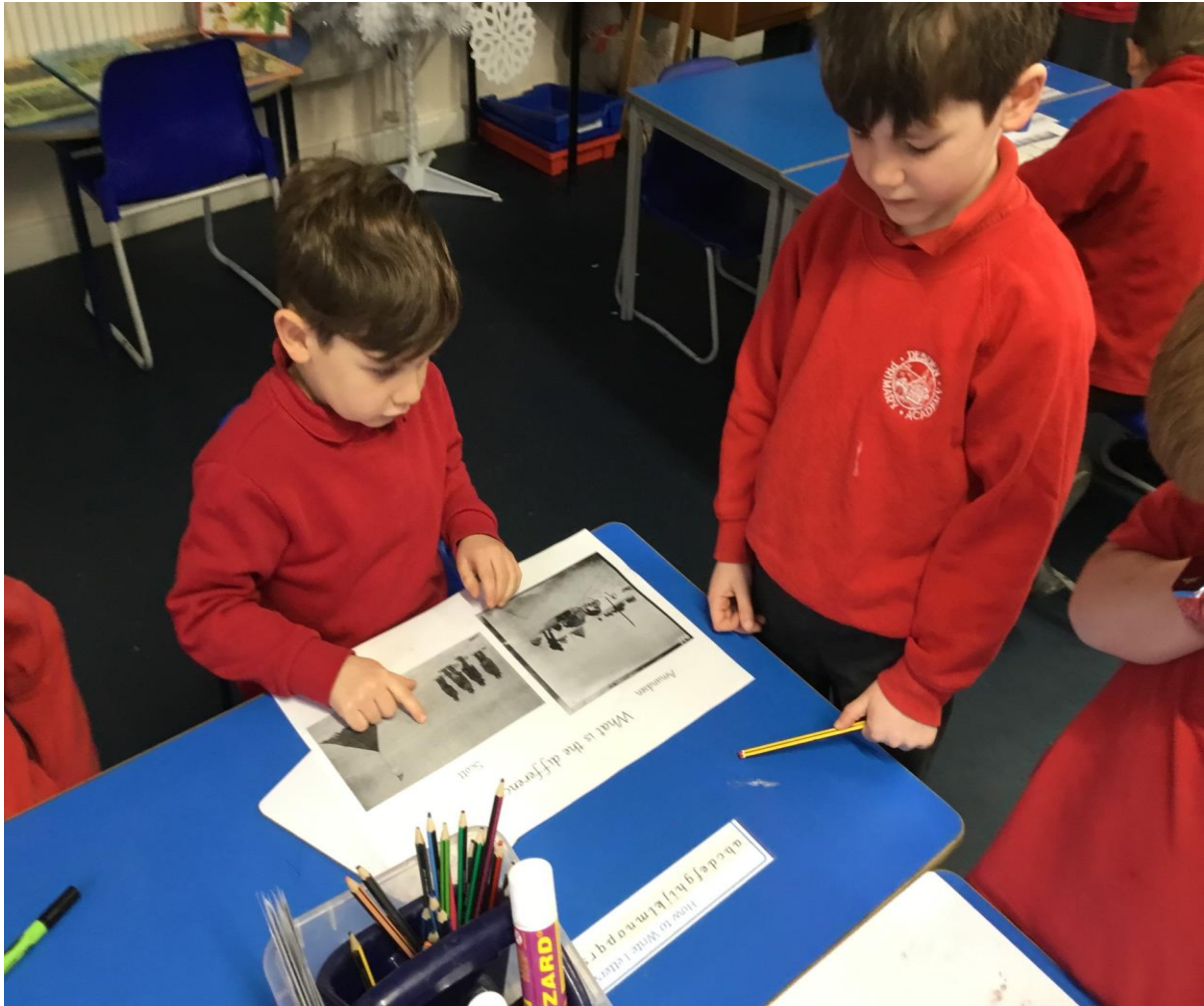
NOW LET'S HEAR
FROM THE...



Polar Explorers!



Polar Explorers!



A yellow scroll with a dark yellow border and a dark yellow shadow on the left side. The scroll is unrolled, showing a list of names. The names are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The names are arranged vertically, with some indented. The scroll has a dark yellow shadow on the left side, suggesting it is part of a larger scroll.

Dalton

Penny

Albie M

Sam

Liliana

Jovie

Monty

And the winner is...

JOVIE!

CONGRATULATIONS!



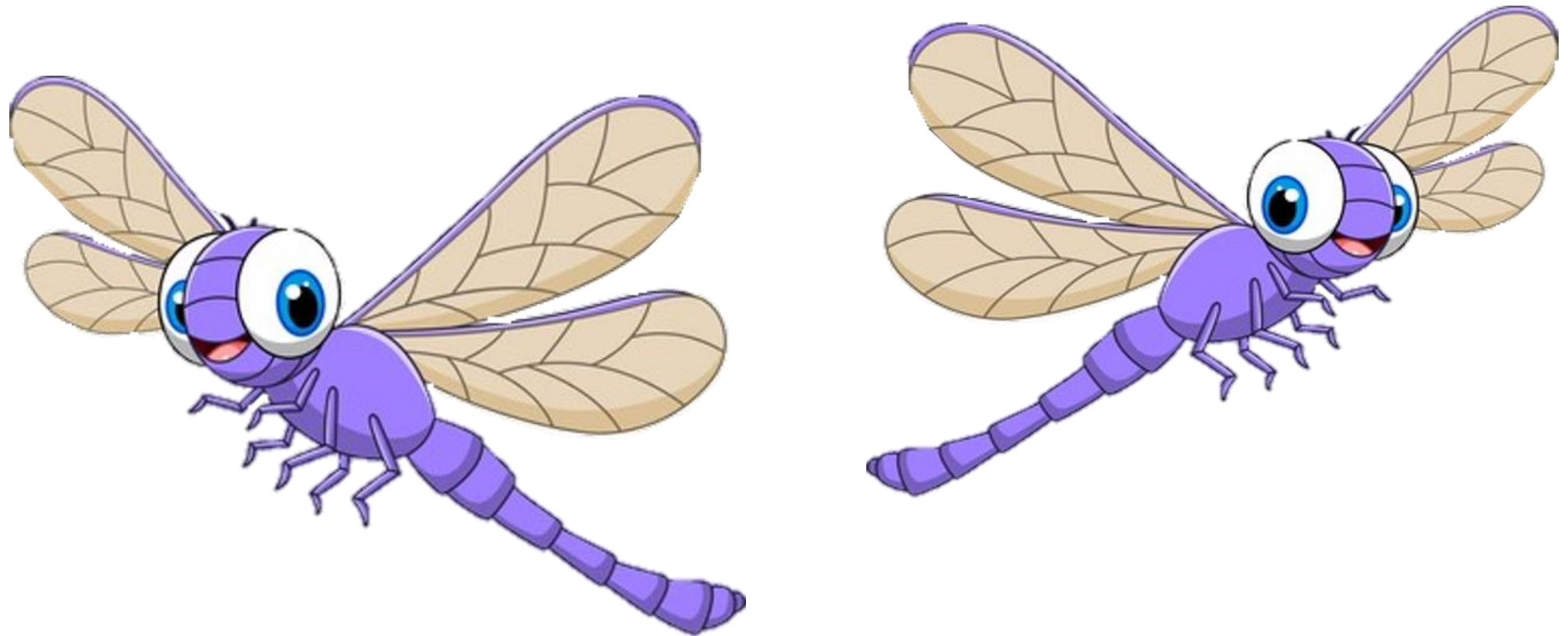
And the winner is...

PENNY!

CONGRATULATIONS!



**LET'S HEAR FROM
THE...**



Reaching **GOLD!**

James

Iestyn

Peniame

Jasmine

Molly

And the winner is...

IESTYN!

CONGRATULATIONS!



WHAT HAVE THE



BEEN UP TO?

Frogs have been researching how to stay safe around electricity

DO or **Don't**

<p>plug in before you switch the plug on.</p>	<p>Don't touch a switch with wet hands or electricity cords.</p>
<p>do not use a phone in water</p>	<p>don't do it put to worry plugs in.</p>

How to be safe around Electricity

Never touch electrical appliances with wet hands

Do not make babies play with electricity.

Danger

NO

STOP

Be safe always

STAY SAFE

Open wires Don't touch!

Don't let hot metal touch metal!

Turn Stuff off if it caught cause fires!

Don't use electric stuff in rain!

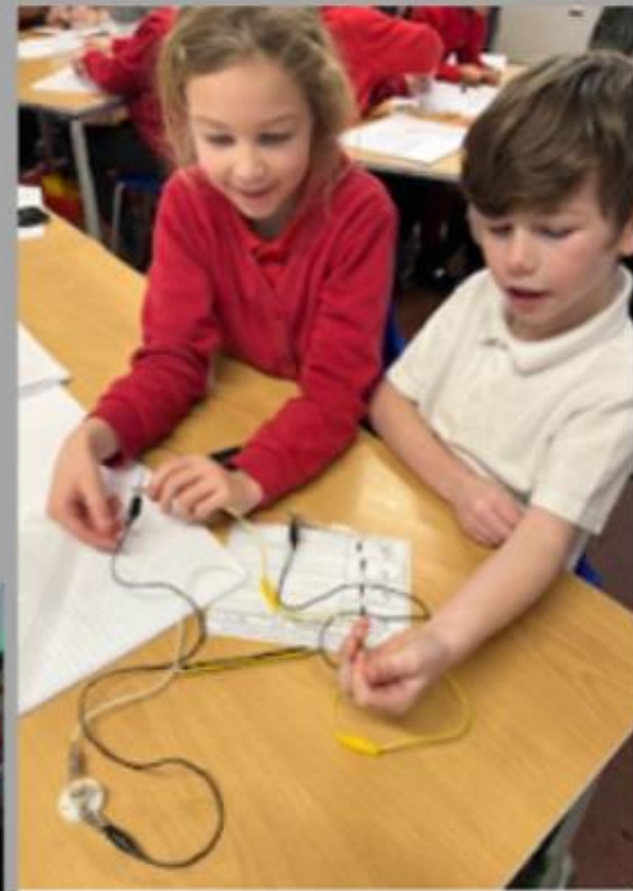
DANGER

Wet hands! dry before touching electrical appliances.

Don't try to fix electric if you're not trained.

Don't work out plugs.

Exploring electrical circuits



Reaching **GOLD!**

Sammy

Benjamin

Gladys

Lexie

Elliott

Leo

Lexie

Florence

Saathvik

Teddy

And the winner is...

SAMMY!

CONGRATULATIONS!



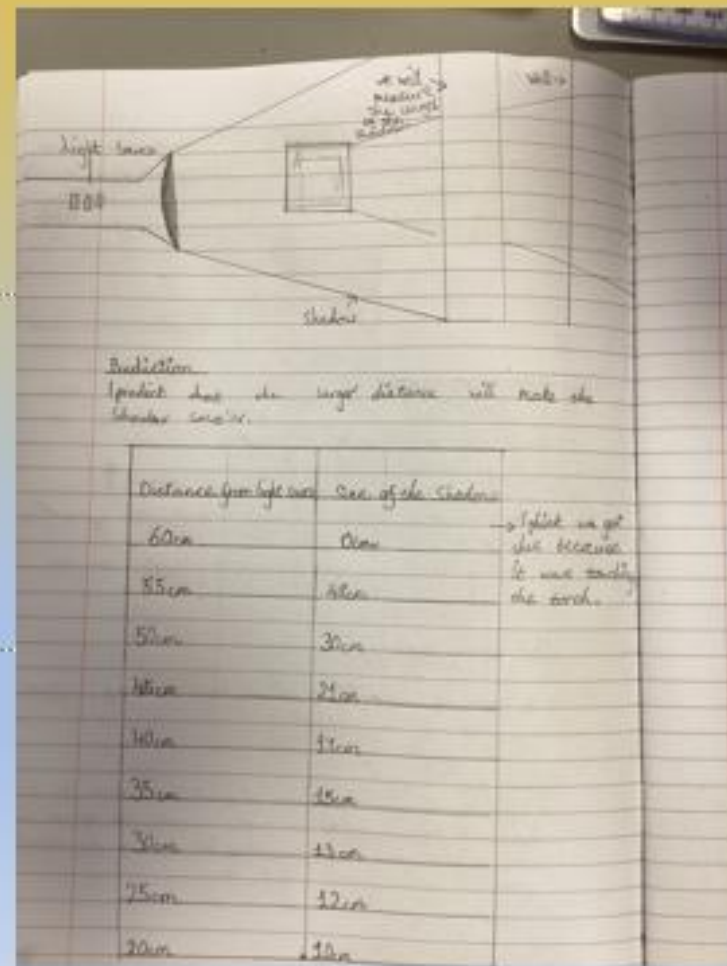
WHAT HAVE THE



BEEN UP TO?

Newts have been investigating light!

Our question: Does the distance from a light source affect the size of a shadow?



Reaching **GOLD!**

Izzy

Rory

Lucy

Anabelle

And the winner is...

LUCY!

CONGRATULATIONS!



LET'S HEAR FROM...



SHAKESPEREAN SONNETS!



Reaching **GOLD!**

Romily

Alviya

Ella

Jason

Violette

Emma

Megan

And the winner is...

EMMA!

CONGRATULATIONS!



SCORES ON THE DOORS!

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN





SCHOOL PRAYER



Dear God,
Thank you for our school community,
For our friends and family
And those who help us to Nurture, Progress and Excel.
Bless our school.
Help us all to follow your ways,
Be kind to others and to always do our best,
So that we may have life in all its fullness.
Amen





HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

