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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were thrilled to begin 2021 so positively by opening our IKB Bright Sparks nursery on Monday 11th January. It has been a privilege to begin getting to know all our new children and families and it has been wonderful to see the children already building relationships with one another and enjoying exploring both our indoor and outdoor learning environments. We are very excited for the weeks to come as Bright Sparks grows and we can see our children flourish in their new surroundings.



Allow me to introduce you to the IKB Bright Sparks team:

Gill Holt
Nursery Manager

Carolyn Harris
Nursery Practitioner

Lisa Shelton
Nursery Practitioner

Mikayla Fitzjohn
Nursery Practitioner

Lucy Bridgeman
Nursery Practitioner



Our team of highly skilled staff have a wide range of strengths and interests, from phonics and creative curriculum, to the arts and outdoor explorative learning. Over the coming weeks and months, we will delight in seeing the positive impact their experience and provision has on the development of all Bright Sparks children.



A reminder of our Golden 5 for Reception:

1. I can say the names of the letters of the alphabet.
2. I can write my name.
3. I can get dressed by myself.
4. I can count to 20 confidently.
5. I can read and write my phase 2 sounds.

Thank you for supporting!

Coming Soon in Term 3

Similar to our virtual Phonics Workshop for parents we have more virtual workshops coming your way:

A Parent Reading Workshop with Miss Fahy

And a Parent Safer Internet Workshop with Mr Healey

More details to follow!

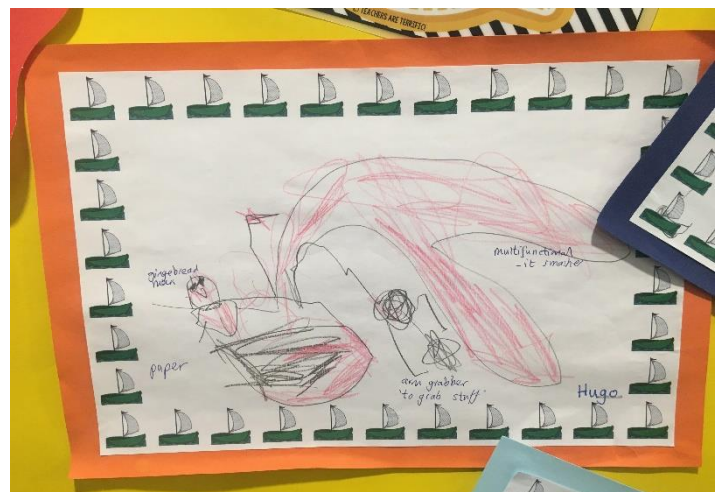
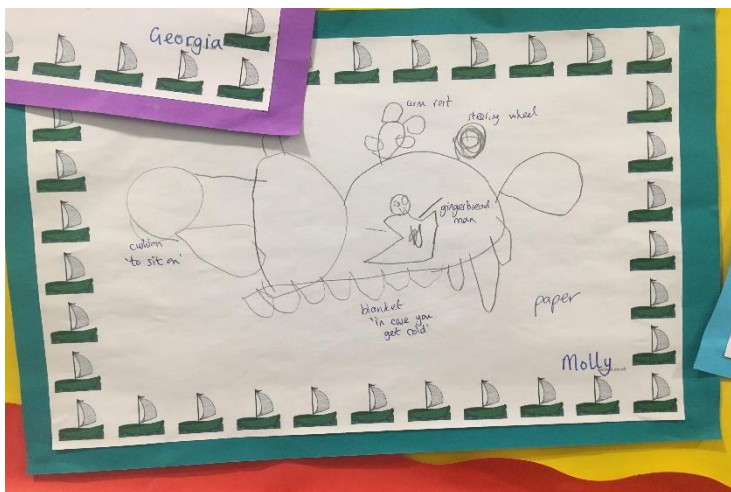
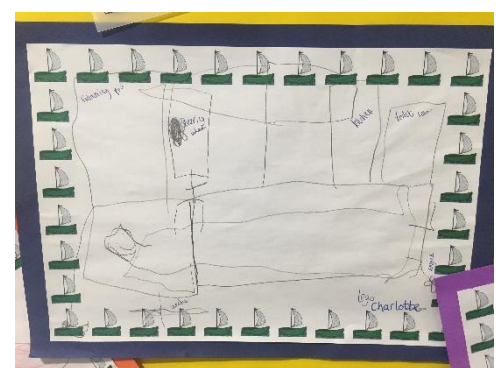
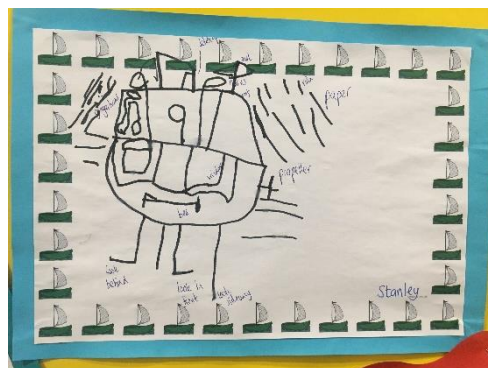
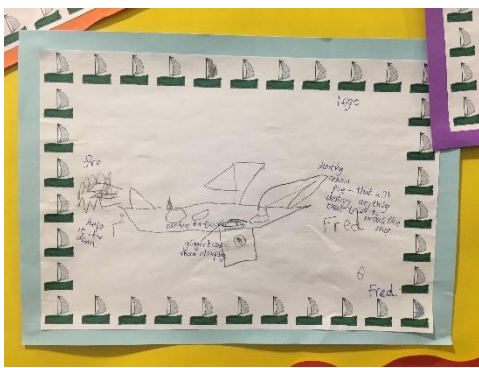
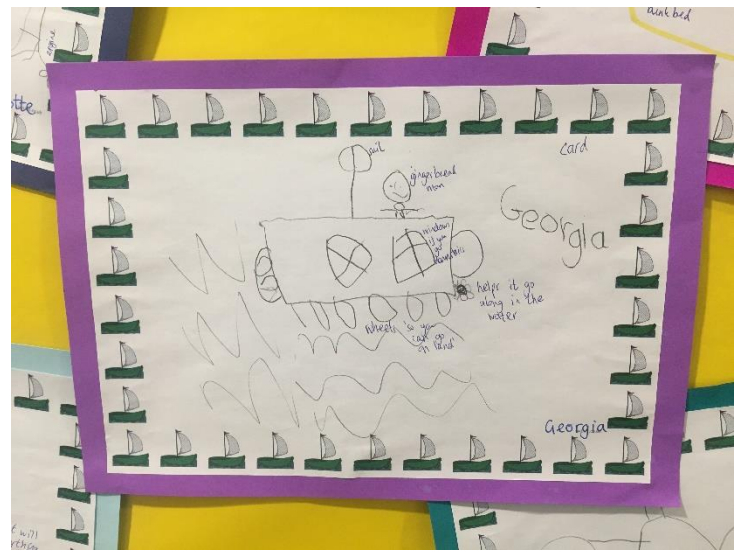
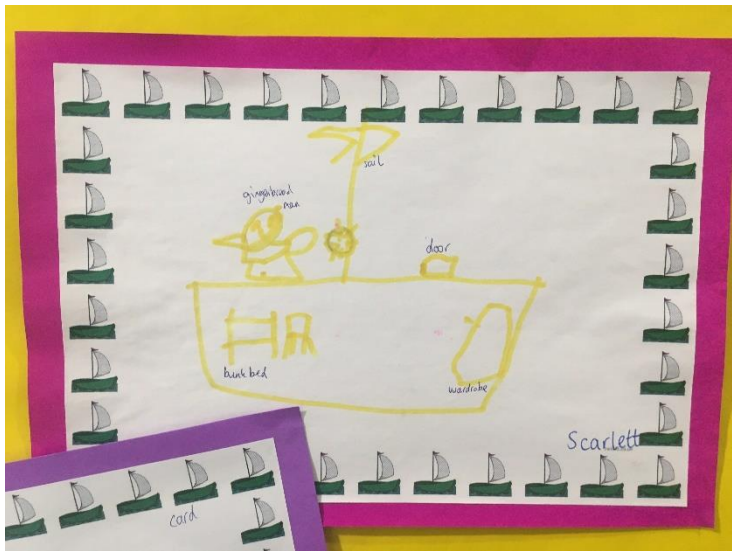


We are so pleased to see all our children demonstrating our 6 IKB attributes each day:

- We are POSITIVE
- We are ENGAGED
- We are RESPONSIBLE
- We are RESPECTFUL
- We are RESILIENT
- We RISE TO CHALLENGES



Reception have also hit the ground running this new year, learning about transport and journeys. They wanted to be engineers just like Isambard Kingdom Brunel and so after learning about who he was and the things he did, our children designed boats for the Gingerbread Man to use to cross the river safely. The children thought about the materials they would use and how they would keep the Gingerbread Man dry. The entire Reception class did so well that their designs are now on display and inspiring our IKB corridors!



We are so proud of how our reception children are embracing their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) curriculum to develop their knowledge, skills and vocabulary during the term 3 'Journeys' topic.

Under really difficult circumstances we are so happy to see our children beginning 2021 as they finished 2020 – happy, safe, making accelerated progress and thriving. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and trust.

Mr Healey, IKB Headteacher