Brambles Weekly News

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<u>Reminders</u>

Next week we will be learning about America with help from William and Sofia's families. I wonder what we might learn?

We said goodbye to Miss Clare on Wednesday after 9 years at Brambles.

Carpet Time

Stories: The Bear in the Balloon Flies Around the World by Ellie Patterson

Song: Assorted cultural songs on You Tube

Rhymes: I like being me!

Focus: Number 10, a cylinder and the colour grey

Upcoming Events

Thursday 29th March Last day of term

Monday 2nd April – Monday 16th April Brambles closed for Easter holidays

> **Tuesday 17th April** Brambles re-opens

This Week's Learning

We have been learning all about where our friend Harrison's mum is from. We have looked at Cyprus, looked on the globe to see where the country is, listened to traditional music and tried new foods.

We also took part in the Brambles first ever sports day followed by a family picnic and we took home our homemade medals!

Something Special

Art Work

To help encourage <u>creative thinking</u> and develop your child's critical thinking skills ask your child open ended questions about their artwork. Open ended questions will help support your child's efforts rather than if you said "good job" or "that is beautiful". You may be surprised at their answers!

- 1. What can you tell me about your picture?
- 2. What materials did you use?
- 3. Where did you get your idea?
- 4. What is your favourite part of the picture?
- 5. What title would you give this picture?
- 6. If you were doing this picture again what you change or do differently?
- 7. Why did you use the colour... (insert colour)?
- 8. What if.... (you had used the colour red instead of blue or paint instead of pencil)?
- 9. How did you ... (make these lines, decide on these colours, or create that shape)?
- 10. If you had more time what would you add to your artwork?

Encourage your child to elaborate on their answers or use the artwork as a starting point for telling a story. Open ended questions will help develop <u>critical thinking skills</u> in your child. By taking an interest in their work you are supporting them and helping them express their own ideas.

