



Learning... Through the Eyes of Our Learners

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My First Steps Into the New Year

The beginning of a new year always feels like opening a new chapter in a book. It is a time filled with hope, reflection, and determination. As I take my first steps into the new year, I find myself thinking deeply about my journey so far and the important challenges that lie ahead, especially as I prepare to write my Cambridge IGCSE.

The past year taught me many lessons about discipline, responsibility, and perseverance. School has become more demanding as the exams approach, and I have realised that success does not come easily. Every morning, I go to school with a stronger sense of purpose, knowing that each lesson brings me closer to my goals. Our teachers constantly encourage us to practise past questions, revise difficult topics, and improve our understanding of key concepts. Sometimes, the workload feels overwhelming, but I remind myself that these challenges are part of my growth.

Preparing for the IGCSE examinations has changed the way I view learning. I no longer study only to pass tests; I now try to understand topics more deeply. I have started organising my notes, creating revision schedules, and setting small targets for myself. For example, I dedicate extra time to subjects I find difficult, while also strengthening my best subjects. Although there are moments when I feel tired or anxious, I try to stay calm and focused because I know that persistence is the key to success.

The new year has also inspired me to reflect on the areas of my life that I want to improve. One of my main goals is to become a more disciplined student. I want to avoid distractions and use my time wisely, especially when studying at home. Another important aim is to build my confidence. I sometimes hesitate to speak in class or share my ideas, but this year I want to overcome that fear and express myself more boldly. I also hope to improve my writing skills so that I can communicate my thoughts more clearly and effectively in exams.

In addition to academic goals, I want to improve my character and attitude. I want to be more patient with myself and others, more organised in my daily activities, and more positive in difficult situations. I also hope to develop healthier habits, such as getting enough rest, managing stress better, and maintaining a balanced routine. I believe that success is not only about good grades but also about becoming a better and more responsible person.

As I step into the new year, I feel a mixture of excitement and determination. The road to the IGCSE may be challenging, but I am ready to face it with courage and hard work. I understand that every effort I make today will shape my future, and every small improvement will bring me closer to my dreams. With faith in myself and a strong commitment to my goals, I am confident that my first steps into the new year will lead me towards success and a brighter future.

Gabriella Kermah (F5E)

My First Steps Into the New Year

Every New Year brings new hopes, new goals, and a fresh beginning. As I take my first steps into this New Year, I feel excited and responsible. This year I want to grow not only in knowledge but also in good values. I will work hard, stay disciplined, and use my time wisely. I believe honesty, kindness, and respect are the true signs of a very good student.

I will respect my teachers and help my friends and obey my parents. Even when I face difficulties, I will stay positive and never give up. I believe that right values and regular efforts lead to true success. This New Year I, promise to walk on the path of hard work, good character, and positive thinking to become a better human being.

I am doing hard work to get Honour roll every in every term. In class three I got low marks in Maths so I am trying to get good marks in Maths. During Saturday activities I and my friend are making a mini fridge with a light sensor. During project works I will sit quietly and sensibly. If I get work to do I will do it on time. In writing through the eyes of the learner these are the thing I write about are what I did not get in class 3 but want to get in class 4.

In conclusion I hope the whole school like my learning through the eyes of the learner and also paste it around the school and did not only did for the students but also for the whole school.

Tanmay Mishra (C4W)

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The start of a new year is usually full of loud promises and big goals. However, my first steps into this year were much quieter. Instead of trying to change everything at once, I decided to focus on small, meaningful starts.

On the first day of January, I woke up feeling a sense of relief. The stress of the previous year felt like it belonged to the past. The first week was not perfect. However, I realised that making a mistake on day three didn't mean the whole year was ruined. I learned that the most important part of a "first step" is simply the courage to try again the next day. Now that the first month is moving along, I feel more confident. I haven't climbed a mountain or mastered a new language yet, but I have started to build better habits. I am learning to be consistent rather than perfect. These first steps have taught me that big changes are actually made up of small, daily choices.

As I continue into the rest of the year, I feel ready. I know there will be obstacles and days where I might stumble, but I also know how to pick myself up and keep going. My first steps into the new year have given me the most important tool of all, the belief that I am capable of progress, one small step at a time. This taught me a vital lesson: you don't have to run to move forward; you just have to keep your feet moving.

In conclusion, my journey into the new year hasn't been a sprint; it has been a steady walk. By taking things one step at a time, I have found a sense of balance that I didn't have before. I am looking forward to seeing where these steps take me in the months to come.

Aislyn Owusu Bempah (F5E)

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On 31 December 2025, I stayed up waiting for the countdown to hit zero so I could finally yell, “HAPPY NEW YEAR!” My family and I waited and watched the clock until 12:00 a.m. in Maryland, USA. After that, we were all tired, so we went to bed.

The next day, it was officially the new year. I did a lot of activities such as setting my goals for the new year which included finding positive people to help keep me on track with my goals, getting honour roll in school this term and so many other things.

I stepped into this year as a student who has learnt lessons of the past year, ready to change, act in a positive direction, and accomplish all my new year resolutions. It is not just a new year for me, but it is the beginning of a new chapter and a time to reflect. I have learnt in the past years that not everything can go the way you want it to go and that challenges are a normal part of life.

Another very important part of my first step into the new year is improving my behaviour and attitude. I want to be more respectful to my teachers and parents and do what is expected of me. I also want to improve my studies and by doing so I want to pay more attention in class, revise my notes, and keep telling myself that I can do it. I also want to practice public speaking.

I want to develop good habits such as managing my time well, resting when necessary, and taking part in extracurricular activities. It is about trying my best and learning from my mistakes without letting failure stop me.

Instead, I will use it as a great lesson to improve and move forward. This is also about me being kind, honest, and taking responsibility for my actions whether good or bad to help build better relationships and trust with the people around me.

This is also about me choosing to be kind and honest and owning up to what I do no matter if the outcome is positive or negative because that helps me build stronger relationships and trust with those around me. Education is very important, and I know if I do my best by studying, I will succeed in life.

In conclusion, even when learning feels hard, I would be determined more than ever to keep trying and not lose focus on what I am doing. I am ready to face new challenges, learn new things, and achieve my goals.

I know this year will add up to who I will be in the future, and I am prepared to make the most of it.

Robay Ampem (F2E)

My Amazing Social Studies Project

One sunny Wednesday, our teacher told us that we are going to have a Social Studies project. We were split into five groups. I had Ayanda, Amaris, and Kiyan in my group. We were supposed to create a rap song.

First, we split into two groups - Ayanda and Amaris did the information on the chat paper while Kiyan and I focused on starting the rap.

Kiyan and I did the vocals. We agreed that I will choose a song beat. We used the beat from the song “Band Bands”. After much brainstorming, we did four verses with some time to spare.

When all was done, we presented to the class. I think we did a good job. It was a little scary but we did it. We did a good job, and I think we tried our best.

In a nutshell, I really enjoyed doing the project. I think we did a good job and I hope we do other projects like this. Until then, catch you later.

Aarav Kulkarni (C4E)

Progress Over Perfection:
What January Taught Me About Growth

When you enter a new year, January is always the first month. When you look at it that way, it represents progress. As January comes to an end, simply moving through each day is progress in itself. Growth is never about perfection. You can't perfect everything in one day.

You have the ability to do things, and every step that moves you forward is progress. In school, sectional heads and subject teachers love to see progress. Maybe one day you don't do as well in something, but with the right mindset and support from teachers, you can definitely improve and achieve better scores. That improvement is progress.

January, to me, was a beautiful month. You watch people change as the year begins. They start leaving behind bad habits or things that hurt them in the past. That is progress. Change isn't always bad—sometimes it's necessary. Progress is growth, while perfection isn't realistic. You can be a perfectionist and still have an unhealthy mindset, but growth shows maturity. It means changing for the better and striving to improve. It's more beautiful to watch someone grow over time than to try to perfect everything all at once. January taught me that it's better to focus on progress than perfection



Cheryl Blankson (F5E)

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I walked into school a week late this January, and the world hadn't stopped turning. Lessons had already started, assignments were already due, routines were already established. I expected some grace period, some acknowledgment that I'd been away, but time had no interest in my excuses. It had simply moved on, indifferent to where I'd been or what I'd been doing. That week taught me something I'd been avoiding for years: time doesn't wait for anyone.

This wasn't my first time missing school. Throughout my journey to complete my student pilot license, I'd been absent more times than I could count traveling for training, for flight hours, for tests. Each time I left, I told myself I'd catch up when I returned. Each time I came back, life had gone on without me. My classmates had moved forward, covered new material, formed new inside jokes, shifted into new rhythms. The train had left the station, and I wasn't on it.

When you're young, time feels endless. I'd procrastinate on my goals, telling myself, "I'll do it better in Form 4." I convinced myself there would always be a perfect time when everything would align and I'd finally be ready. But January showed me the truth: there is no perfect moment. Time was ticking away during all those "best" years I thought I was saving myself for, moving steadily forward whether I was sad or happy, ready or not, whether I was in the classroom or 30,000 feet above it.





The reality is harsh but liberating. You can be sick at home while your classmates are writing exams—time won't pause the test. You can miss weeks of school pursuing your dreams in the sky, you can be out of the country experiencing something wonderful or dealing with something difficult, and back at school, the clock keeps ticking, opportunities keep passing. Time refuses to accommodate us, no matter how valid our reasons or how extraordinary our pursuits.

This isn't time being cruel; it's about it being honest about how the reality of the world is behind the "fun". And once I understood that everything shifted. I realized I'd been waiting for permission to start being better, waiting to reach some magical point where growth would be easier.

But growth doesn't wait for perfect conditions. It happens in the messy middle, in the catching up, in the "I'm not quite ready but I'll try anyway" moments. The train doesn't stop because you weren't at the platform when it arrived. The only possible way forward is to jump on board and move with it, to match its pace rather than expect it to match yours.

My pilot training taught me precision and discipline, but January taught me urgency. In the cockpit, timing is everything: miss your window and the weather changes, the runway closes, the opportunity passes.



Life on the ground operates the same way. You can't pause time while you perfect your approach. You must fly now, learn now, and grow now, even if your skills aren't flawless yet.

So, my first real step into this new year was accepting that I can't control time, but I can control what I do with it. I'm learning to prioritize better, letting go of distractions. I'm pushing myself to participate more, even when uncomfortable, because waiting until I feel "ready" means waiting forever. The best thing I can do is leave good marks along the way, evidence that I was here, that I tried, or that I made something of the moments I was given.

January taught me that progress over perfection isn't just a nice phrase, it's survival. Because time doesn't grade on a curve. It doesn't wait for you to perfect your craft before it moves to the next day, the next month, the next year. Once it's lost, you can't go back and reclaim it. The only way forward is to work with time, not against it.

Working with time means leaving marks along its path; moments of effort, instances of courage, evidence of trying, even when those marks aren't perfect. Participating in class when you'd rather stay silent. Completing an assignment even when it's not your best work.

Being present and engaged when it would be easier to coast. These marks matter not because they're flawless, but because they're real.

I'm in Form 4 now, the year I used to tell myself I'd be better in. And I am trying to be better, not because I've reached some perfect version of myself, but because becoming better happens now, in the imperfect present, or it doesn't happen at all.

Time won't wait for me to be ready. So, I'm learning to be ready while I move, to grow while time ticks, to leave something meaningful even when I'm still figuring things out.

Don't fight time, flow with it. Don't wait to be perfect before you start leaving your mark. Start now, messy and imperfect as you are, because time is moving whether you're ready or not. The best way to honour the time you've been given is to fill it with action, with growth, with evidence that you didn't just let the days pass by, you lived them.

That's what growth really is: not waiting for the perfect moment but making this moment count.

Queen Omowymi Igbasan (F4E)

Progress Over Perfection:
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At the beginning of January, I told myself that everything had to be perfect: perfect grades, perfect routines, and perfect results. However, as the weeks went by, I realised that aiming for perfection only made me feel stressed and afraid of making mistakes.

What January really taught me is that progress is more important than perfection. I learned that every small effort counts. Even when I did not fully understand a topic in class, trying again, asking questions, and practising a little each day helped me improve. Instead of being discouraged by my weaknesses,

I started to see them as opportunities to grow. Making mistakes no longer meant failure; it meant I was learning. January also taught me patience. Growth does not happen overnight. Just like a seed needs time to become a plant, I need time to develop my skills and confidence.

By focusing on improving step by step, I became more motivated and proud of myself. In the end, I understood that progress, no matter how small, is a sign of success. It is better to move forward slowly than to stand still waiting to be perfect.

Kristodea Ewurabena Hammond (F5E)

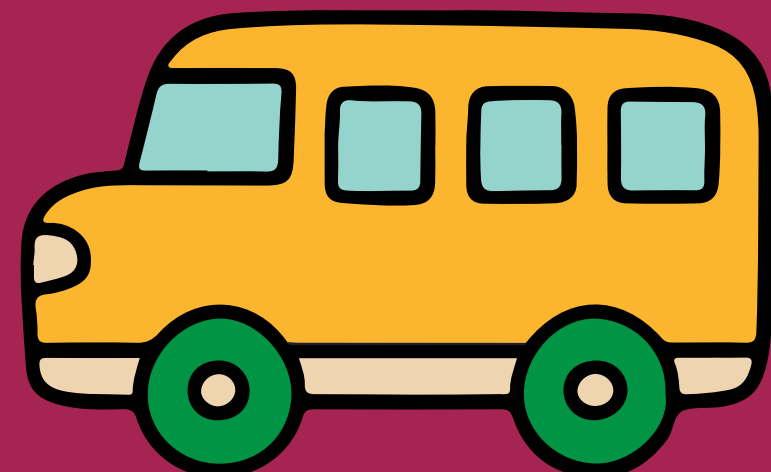


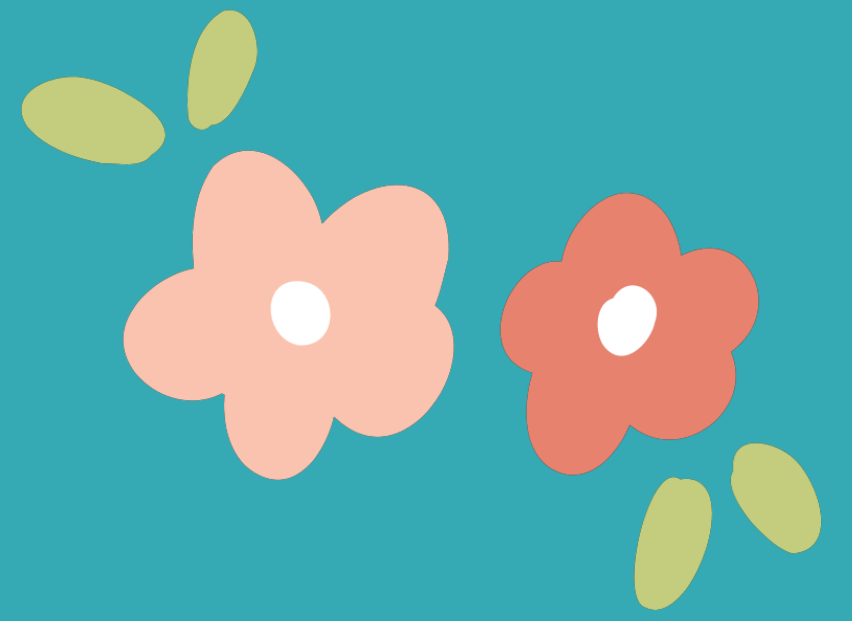
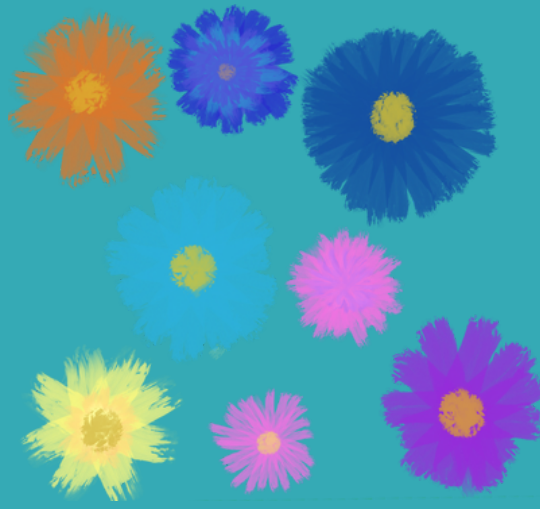
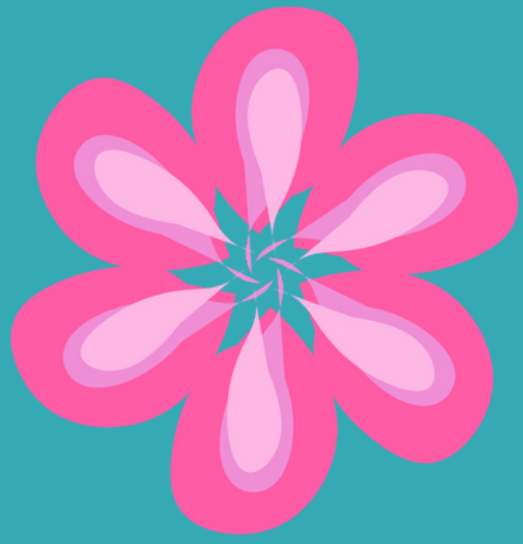
My Fun School Trip


Last week Thursday 5th February, 2026, we went on a trip to Sesna's Bakery. We entered the bus according to our numbers with big smiles on our faces. When we got to Sesna's Bakery, we washed our hands, put on an apron and a head net. In the Kitchen, we learned that some materials can change their shape or state and then go back to their original state. This is called reversible change. So we saw how solid chocolate turn into liquid when heated and turns back into solid when in the fridge. There was a big oven where irreversible changes takes place. Like baking pastries without them going back to their original state. It was very fun and we thank the chef. We had our snacks on our way to school. We learned a lot of things and I can't wait for our next trip.

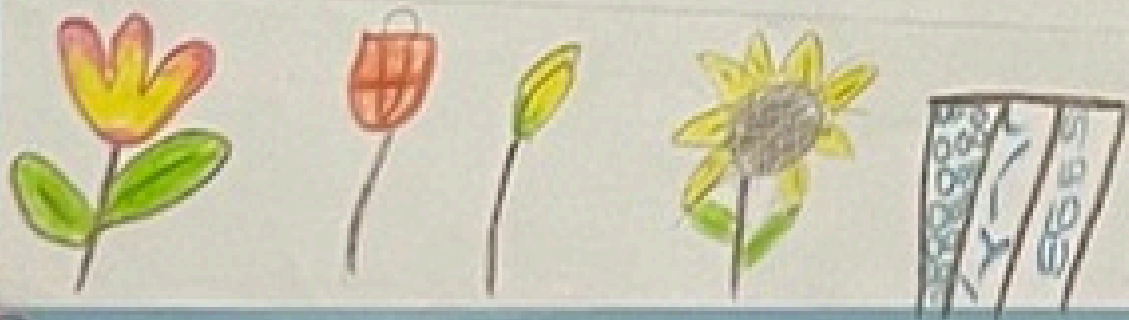


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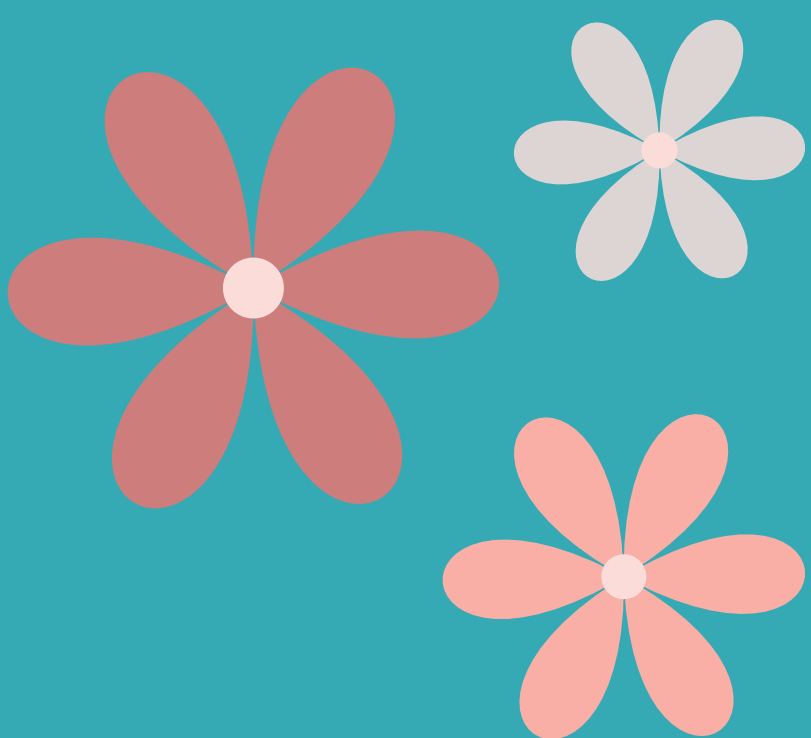


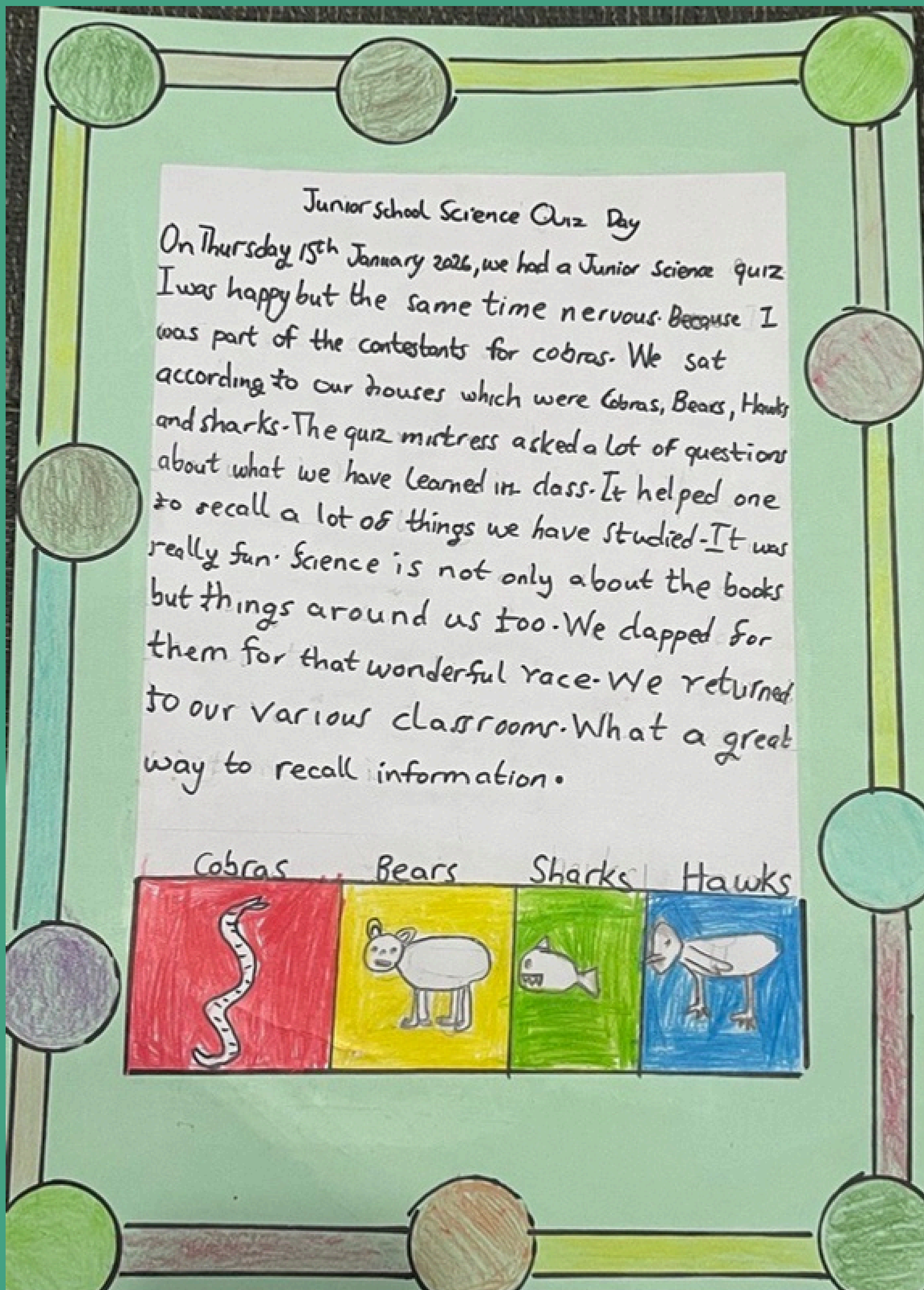
 Natures Beautiful flowers
In School Plants and
Seeds are of interest
to me. There are different
types of flowers like
Snake plant, rose, daisy and
Sun flower. I love to see seeds
germinate, it is the best to
watch. Day and night seeds
germinate to become big
beautiful flowers.
I love flowers so much, they
are so colourful. All these things
about flowers are blowing my
mind.



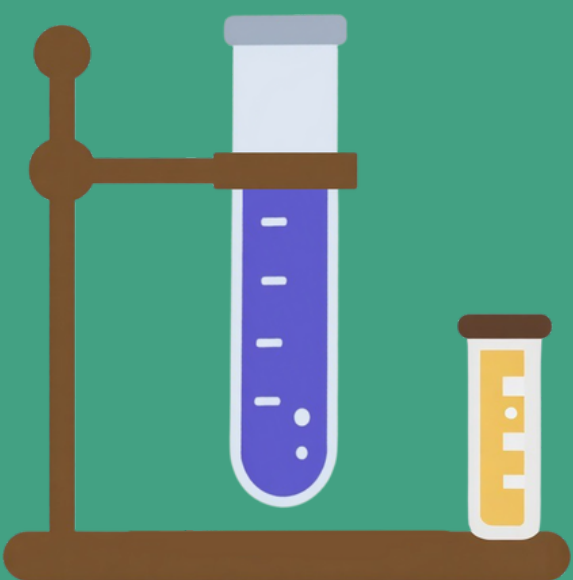
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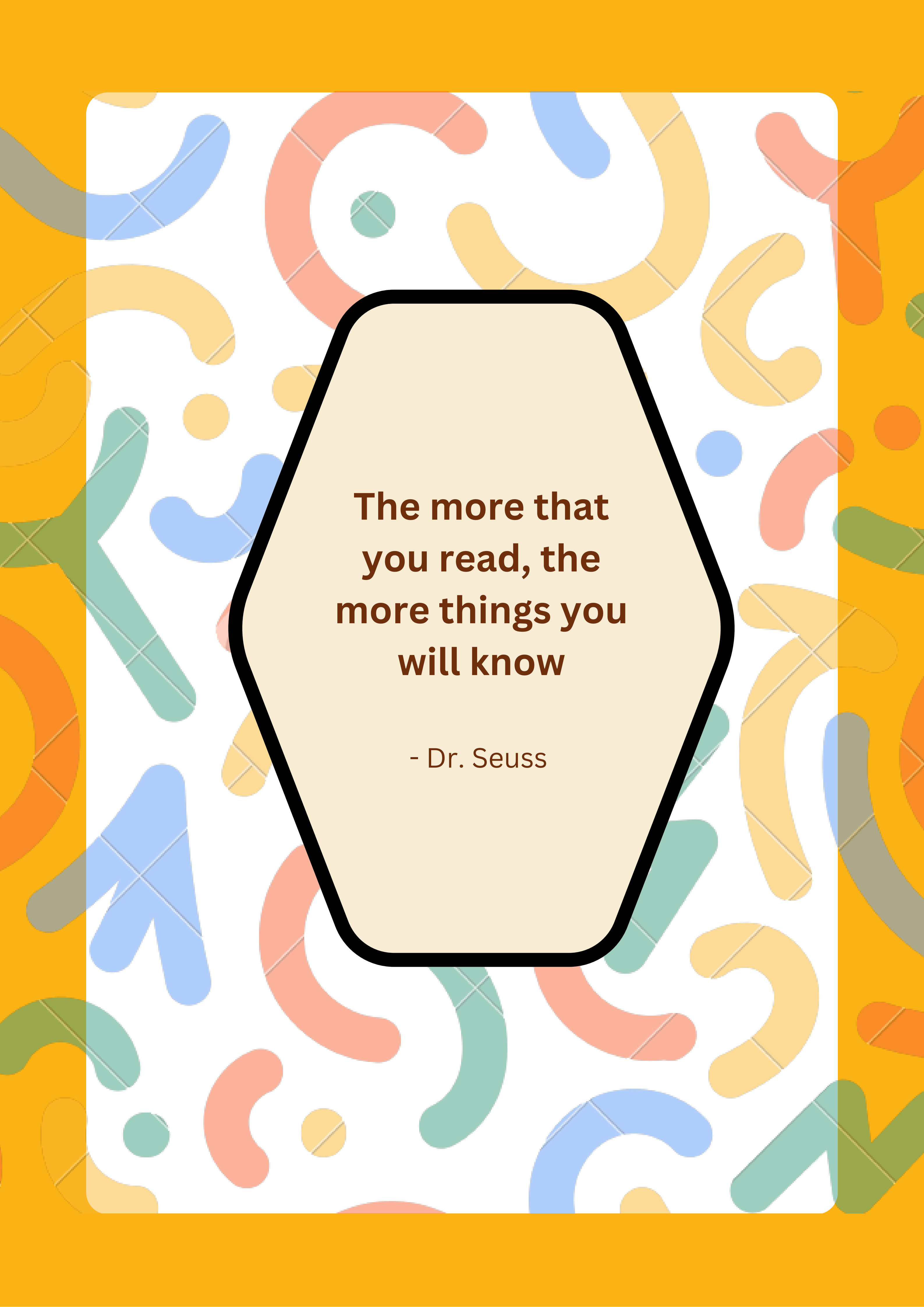
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you read, the
more things you
will know**

- Dr. Seuss