

# BROOK BILLBOARD

**Term Dates 2023 –  
2024**

**Spring Term 2**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February –  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
2024**

**EASTER HOLIDAY  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March –  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



**R.E.S.P.E.C.T**

**A WELLBEING MINDSET**

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has flown past and we have had an enjoyable, action packed and hardworking few weeks. It is such a pleasure to see the children making progress in not just academic areas but also in their independence skills, social communication and self-esteem.

This week we have been celebrating Children's mental health week with a variety of activities that centre around 'children having a voice'. This is not always easy for our children as they need to communicate in a variety of ways. We had a celebration assembly to mark the end of the week and in this assembly we saw some lovely videos and photos of our children using their 'voice' to make choices, indicating their needs and enjoying life at school.

We are always very grateful to our drivers and escorts who bring our children to school. If they have a pleasant experience on the bus, it sets them up so well for learning during the day. One of our escorts Lilieth Cardoza celebrates her retirement next week after an amazing 22 years of service looking after our children. We are very sorry to say goodbye to her but extremely grateful to her for the care she has given our children over the years. She was our guest of honour at our assembly yesterday and went home with a keepsake, flowers and some personalised cards made by the children.

You will remember that when we had the Christmas Fayre we shared the money three ways. Yesterday two representatives from the NSPCC came to talk to some of our children about the work that the charity does and how it works to keep children safe. Our children asked some very insightful questions, met 'buddy' (the inflatable speech bubble mascot who reminds them



to 'speak up') and then presented them with the £300 that we raised for them at the Fayre. Katie and Alex were delighted to come down from the NSPCC central office to meet the children and acknowledged how fantastic it was that our children had been able to raise such a large amount to help others.

We have an INSET day on the first Monday back after half term where staff are being trained on positive behaviour support and also learning more about the PREVENT safeguarding strategy. We look forward to welcoming our children back on **TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**.

However you spend your half term I hope it is an enjoyable one and, as always, many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes from Maureen and the Brook staff



The Brook School charity is called:

The Brook Special children's Fund- help us build brighter futures

Charity number 280180

Bank account 65505207 Sort code 089299

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Thank you



## ***Governor election results***

Thank you to all the applicants for the Willow parent/carer governor vacancy (voluntary) on our joint governing body with the Brook special primary school. It was a very close contest, with only a few percent between the top three candidates, but **Ayse Oliver** (pictured here) got the most votes overall.

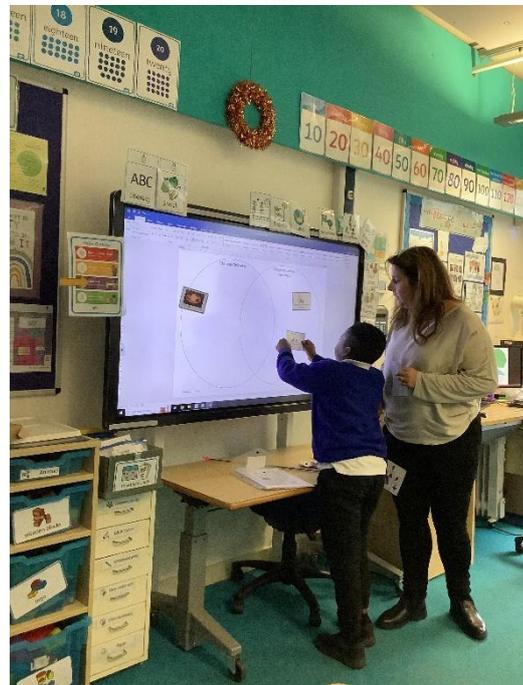
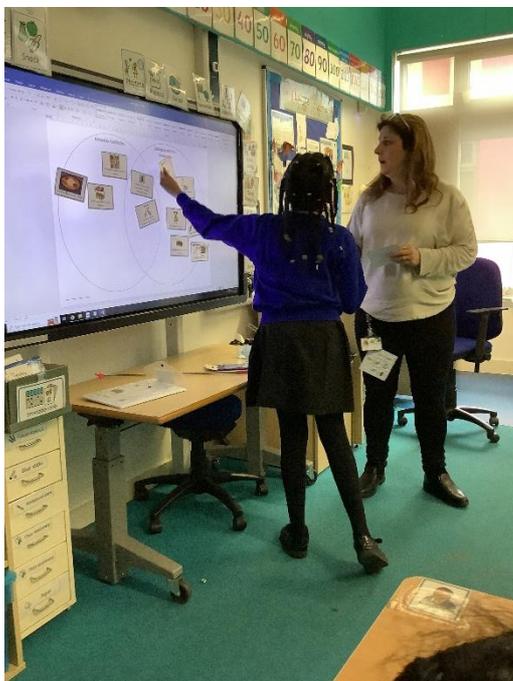


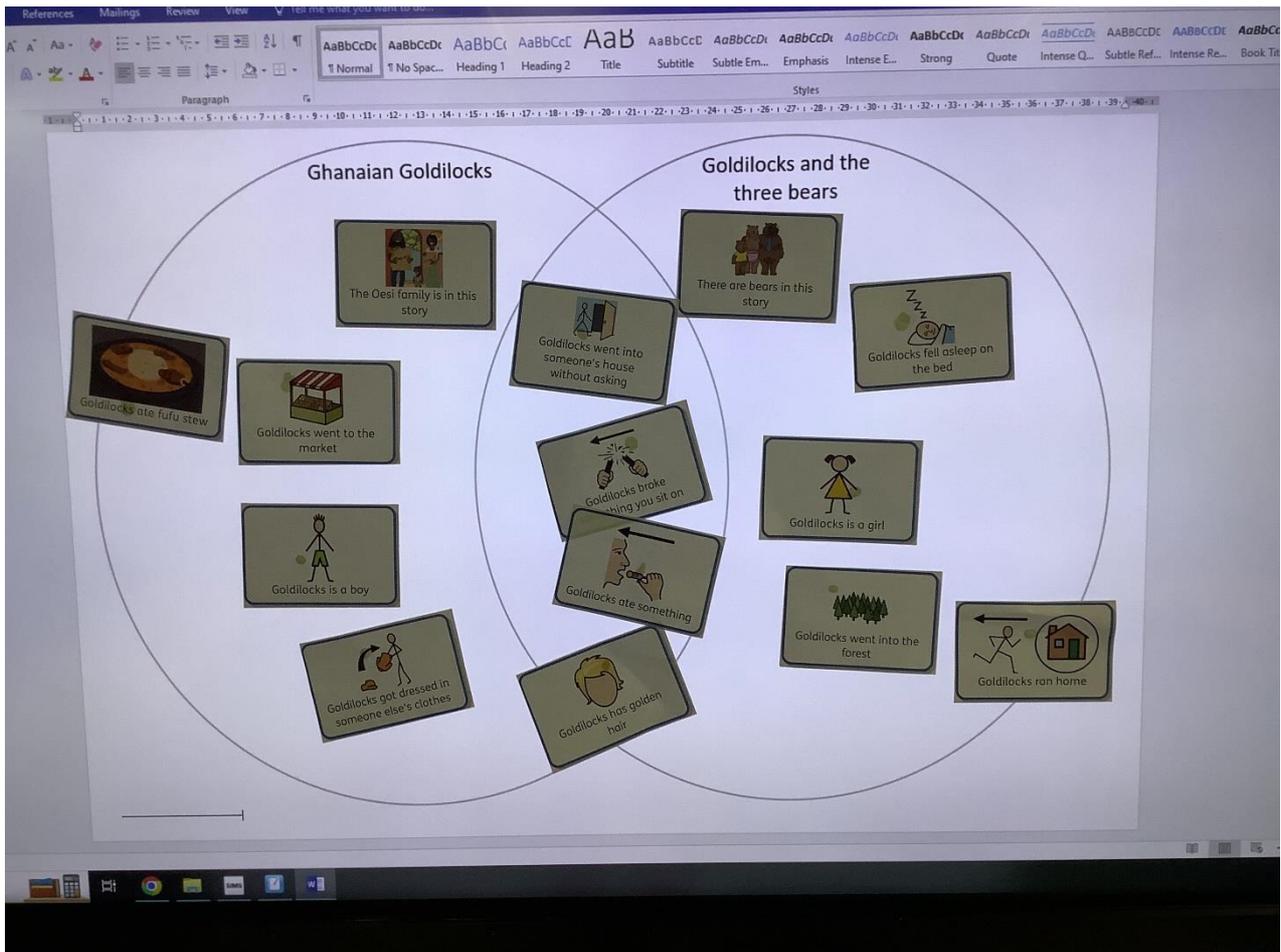
**They are a new Parent Carer Forum, formally established in 2022 and are a warm and welcoming group of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Haringey. They support and share your views with Haringey council and other decision makers, with the aim to help improve services for all SEND children and young people in the borough. It is free to join and parents who are already involved think it is great.**

**SEND Power in Haringey will be coming to the next Brook coffee morning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, they will tell you a little bit more about what they do and how you can get involved.**



# Brooksters Photo Gallery





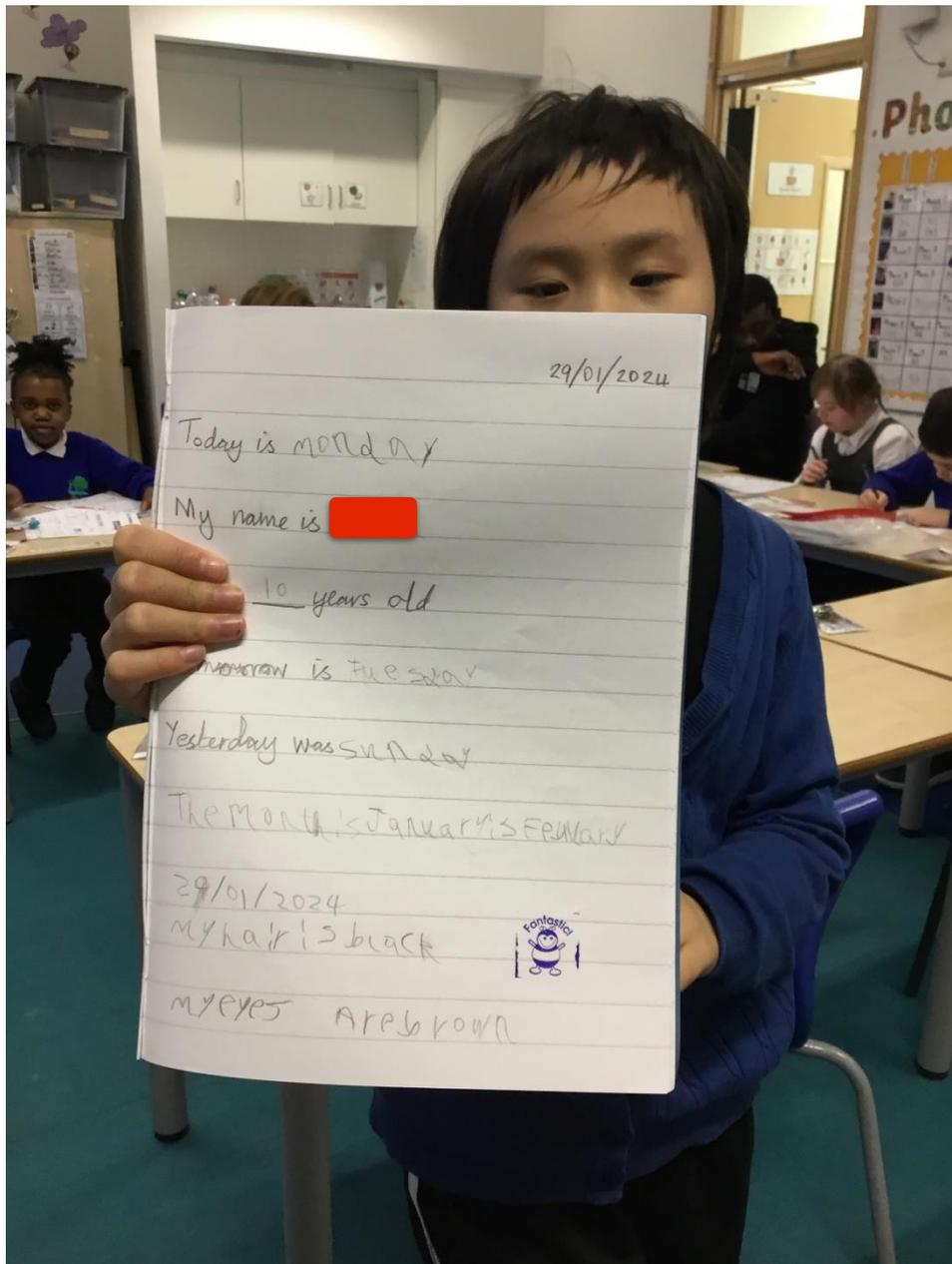
Kingfisher Class has been exploring the comparison between the Ghanaian Goldilocks story and the classic Goldilocks and the Three Bears fairy tale.

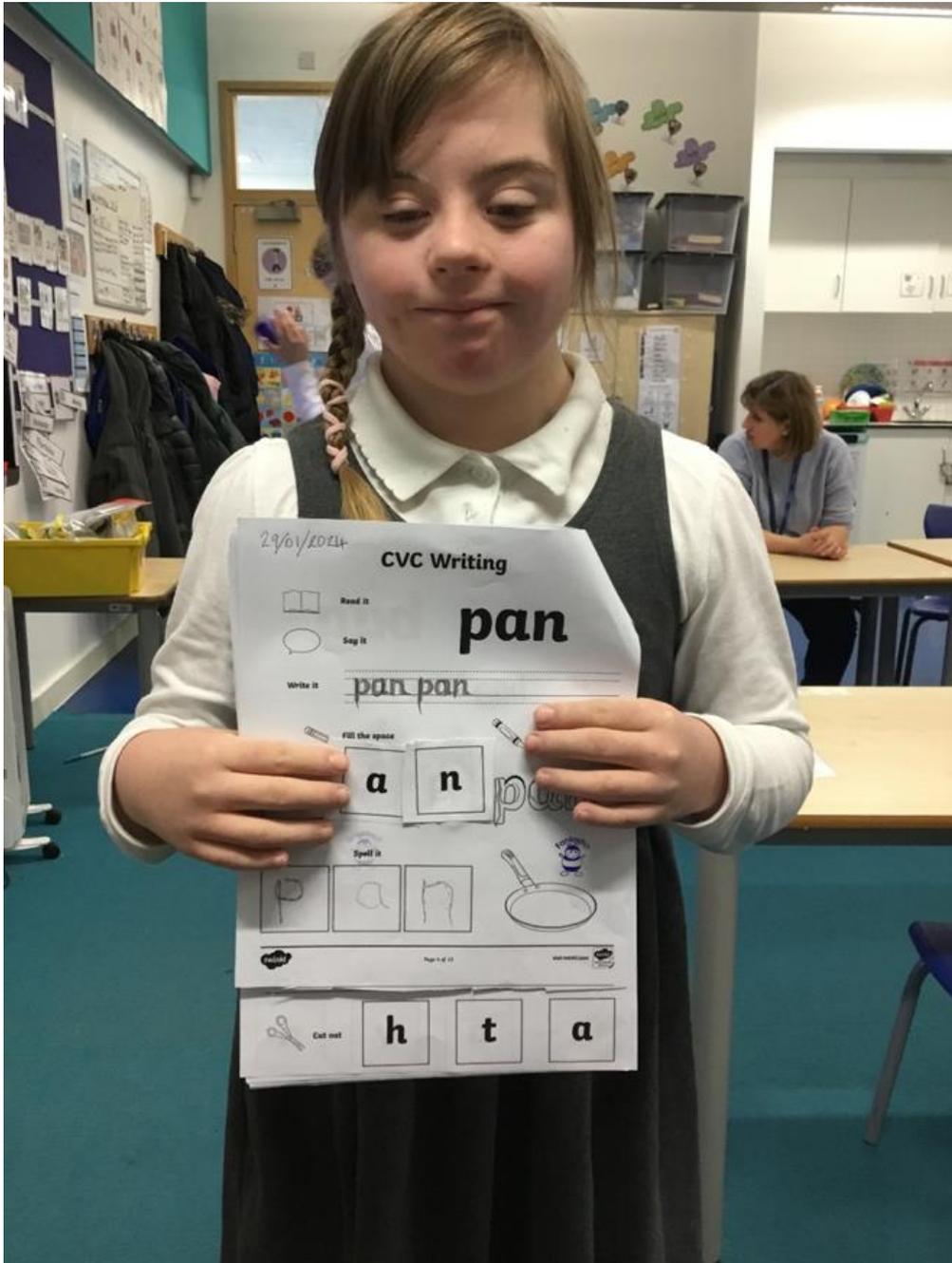
Immersive reading sessions, interactive PowerPoints, and captivating videos were the tools of the trade as our pupils thoroughly enjoyed exploring these enchanting stories.

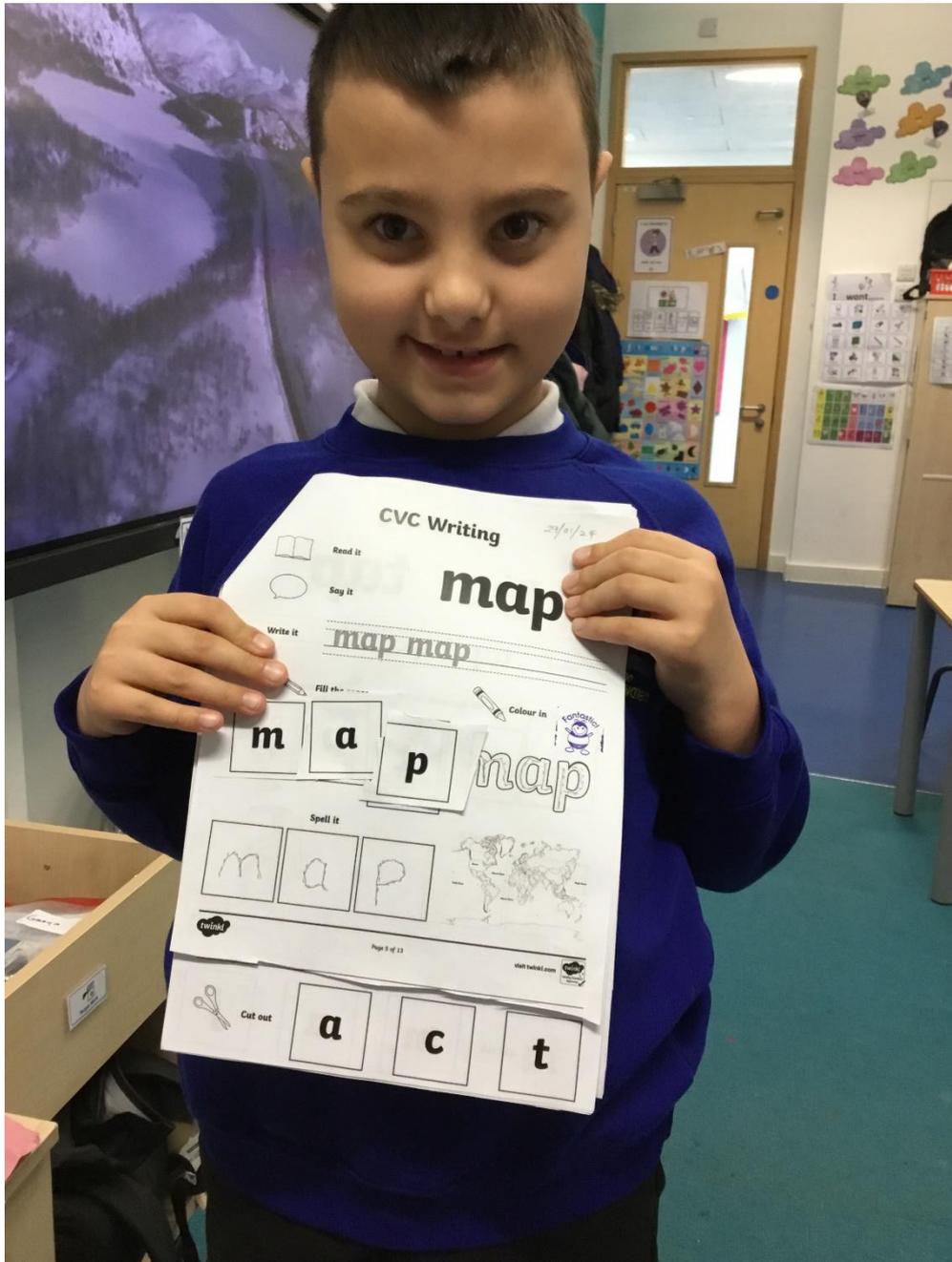
In our discussions, the pupils discovered delightful similarities between the two stories, which really helped them grasp the magic of narrative elements. As a team, the class creatively put together a fantastic Venn diagram, showcasing the shared aspects of these tales.

After this group activity, each pupil created their own individual representation.









Daisy Class pupils showing us how well they are doing with their writing







**Representatives from the NSPCC receiving a cheque from the money raised at The Brook Xmas Fayre**





Happy Retirement Lilieth!!

