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Spring Term 1

Friday, 13th January 2023

A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week our new topics began, please take the time to read the knowledge organisers you were sent on Monday and familiarise yourself with them. The knowledge organisers will help you to pre teach your children giving them an insight into their new topic and the confidence to join in with initial conversations held in class.

You will receive the topic homework and class newsletters today. Please take the time to read them so you know what will be happening this term for your child's class.

Late collection

We have had a large number of children that have not been collected from school on time this week. If you require a place at after school club, you must call the office by 2.30pm and make your payment for the service via parent mail. If you are running late, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have not arrived by 3.50pm your child will be added to the after-school club register, and you will be charged for this service. If you have multiple children and one goes to an activity club after-school you are expected to collect your other child(ren) at 3.30 unless you register them with our after school service and pay for them to attend. We thank you in advance for your help.

Parent Workshops

We have a parent workshop for our year 2 parents on Monday 16th January at 9.15am. This workshop will explain what is expected in the year 2 SATs tests, how you can support your child at home and what to expect in the coming term.

Wellbeing and mindfulness

Next week some of our children will be continuing with our wellbeing programme with some yoga and mindfulness sessions. These lessons have proved positive with our pupils, students have been taught to be reflective and look after their bodies and minds.

Chinese New Year

Next Friday children will be learning about Chinese New Year which falls on Sunday 22nd January. During our story time sessions at the end of the day they will be listening to stories about Chinese New Year.

School Library

We have been working hard to develop our school library. Our library volunteers Michelle Hobbs and Katharine Smales have created a fantastic competition for your children to get involved in. Please look further down the page to see the flyer!

Each week your child will visit the library and will be bringing home an additional book to read with you.

Year 6 children will be choosing some school librarians to help keep our library tidy, look out for the names of our new librarians very soon.

Please take care of our books, they are expensive, and we want to keep them for years to come. There will be a charge for any damaged or lost books. Thank you in advance for helping us to look after our books.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Rebecca

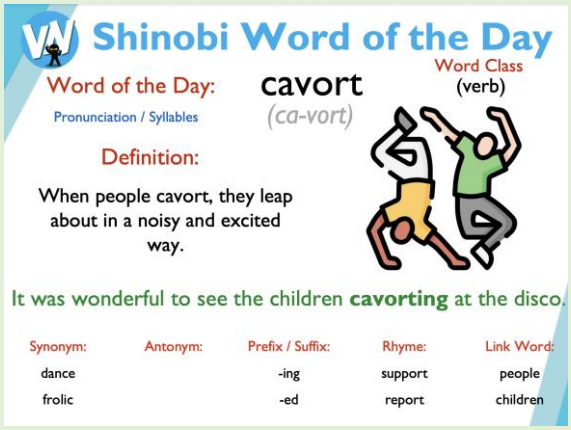
Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was **Hope**. Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Hope is born again in the faces of children". (Maya Angelou)

Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "cavort". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.



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Rewards
Years EY, 1 and 2

Core Value: **Hope**

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Venus	Samyra	For caring more about her learning.
Mercury	Issa	For his improved effort in learning.
Planet Earth	Akram	For always trying his best and having a positive attitude during PE.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Leah	For writing fantastic describing sentences about the penguin.
Mercury	Parker	For her brilliant noun phrase sentences.
Planet Earth	Bushra	Being able to empathise with how people felt during the Great fire of London.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Roman	For showing different ways of making teen numbers using a range of resources.
Mercury	Suleman	For his effort in making 10 using 3 different numbers.
Planet Earth	Ali	Excellent effort when making equal groups.

EYFS to Year 2

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Issam	For incredible segmenting and blending this week.
Mercury	Imran	For his improvement in reading.
Planet Earth	Muhammed	Becoming more fluent and confident.

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Rewards
Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Hope**

Years 3 to 6

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Ella-Mae	For always being positive about her learning.
Saturn	Mikaeel	For always showing a positive attitude towards her learning.
Supernova	Williams	For always showing a growth mindset to learning!
Galaxy	Erick	For showing hope and kindness to all his classmates.
Neptune	Ahmed	Inspiring use with his dreams and goals for the future.
Aurora	Bethany	For always trying her best regardless of the challenge!
Sky	Ayaan	For having a great start to the term.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Aliyah	For writing an amazing alternative opening of the BFG.
Saturn	Daniel	Using fronted adverbials in his writing
Supernova	Ramatullai	For using ambitious vocabulary in her writing this week!
Galaxy	Ilyas	For writing very clear instructions on how to catch the Iron Man.
Neptune	Holly	An excellent use of our practised features in a diary entry.
Aurora	Jordan	For writing with much improved accuracy.
Sky	Victoria	For using fantastic vocabulary in her writing.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Anes	For trying so hard in Maths all the time
Saturn	Samar	Using repeated addition to solve multiplication questions.
Supernova	Denis	For excellent work with multiplication this week!
Galaxy	Aisha	For showing great determination to improve her maths!
Neptune	Zainab	Trying hard to complete tasks and getting talking about answers.

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Aurora	Riley	For demonstrating expert knowledge when converting metric units!
Sky	Alfie O	For being resilient in his understanding of metric measure.

Reader of the week:
Years 3 to 6

Class:	Name:	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Yusra	For getting her reading record signed every day! Well done!
Saturn	Cheryl	For doing great reading during our guided reading session.
Supernova	Sobhi	For making a great effort to bring his reading record signed daily!
Galaxy	Luqman	For improving greatly with his comprehension skills!
Neptune	Fatma	Excellent effort with her journal.
Aurora	Raina	For making great improvements with the fluency of her reading.
Sky	Erik	For consistently reading every night.

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School Information & Events

Attendance Class Winner of The Week

School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	95.5
Attendance KS2 Winner	Aurora and Sky	98.8
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Venus	97.5
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Neptune	97.6
Venus		93.2
Mercury		84.7
Planet Earth		95.5
Jupiter		84.4
Saturn		86.8
Supernova		91.4
Galaxy		96.0
Neptune		91.7
Aurora		98.8
Sky		98.8

First Name	Class	Age
Alfie	Sky	10
Maryam	Sun-AM	4
Francois	Sky	11
Anes	Jupiter	8
Sophia	Planet Earth	7
Alfie	Sky	10

House Winners

Tim Peake	**1638**
Stephanie Wilson	**1450**
Neil Armstrong	**1537**
Helen Sharman	**1881**
Bernard Harris	**1700**

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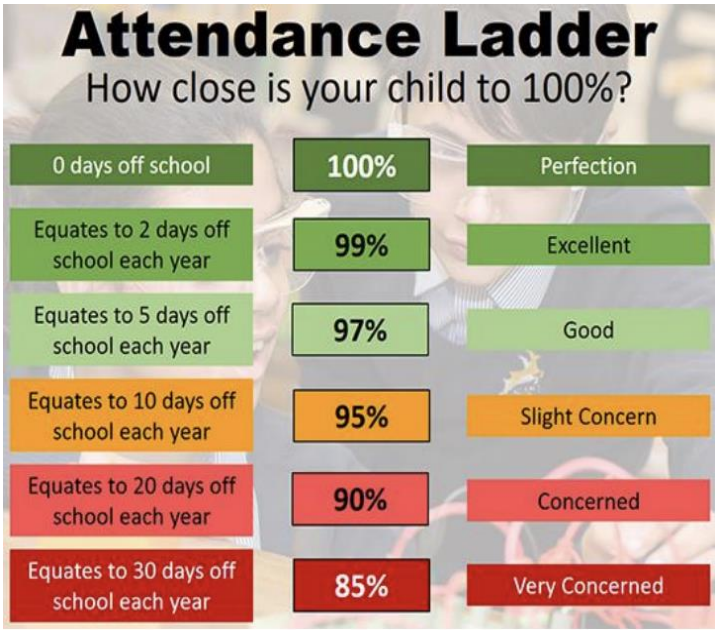
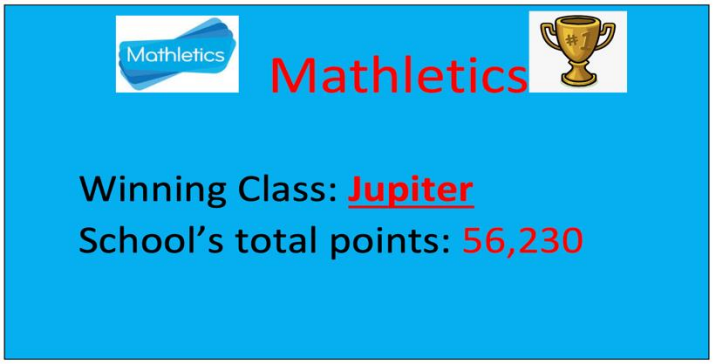
Dates for the Diary

04/01/23	Children return to school
16/1/23	Yr 2 SATs Parent coffee morning
20/2/23	Chinese New Year celebration
20/2/23	January starter Nursery Parent coffee afternoon 2.30pm
23/1/23	Yr 6 SATs Parent coffee morning
27/1/23	Holocaust Memorial Day
30/1/23	Phonics screening parent coffee afternoon 2.30
28th Jan – 5th Feb	National Story Telling Week
03/2/23	Number Day
03/2/23	Early Years celebration morning – Number
06 & 07/2/22	Zoo lab visiting (all classes to receive an animal handling workshop)
06/2/23	Mental Health Week
07/2/23	Safer Internet Day
10/2/23	**Tutorial Day – school closed for children – parents to attend meetings with children**
Half Term	**Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February**

Our KS1 and EYFS – reading together sessions started on Monday 9th January and will continue during the Spring term!





Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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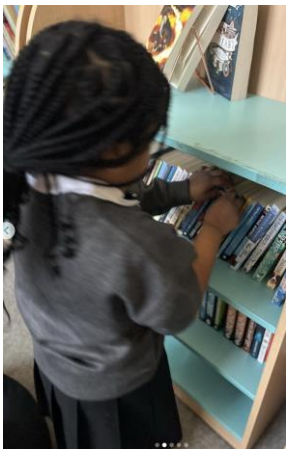
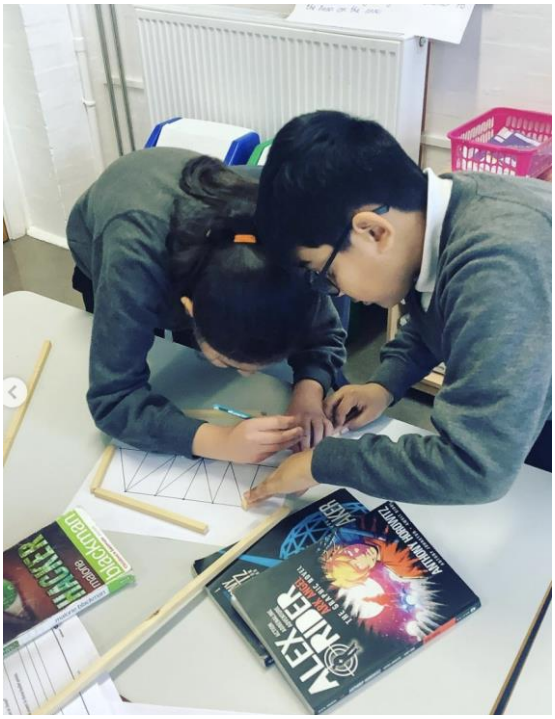
Class Gallery

Year 1 visited our library this week, they loved having the time to read for pleasure and choose a book for home.



Year 6

Sky class finished their Victorian project this week, completing the bridges they had designed. They worked collaboratively and carefully to measure, saw, sand and join wood to construct their truss bridge.



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Grange Primary Dog Man drawing competition!

The best picture of YOUR favourite character WINS their own copy of *Dog Man: Grime and Punishment!*

Have a go, using the handy How2Draw sheets and hand your entries back to your class teacher by 27th January.

School Librarians Michelle and Katharine will choose the winner before half term. ALL drawings will be displayed on the boards in the library – we love your pictures!

"It's your story kid, you can colour it any way you want..."
– Big Petey

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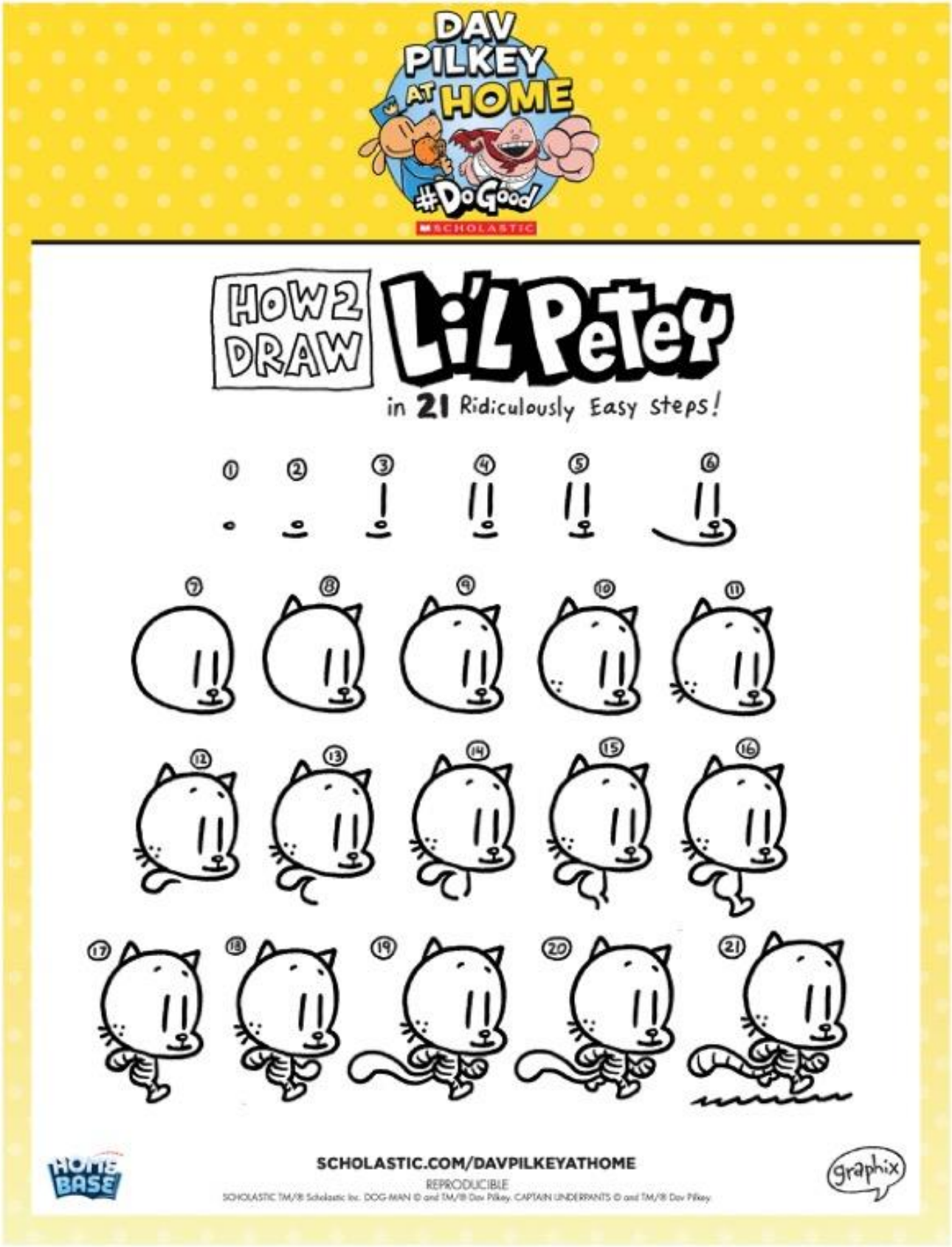

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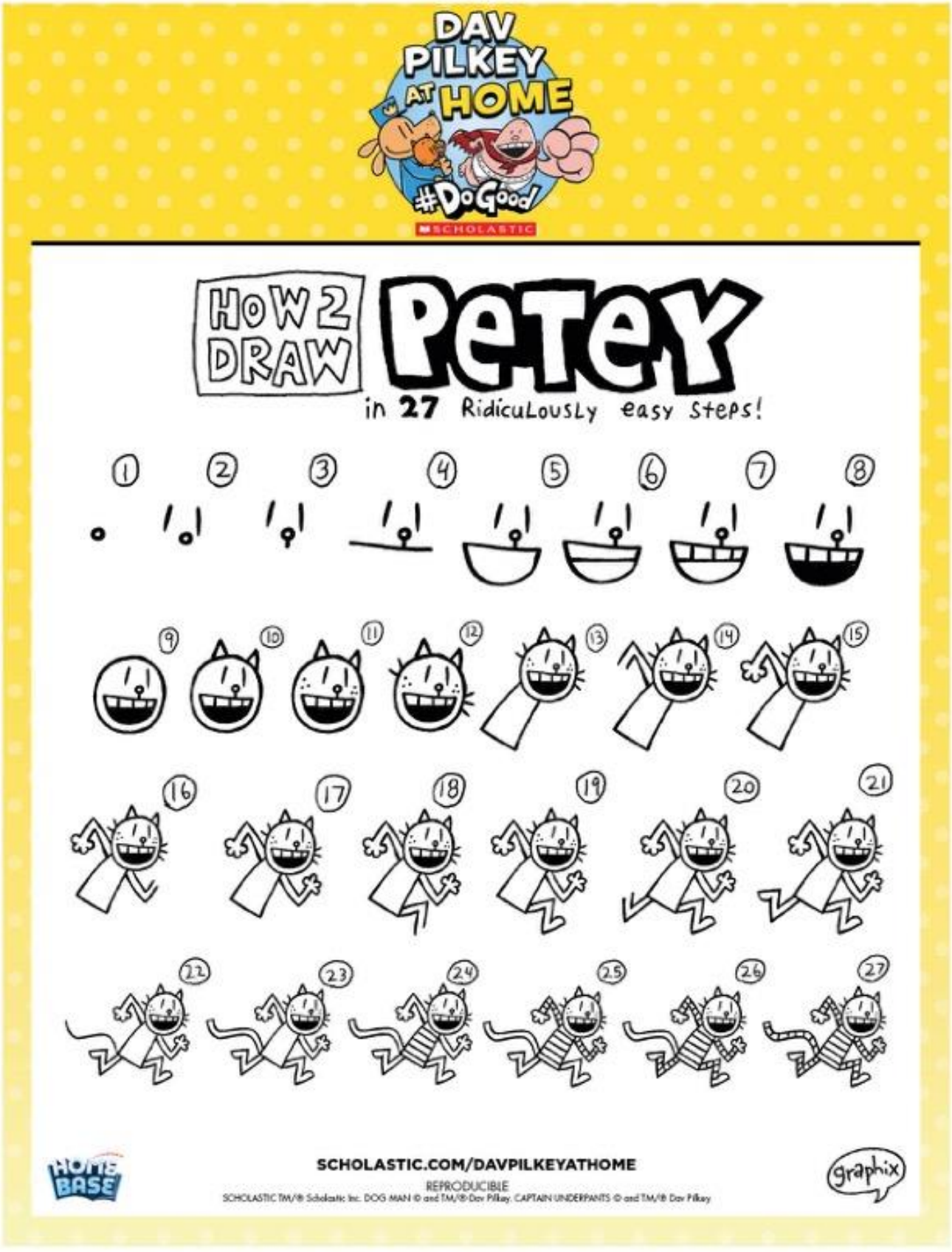

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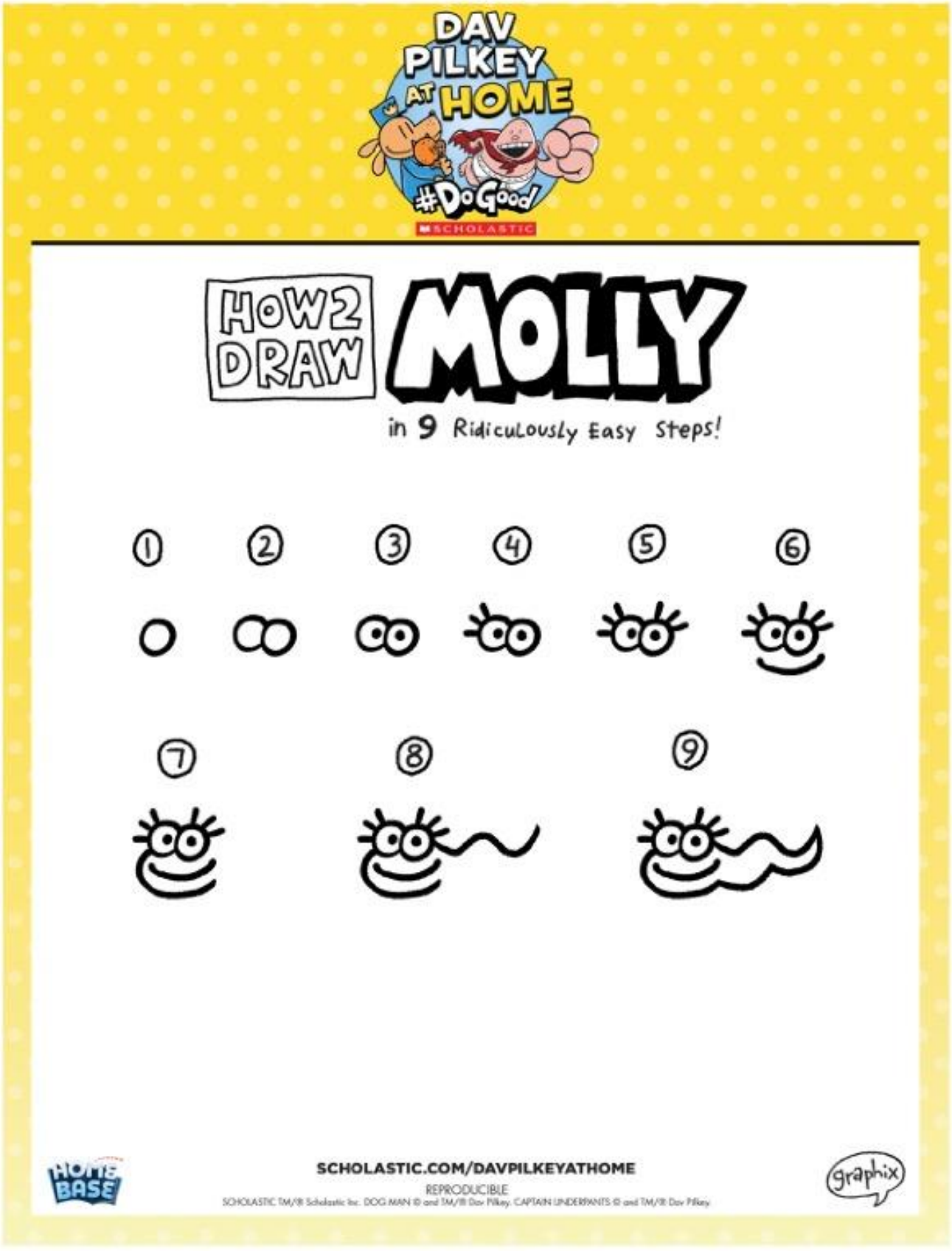
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