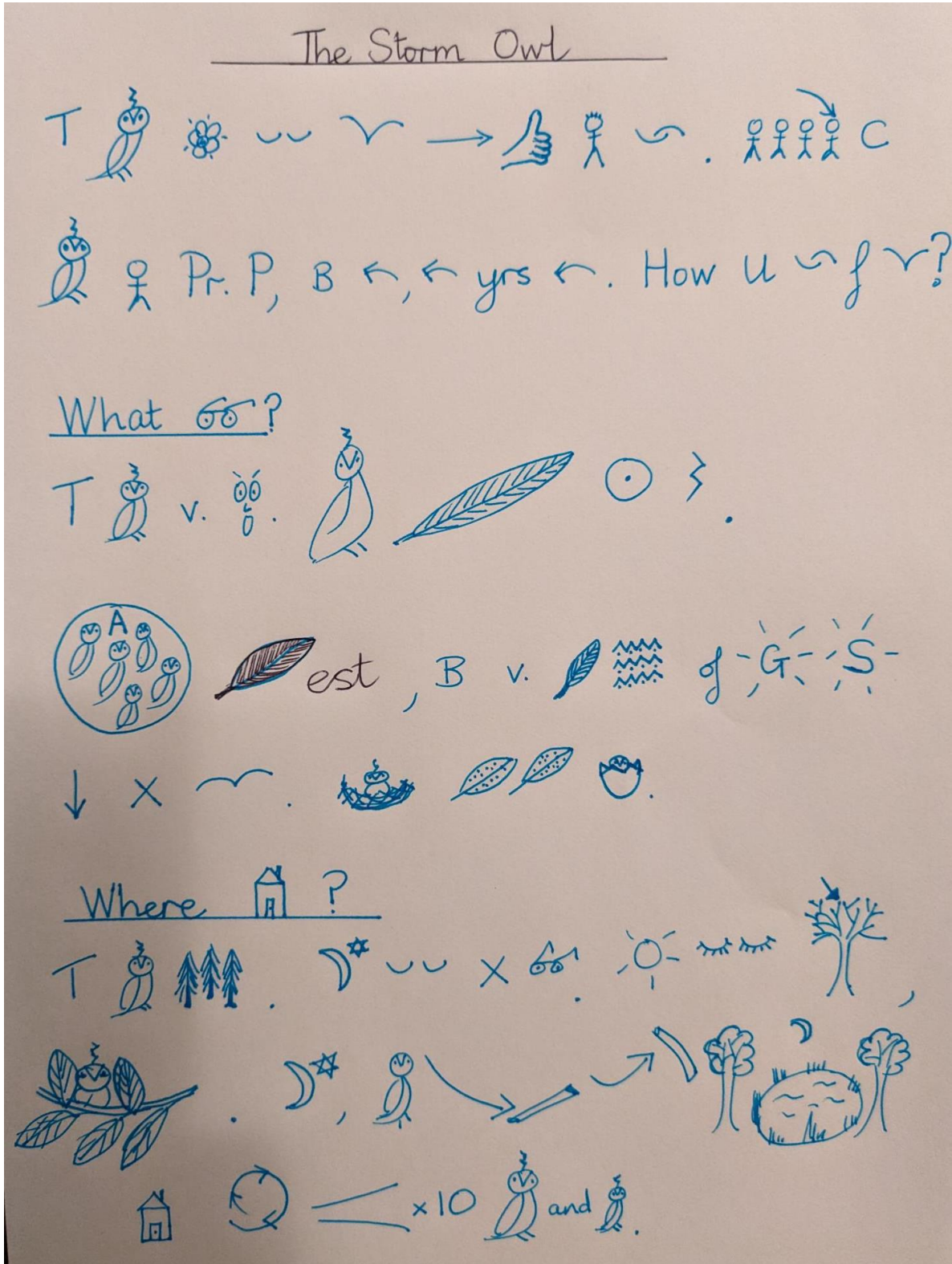


The Homework Task	Learn the story map of 'The Storm Owl'
Objective	Using the pictures below, try to learn the whole of our story map off by heart!
Parental support	It would be great to involve someone at home. Perhaps they could learn it with you?
Date set	Friday 1 st March
Deadline	Wednesday 6 th March



The Storm Owl

The Storm Owl is a beautiful, shy bird that brings great luck to anyone who meets it. The last person to see a Storm Owl was a man called Professor Pickety, but that was many, many years ago. How would you like to meet this fascinating bird?

What does it look like?

The Storm Owl is very unusual. It is bigger than most owls and has a long feather that sticks out from the middle of its head like a lightning bolt. All Storm Owls have the blackest of black feathers, but every owl has its very own feather pattern of flashes of gold and silver down its back and across each wing. Baby storm owls have glittery white feathers when they are born.

Where does it live?

The Storm Owl lives in the forest. It is a nocturnal bird and is very shy so it is not often seen. In the daytime, it sleeps deep in the branches of the biggest trees, hidden by the leaves. At night, the Storm Owl swoops from branch to branch in the trees at the side of moonlit pools. It lives in small family groups which can be as large as ten owls and owlets.

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What does it eat?

The Storm Owl usually eats rainbow mice but it also enjoys a vamp-rat when there is a full moon. Sometimes, a Storm Owl will catch a lunar snail with its sharp talons, but only if it cannot find any mice or rats.

What is the storm owl best known for?

The Storm Owl is best known for the strong magic in its head feather. Unfortunately, men have hunted these beautiful birds so that they can use this magic to defeat monsters and now there are only a few left in the wild.

The Storm Owl is an amazing creature - don't you agree?