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Parents Briefing 2023

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Science@BTPS
To nurture **Every**
Child to be a **Self-**
directed Inquirer of
Science Around Us

P3 Science

P3 Science Assessment

Term	Assessment	Chapters tested
1 W9	Topical Test (10%) (30 marks)	Chapter 1 and 2
2 W7/8	Topical Test (15%) (30 marks)	Chapter 1-3
3 W6	Topical Test (15%) (30 marks)	Chapter 1-5
4 W7	Semestral Assessment (60%) (80 marks)	Chapter 1-7

P3 Assessment Format

Topical Test – Term 1-3

Section	Type of Questions	40 min	Marks
A	MCQ	8 Q	16
B	Open-ended	4-6 Q	14
	TOTAL	12-14 Q	30

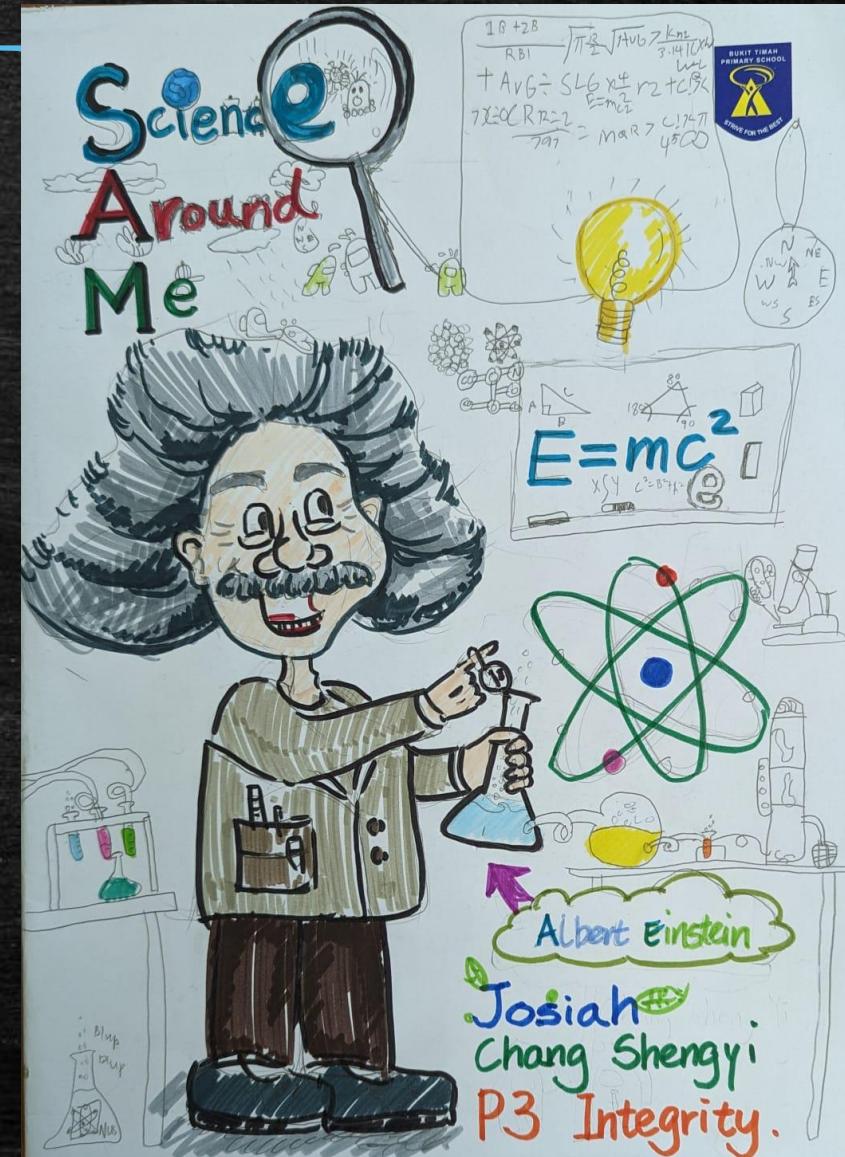
Semestral Assessment – Term 4

Booklet	Type of Questions	1 h 30 mins	Marks
A	MCQ	22 Q	44
B	Open-ended	11-12 Q	36
	TOTAL	33-34 Q	80

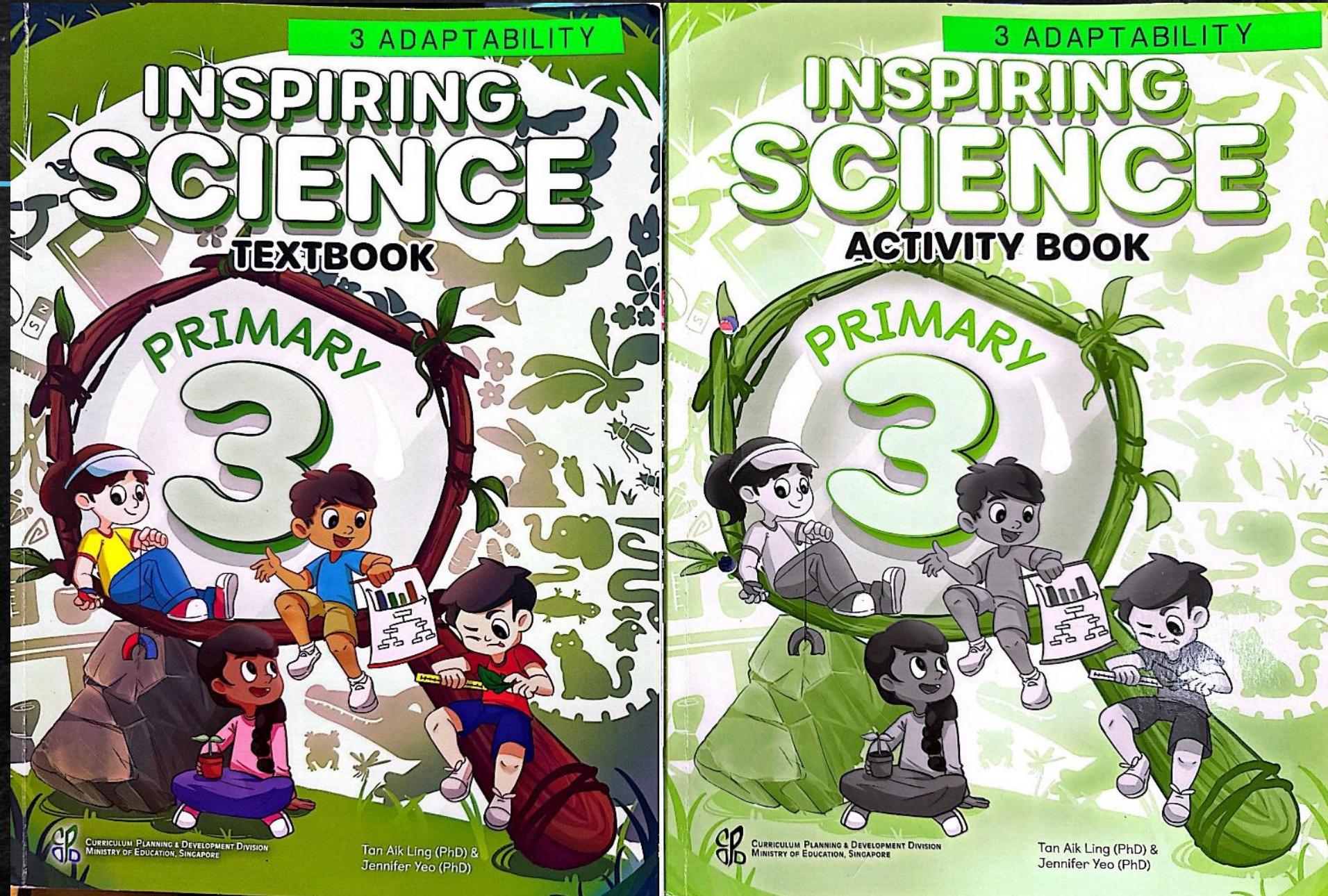
P3 Science@BTPS

- 5 periods a week
- Inquiry-based Learning Approach
- Learning Plots Programme
- Textbook, Activity Book, SAM Journal
- Formative assessment: Topical Checklist, Examination Review
- Topical/Exam practice
- Skills: Observing, Classifying & Comparing

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Books



Topical Checklist and Examination Review

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Self-Assessment on: Diversity- Living and Non-living things

Choose the level that describes how well you have understood each of the Science ideas.

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No.	Science ideas and Skills	Levels		
		1	2	3
1.	I can describe the characteristics of living things.			✓
2.	I can describe the characteristics of non-living things.			✓
3.	I can describe the similarities and differences of plants and animals.			
4.	Skill: I use the following senses like sense of sight, sense of smell, sense of hearing, sense of touch and sense of taste in making observations.			✓
5.	Skill: I can make some measurements in my observations.			✓

Bukit Timah Primary School
Science Primary 3 SA2 Review 2022

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Pupils have done well in the following areas:

Living and Non-Living Things:

Pupils were able to apply the correct Science ideas to questions on characteristics of living things, the different animal groups, plants and fungi. (Q2, Q3, Q8).

Factors affecting strength of magnet:

Pupils were able to identify the factors that affected the strength of temporary magnets. (Q19, Q20)

Science ideas that need review:

Area(s) for Improvement	Answers Given	Learning Point(s)
Q23(b), Q25(b) Characteristics of living things	When comparing differences, some pupils state the characteristic of only 1 organism, E.g. "Crocodiles lives on land but goldfish does not." Or "Fern reproduces by spores but the papaya plant does not."	Pupils need to specify the difference between two organisms and not simply state that the other organism does not have the characteristic. E.g. "Crocodile lives on land but goldfish lives in water." "Fern reproduces by spores but



Engage
I Pose Questions



Explore
I Actively
Look for
Answers



Explain
I Explain my
Thinking



Elaborate
I Link what I
Learn to Life

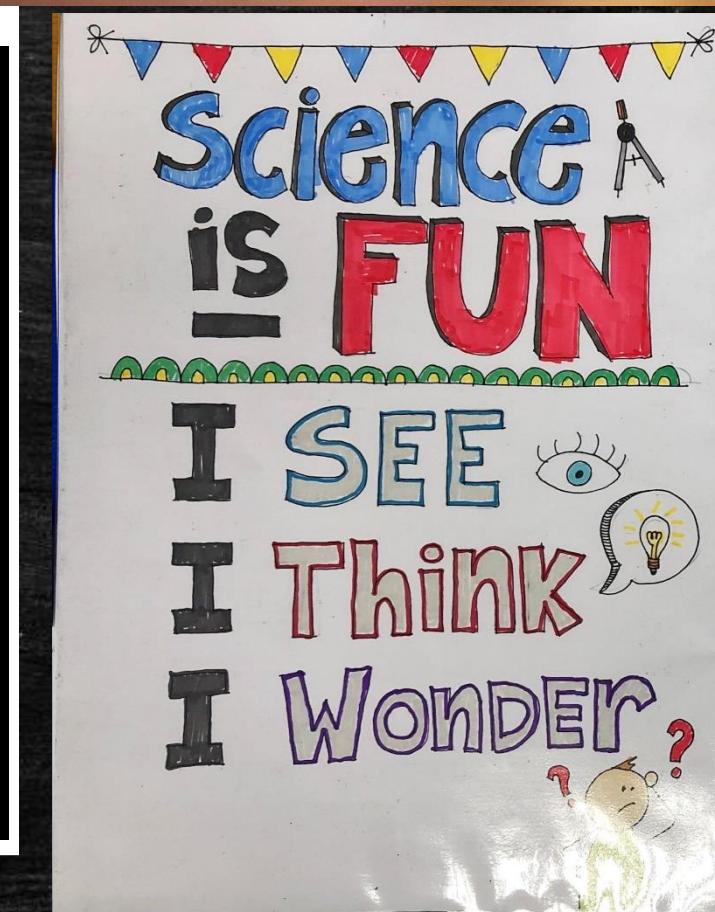


Evaluate I Reflect on my Learning

Thinking Routines

For example, Victoria looked at a picture of a bird and wrote the following,

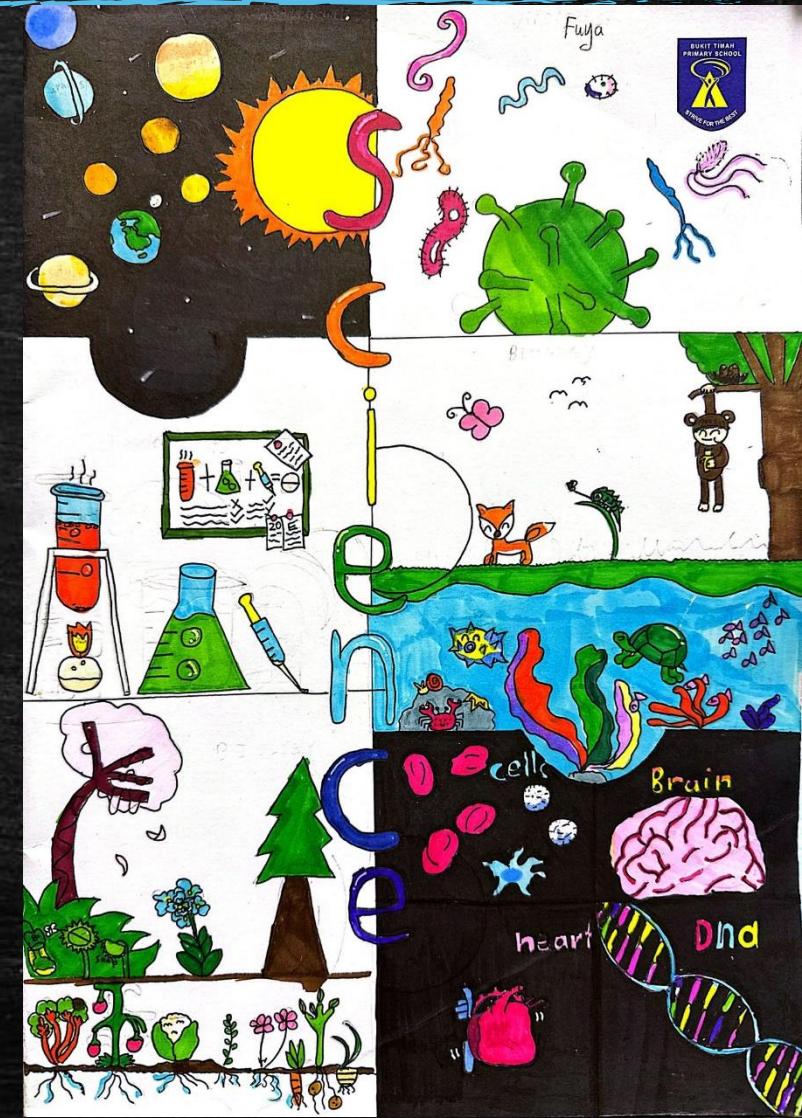
I see	I think	I wonder
a bird	birds do not	if birds have ears.
feathers	have ears	if birds have
claws	birds have very	senses.
eyes	good eyesight	Are bird's feathers thick or thin?
tail		How do birds find their food?
beak		



4 Things we want to see in the Journals

- 1) Strives for the best
- 2) Poses questions to find out more
- 3) Explain thinking using relevant science concepts
- 4) Links science learning to life

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3 Adaptability



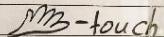
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Observation #3

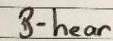


- see
1. It looks like a lime fruit
2. It looks like a lime mill
3. It looks crumpled

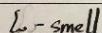


- touch
1. It feels spiky
2. It is hard
3. It feels like a dried flower

Wonderful observations and documenting of it. I enjoyed reading your entries!



- hear
1. Its sound is like dropping a rock
2. I hear bugs in it
3. I hear a loud sound from it



- smell
1. It smells like pepper
2. It doesn't have a nice smell
3. Its smell is disgusting

Reflection

The most important thing I learnt was we cannot just write any easy observations. We should explore deeper.

Yes, you're right!

How do you think we can do it?

Thanks for your reply...

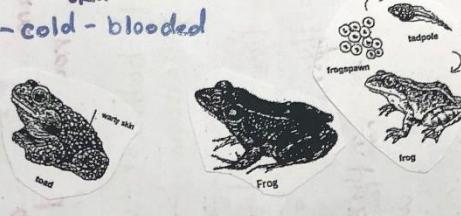
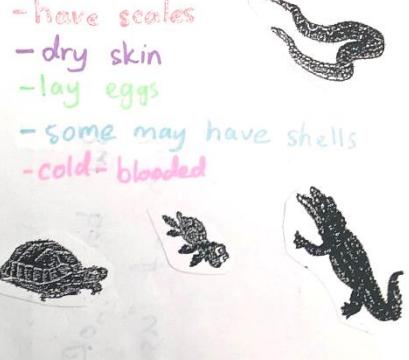
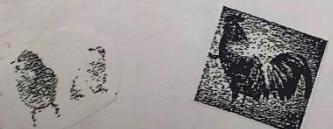
You're right!

Include details and make your thinking visible by writing it down! Way to go!

If we just right It feels like a flower. That is not enough! We should write like which part of it feels like a which part of a flower and how does it feel like a flower.

Use of 5 senses for observation

1) Strives for the best

CHARACTERISTICS OF ANIMALS			
<h3>Mammals</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have fur- most of them give birth to young alive- Mammals feed on milk- breathe through lungs- warm-blooded 	<h3>Amphibians</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- moist skin- lay eggs- live on land and in water- breathe through lungs, gills, and skin- cold-blooded 	<h3>Reptiles</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- have scales- dry skin- lay eggs- some may have shells- cold-blooded 	
<h3>Birds</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- have feathers- have beaks- lay eggs- most can fly- have wings 	<h3>Fish</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- has scales- has tails and fins- most lay eggs- breathe through gills 	<h3>Insects</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- three body parts- six legs- a pair of antennae- lay eggs- a pair of compound eyes 	

2) Poses questions to find out more

Questions!

- 1.) - What is a squishy really made of?
- 2.) - How did people come up with names of materials?
- 3.) - Can you mix two materials to make a material?
- 4.) - Where can you find materials?
- 5.) - Is materials everywhere?
- 6.) - Where does materials produce?
- 7.) - What kind of fabric is mostly used?
- 8.) - When was materials named?
- 9.) - Who is the material producer?
- 10.) - What material is a magnet made of?
- 11.) - What are instruments made of?
- 12.) - What is a light bulb made of?
- 13.) - Are all materials waterproof?
- 14.) - Are there any materials that are fireproof?
- 15.) - Are metals bulletproof?

Questions posed on topic: materials

Questions posed in checklist: Animals

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Name: Aimee

(1)

Parent's signature: _____

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- a) One important Science idea I have learnt about **Living Things** is the characteristics of living things are: air, food, water and Respiration to changes, how
- b) 1 Thing I will like to find out more is dolphin

I will find out more (tick one):

on my own	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	by asking my friend		by asking my teacher	
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c) Write down or draw what you have learnt after you have carried out step (b).

Dolphins

Dolphins are carnivores. Known for their playful behavior, dolphins are highly intelligent. They are as smart as apes, and the evolution of their larger brains is surprisingly similar to humans.

BTPS Science Around Me (SAM) Self-assessment

So interesting, Aimee

Friday

Material-what if...

Example: What if windows of the car were made of rubber?

- If it was made of rubber, the driver can't see through it and accident are likely to happen.

1: When what if your house was made of glass?

- Everyone would be able to see each other naked.

2: What if clothes were was of metal?

- The clothes would be very hard to wear!
- It would be so hard and not flexible!

3: What if chairs were made out of rubber?

- You can't sit on it!
- Super flexible. We won't get to sit!

4: What if your phone was made out of glass?

- Whenever you drop it, it would break very easily and it would be very expensive to keep buying again and again.

'What if' questions on Materials

Letter From Reptile to Amphibian

Hi friend! The differences between us are...

I am a snake but you're a frog.

I am a reptile but you're an Amphibian.

I eat mouse but you eat flies.

I slither on my tummy but you hop on webbed feet.

I am long and thin but you are round and small.

But both of us can sometimes be poisonous.

You live on land and in water, but I mostly live on land.

I am born on land, but you are born in water.

I have scales but you don't.

Nice comparisons done here!
It's clear and easy to understand!

My skin is dry, but your's is moist.

But both of us are cold blooded!

Both of us are also not mammals.

Your eggs are like jelly, but mine is just soft.

But both of us lay eggs!

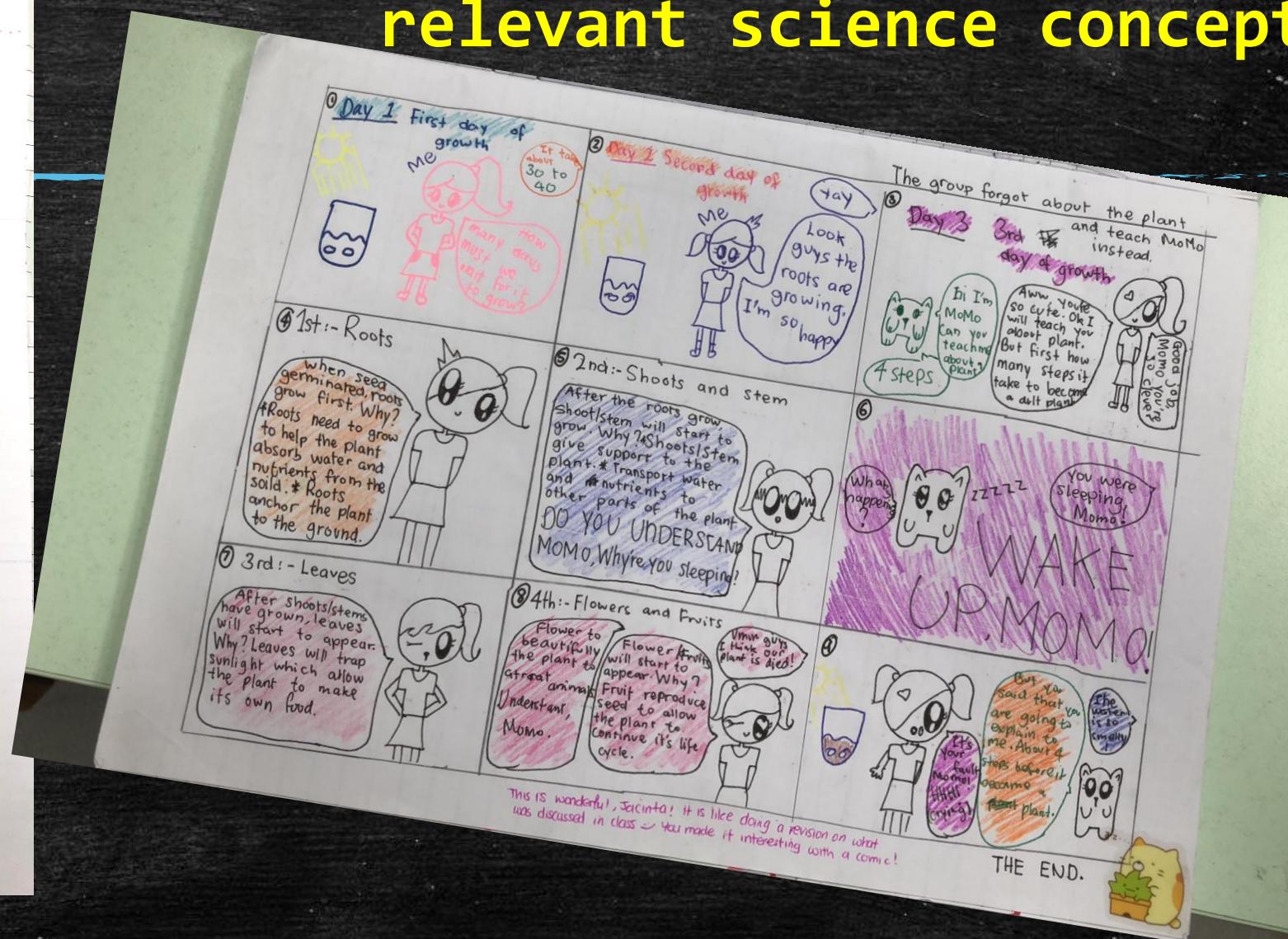
Both of us are also female!
Sincerely,
Snake



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Letter Writing : From Reptile to Amphibian

3) Explain thinking using relevant science concepts



Concept cartoon on Germination

Use of Magnets in everyday objects!

- 1.) List down at least 2 objects.
- 2.) Explain how the magnets work in the objects.

1.) Microphones

Scrap yard cranes
Cameras
Refrigerator
rollercoaster
satellite
microwave
speakers
Credit Cards
Maglev train



2.)

Scrap yard cranes is to pick up heavy scrap metal with the magnet at the crane.

In the maglev train that levitate by magnetic ~~attraction~~, the bottom of the train wraps around the guideway. Levitation magnets on the underside of the guideway are positioned to attract the opposite poles of magnets on the wraparound section of the maglev. This raises the train off the track.

The stripe on the back of a credit card is a magnetic stripe, often called a magstripe. It is made up of tiny iron-based magnetic particles in a plastic-like film. Each particle is really a very tiny bar magnet about 20 millionths of an inch long.

How magnets are used in things around us

Examples of how living things respond!

Sound

We scream
when we are scared

touch

When I

When I touch a snail, it hides in its shell.

Heat
we sweat when it is hot

Light

when I look at the sun I immediately close my eyes.

Good link to life

How living things around us respond to changes



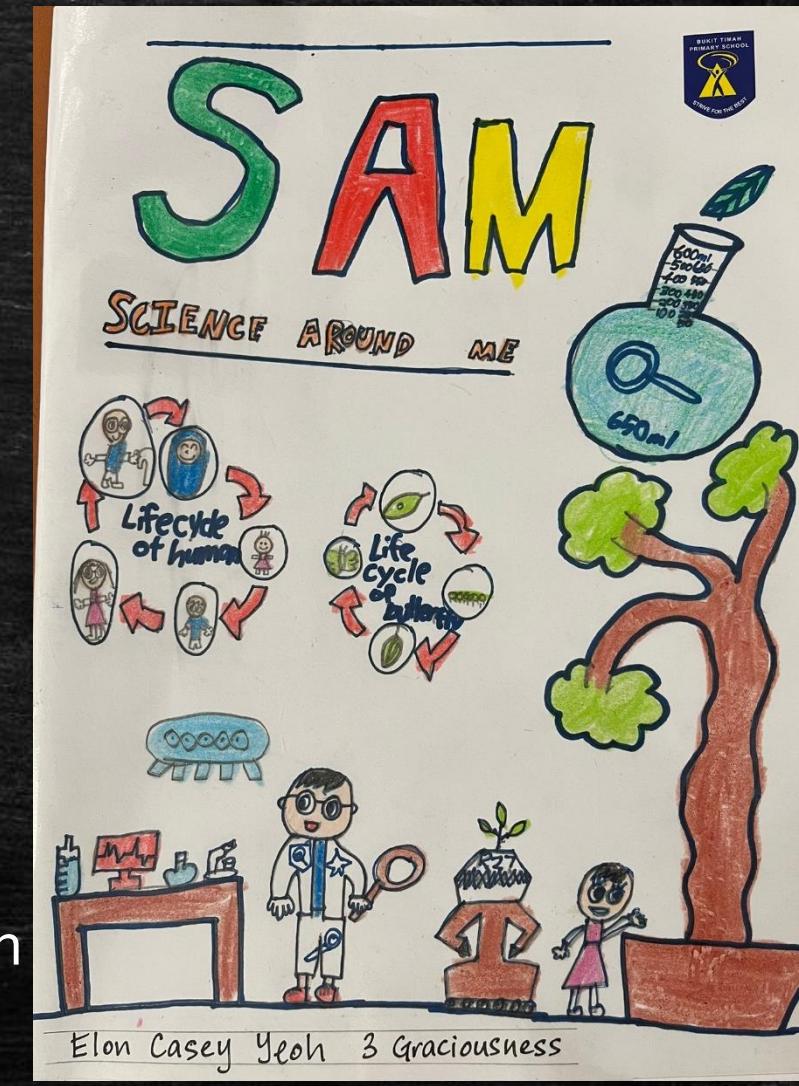
4) Links science learning to life

Some common questions parents ask when their children start learning Science in Primary 3...

- What assessment books do you recommend?
 - None
- How many practice papers must my child do?
 - Just what our school gives
- What are all the words my child needs to memorise for Science?
 - Understand the concepts. Memorising words does not really help that much.
- Do I need to give my child spelling for Science?
 - No.

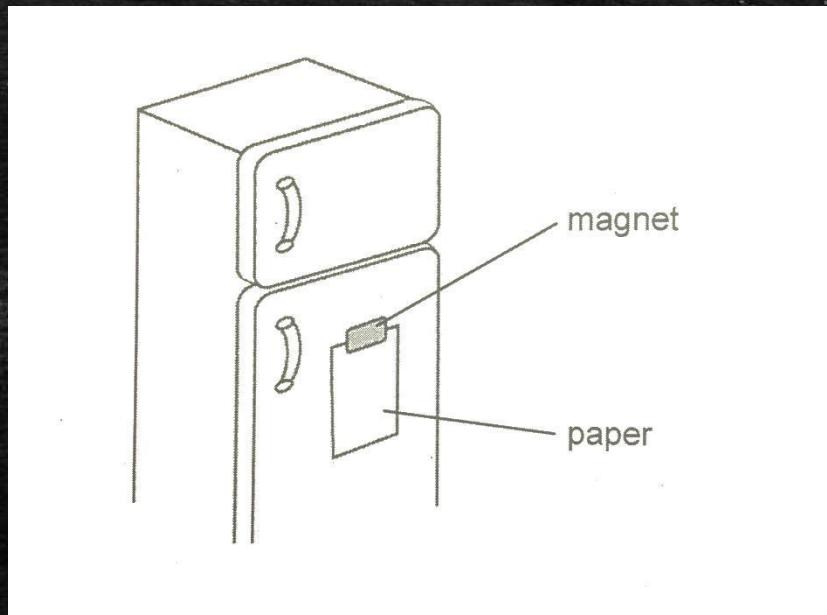
Elon Casey Yeoh
3 Graciousness

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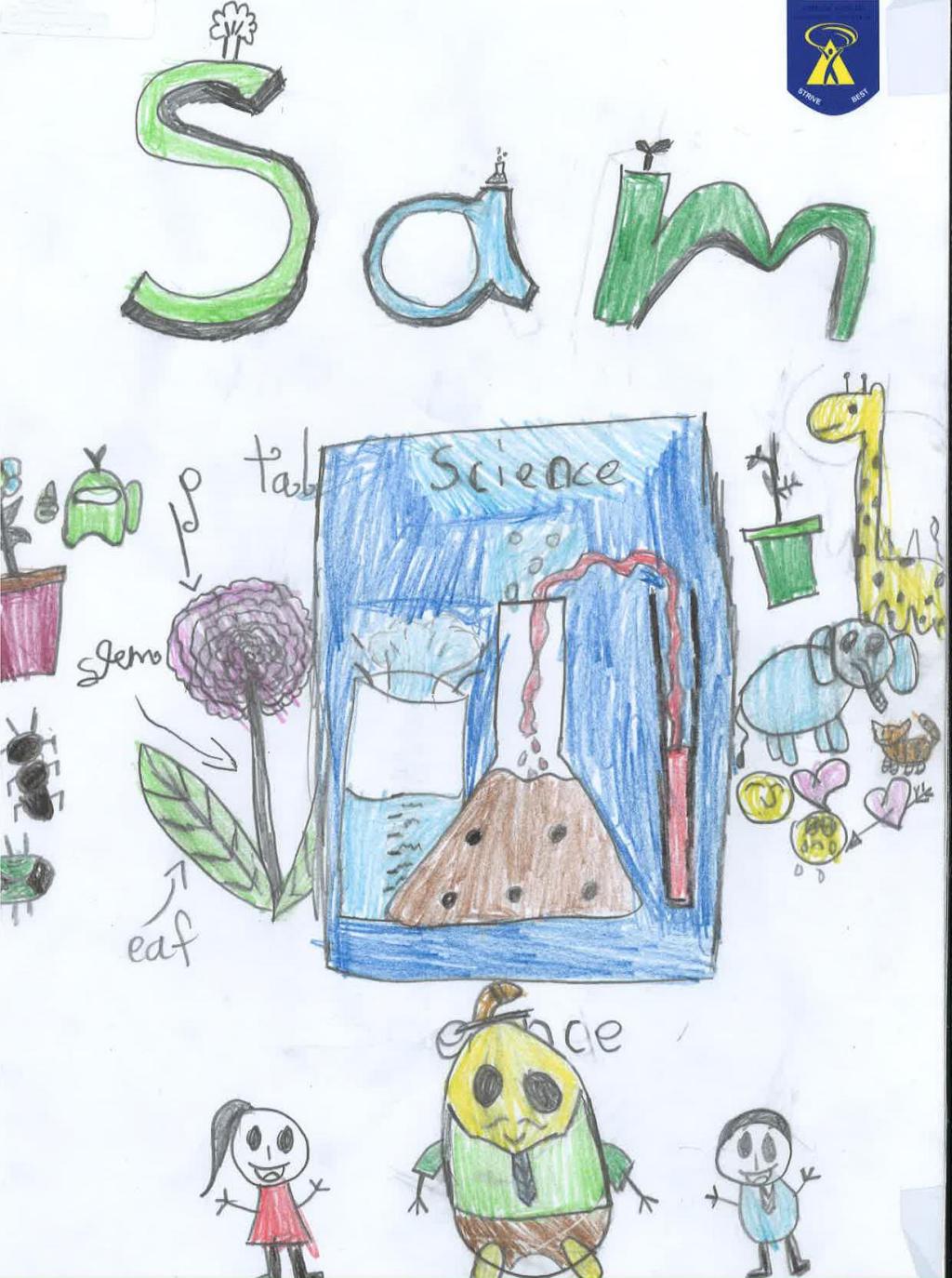
So how do I help my child in Science

- Encourage them
 - to read Science materials like books, magazines or watch documentaries on Science.
 - to pose questions and find out more on their own.
- Get them to observe things around them and link them to the Science concepts that they learn in school.



Science in our daily life

To



Kylen Jess Toe 3 Compassion

**Thank
you!**

Ashvik Mahash 3 Respect

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