

# Peek at the Week



## Aliens Love Underpants - Drawing Club

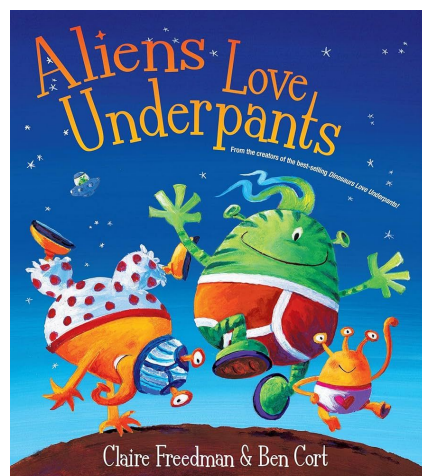
The children have returned for the Spring term, full of energy and happy to be back with their friends. This week we have been reading the book, Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. The children may start checking their underwear drawers to see if there are any aliens lurking there. They have been creatively designing their own aliens and spaceships for the aliens to escape from Earth, using their phonics and maths knowledge to add passwords and passcodes to bring their drawings to life!

The children also learnt some ambitious vocabulary associated with the story.

this week we learnt:

Adore	Depart	Mischievous	Frolics
Revelation	Thrilled	Navigate	Underwear

Do you remember the Actions? Do you remember what these words mean? Can you use them when you are talking to your family?



## Student Teacher

We are very fortunate to have Rachel Sylvester with us for this half term. Rachel is a student teacher and will be attached to Bronze Class, although she will be known to all the children due to the free-flow nature of our setting. She will be known as Miss Sylvester to the children. We are always excited to have students working with us. Teaching Practice in school is an important and valuable part of learning to be a teacher and the children have already welcomed Rachel warmly.



## Singing in Assembly

Following on from their success in last term's Nativity, Bronze and Silver Class attended whole school assembly about the Jewish festival of Chanukkah, on Wednesday morning. They stood in front of the whole school and sang a Chanukkah Song, while wearing their candle hats.

## Food tasting

Next week we are going to investigate our main senses, such as taste, smell, touch, sight and hearing. As part of this learning, we will be asking the children to taste, a small amount, of a few different foods and talk about how they taste. The food we are going to use are banana, salted crisps, rocket leaves and lemons.



## Mystery Reader!

We would like you to help us! Every week we are asking for a family member to come and read a story to their children's class. Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story? Maybe a story from your own childhood? It could be in your home language. This would be at the end of the day for no more than 10-15 minutes.

If you would like to volunteer, or just want to know more details, please secretly talk to or, even better, email your class teacher. **Remember – DON'T TELL YOUR CHILD! This is to be a surprise for them too!**



## Outdoor Clothes for Winter

Please make sure that your child has a warm winter coat and a hat, gloves and a scarf. The children play outside in all weathers in Early Years, and always at lunch time. We are expecting a lot of rain and possibly more snow, over the next few weeks.

## Spare Clothes

Whilst we try to ensure the children stay dry, splashing in puddles is great fun and hard to resist! Most children have spare clothes in school, so they can change when they come inside. We would just ask that, if your child brings home wet clothes, could we please have another set of clothes in school as soon as possible. We have a few school clothes we can lend, but not many.

## Dip and Do - How do you get to school

We are going to be learning about our journey to school and making maps. Please talk to your child and make them aware of landmarks they pass on their journey. If you could send photographs of key landmarks, eg. shops, big trees, a postbox, a hospital, it would be very helpful.



## Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

### Forest School timetable:

#### **January**

15th - Silver

22nd - Bronze

29th - Silver

#### **February**

5th - Bronze

12th - Silver

26th - Bronze

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

# Reception Parent/Carer Events 2025-26



## September

Welcome to Reception  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Copper Class to  
Bronze Class)

## October

Early Birds: Fine Motor  
Activities  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms.

## November

Phonics Workshop  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Copper Class

## December

EYFS Nativity  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:15-10:30am  
Whole School  
2:45-3:15pm  
Main Hall

## January

Maths Workshop  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
January  
8:30-9:15am  
Copper Class

## February

Live Maths Meeting  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
2:45-3:15pm  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms.

## March

Early Birds: Maths  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms

## April

Live Phonics  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:45-9:30am  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms

## May

Family Reading  
Celebration  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:45-3:15pm  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms

## June

Bronze Class  
Assembly  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-9:30am  
Main Hall

## July

Silver Class Assembly  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00-9:30am  
Main Hall

Early Bird: Summer Holiday  
Activities  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am

## August

SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS

## Volunteers to Hear Readers

We would welcome parents who would like to come in and hear children read either regularly or occasionally. It is so beneficial to the children to have many occasions to practise their reading. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to your class teacher.

## Important dates

**Maths Workshop- Thursday 22nd January 2026**

## **School Dinner Menu**

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

## Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery [aglover13@suttonmail.org](mailto:aglover13@suttonmail.org)

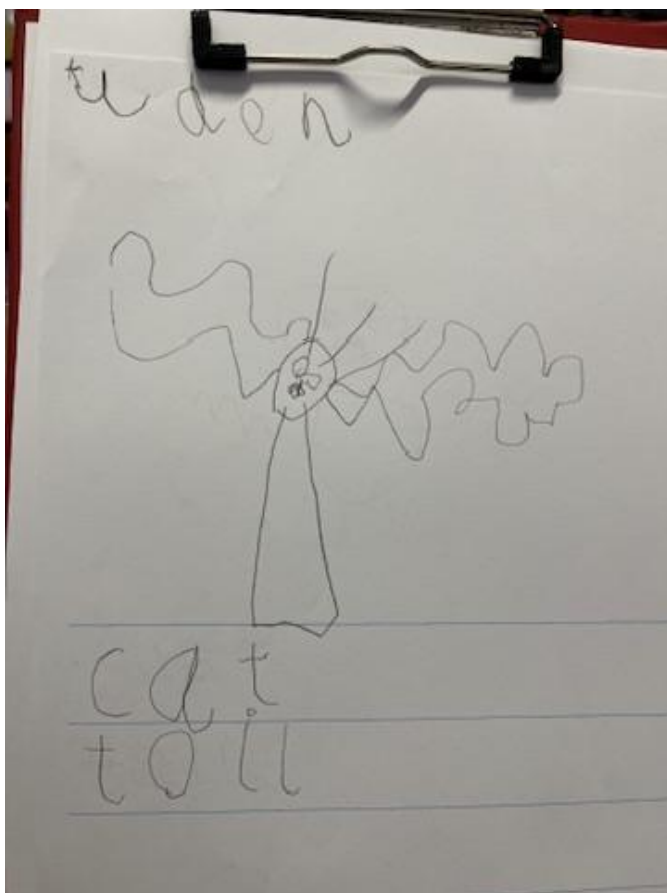
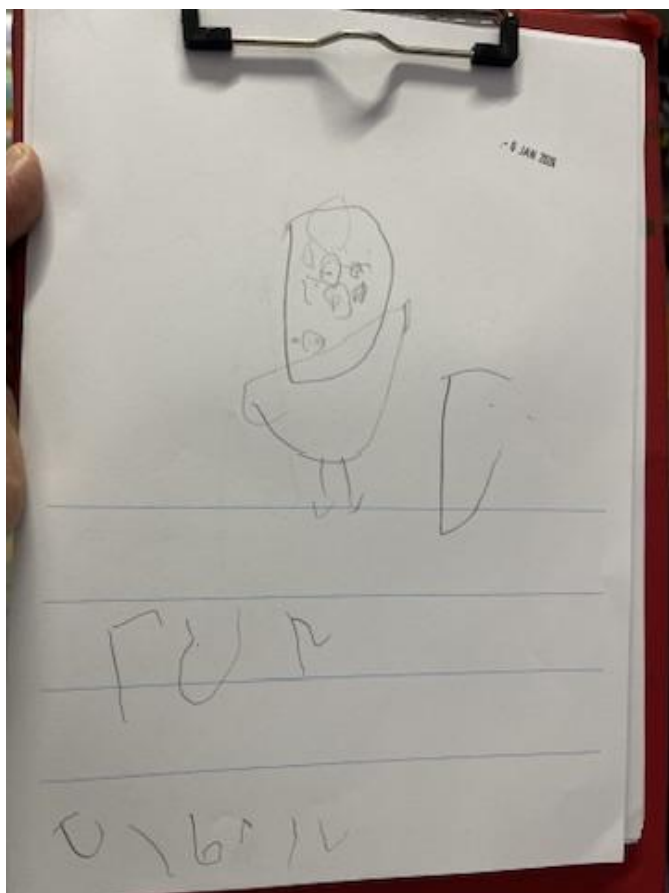
Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class [mahmad68@suttonmail.org](mailto:mahmad68@suttonmail.org)

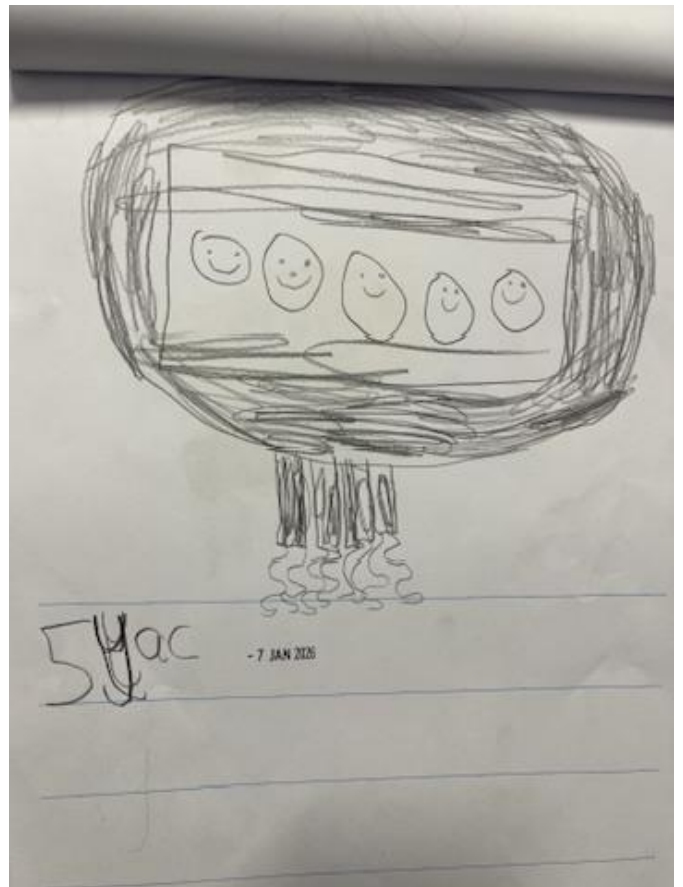
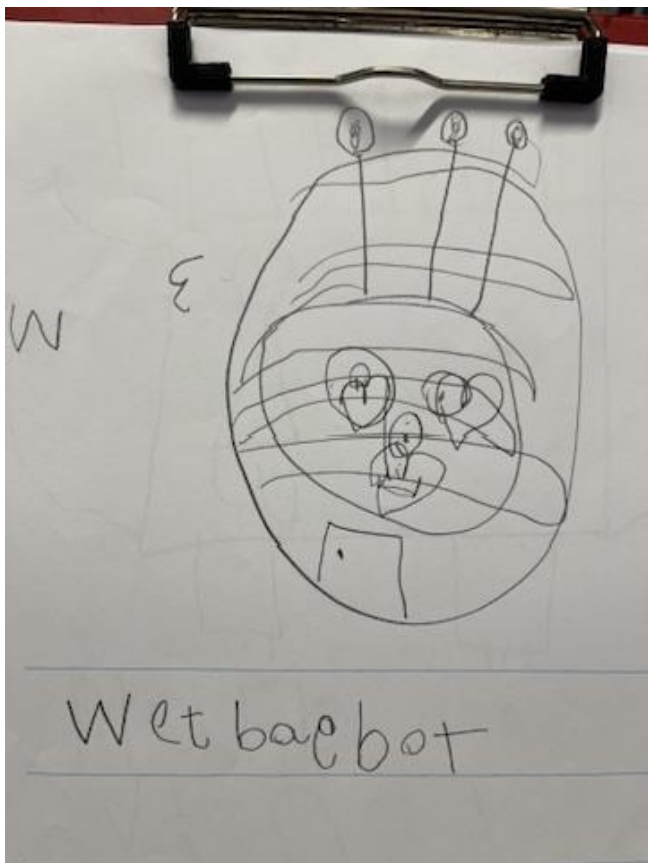
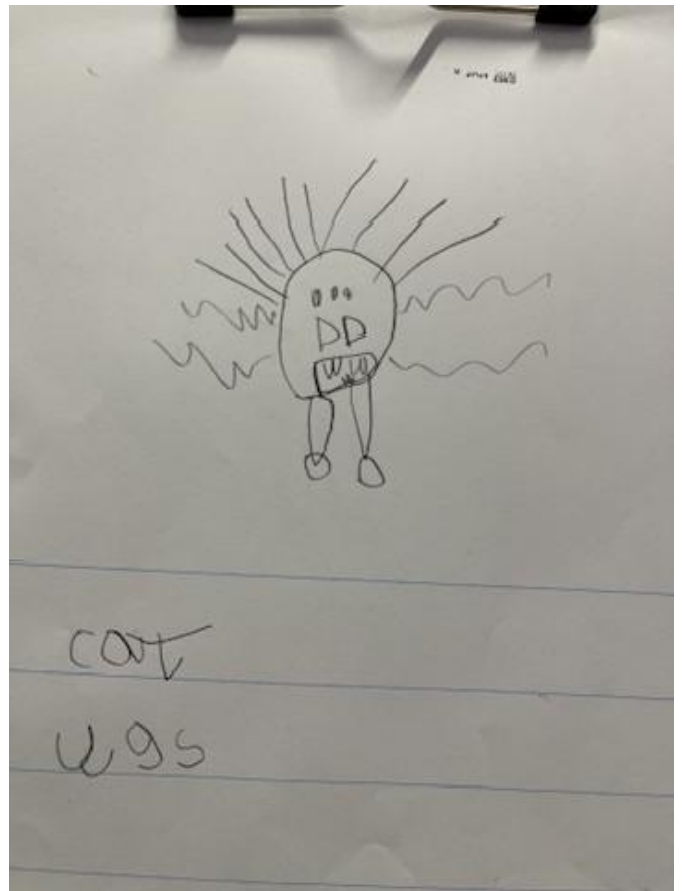
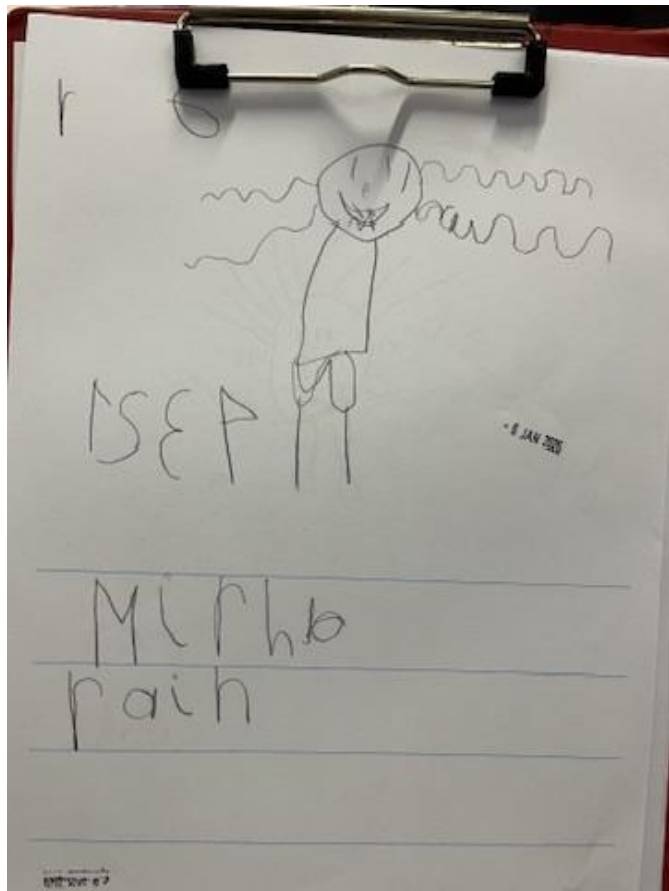
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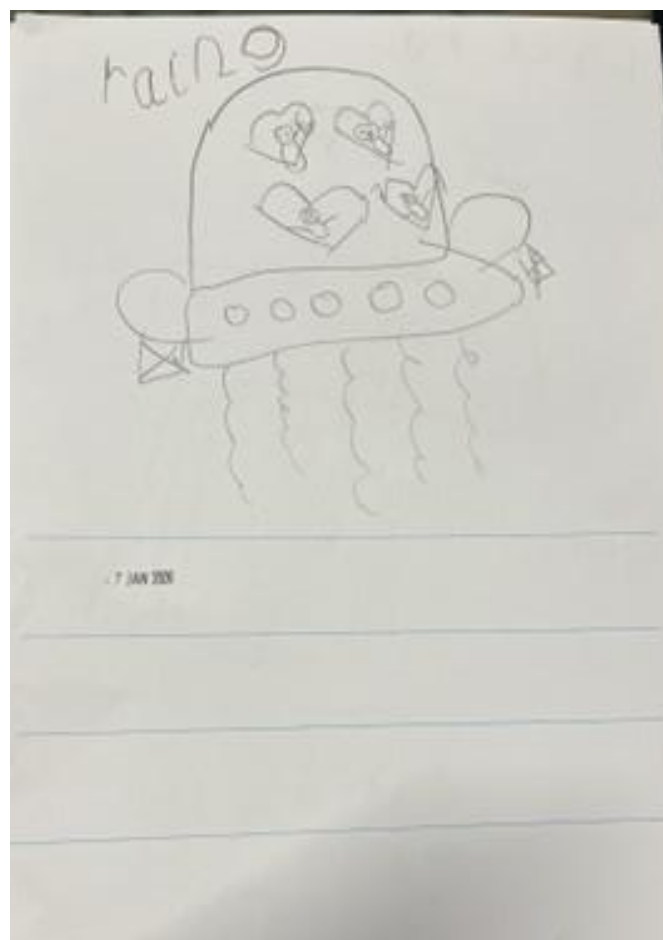
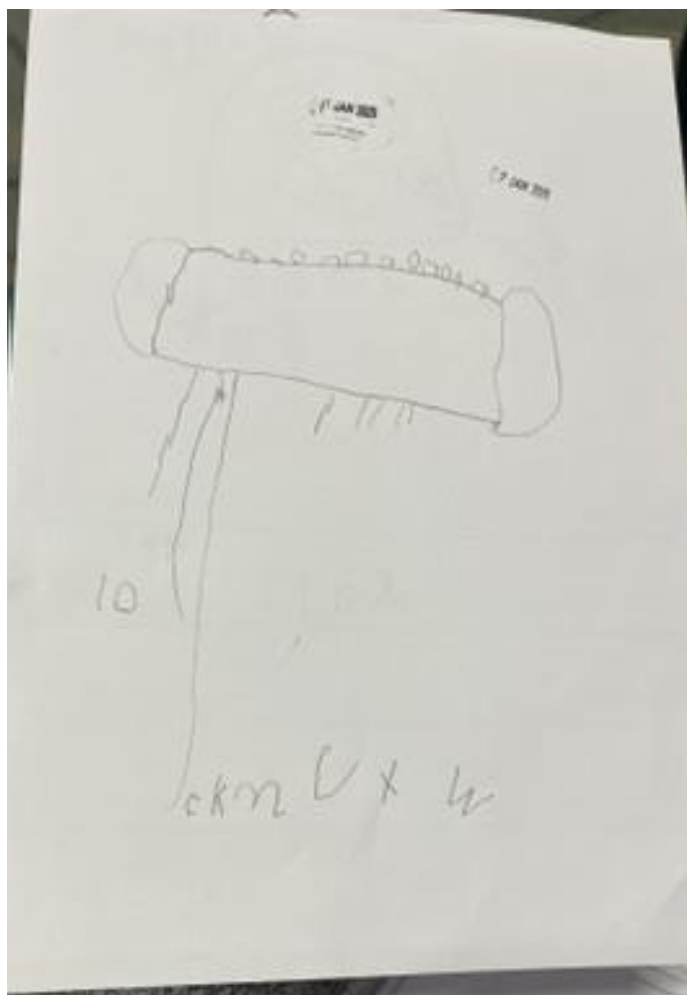
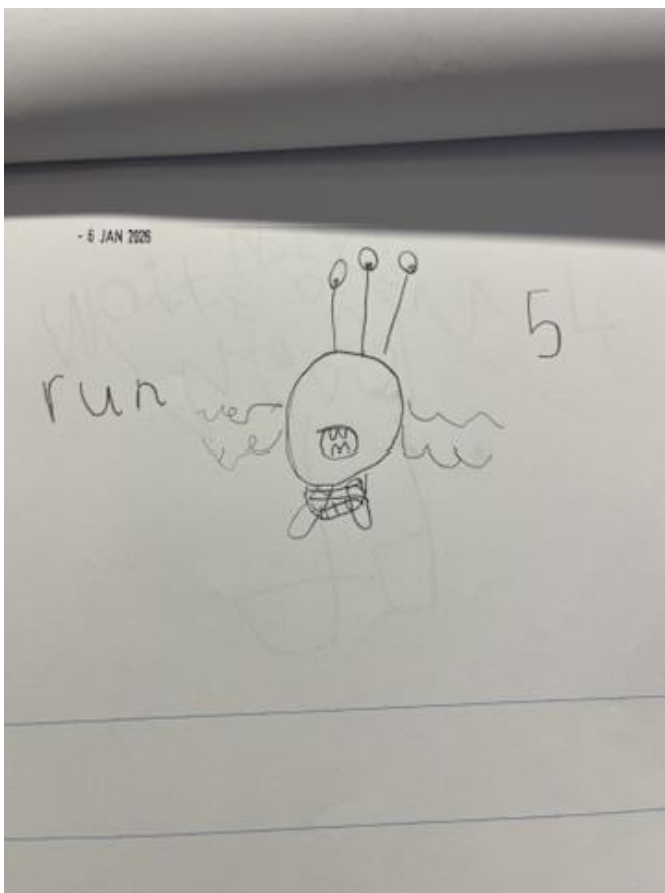
Taking advantage of the freezing temperatures this week, we froze some dinosaurs in ice. It took the children no time at all to break them free!



We thought we would share some of the children's Drawing Club pictures this week









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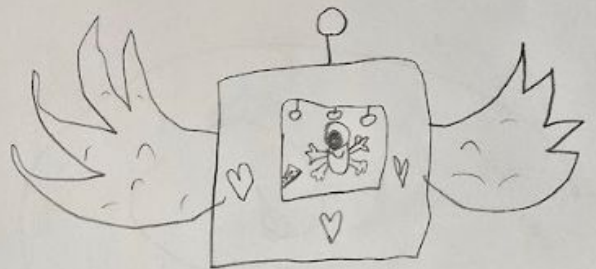
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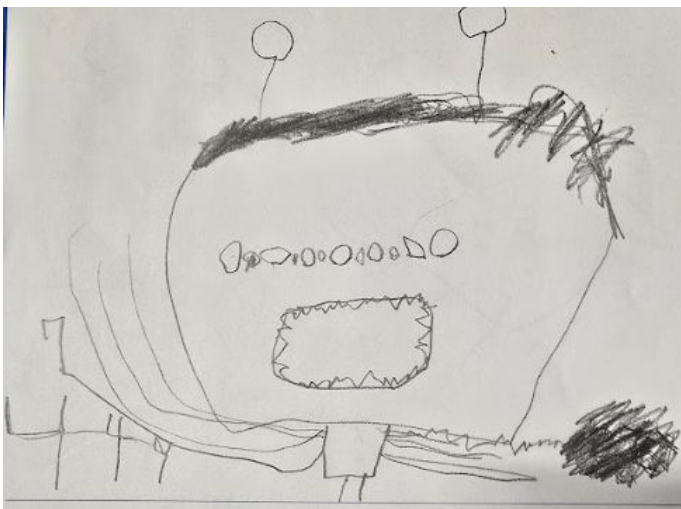
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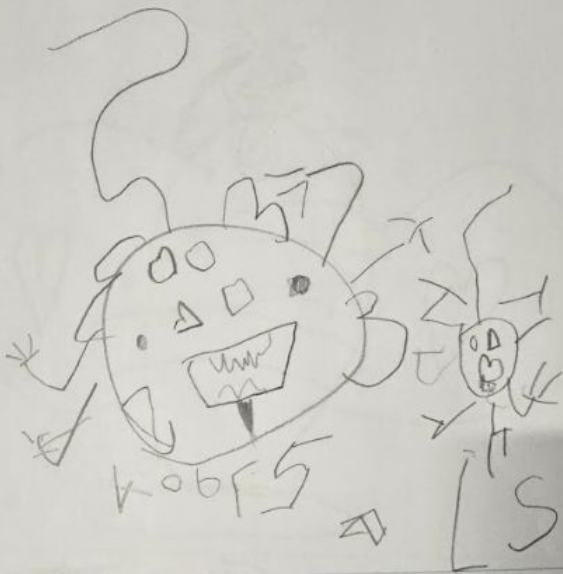
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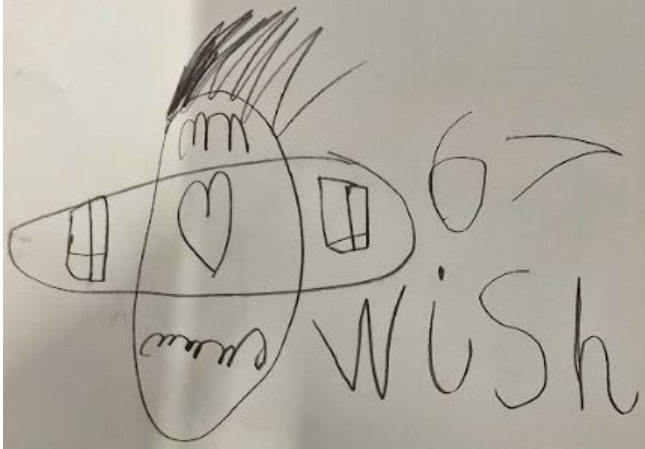
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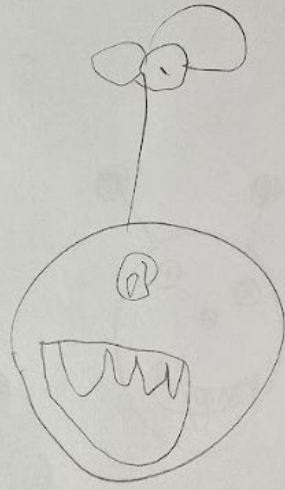
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