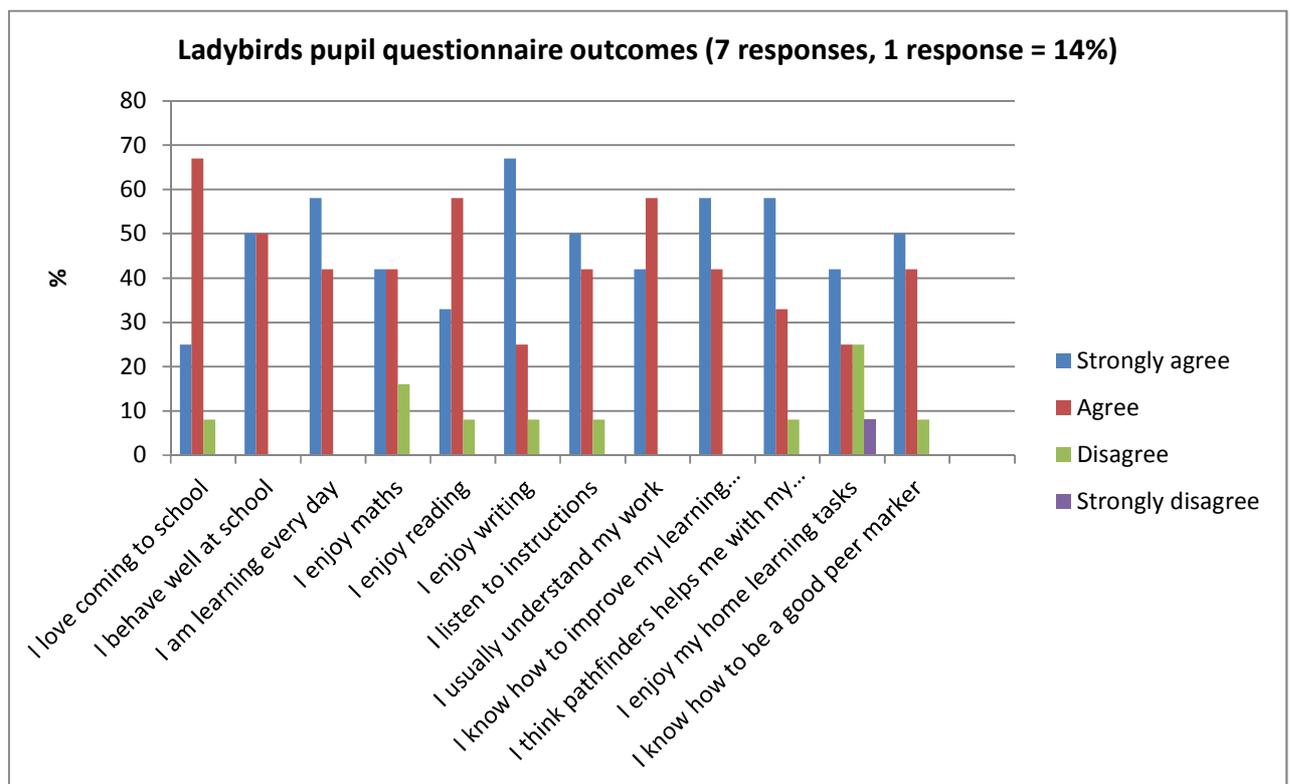
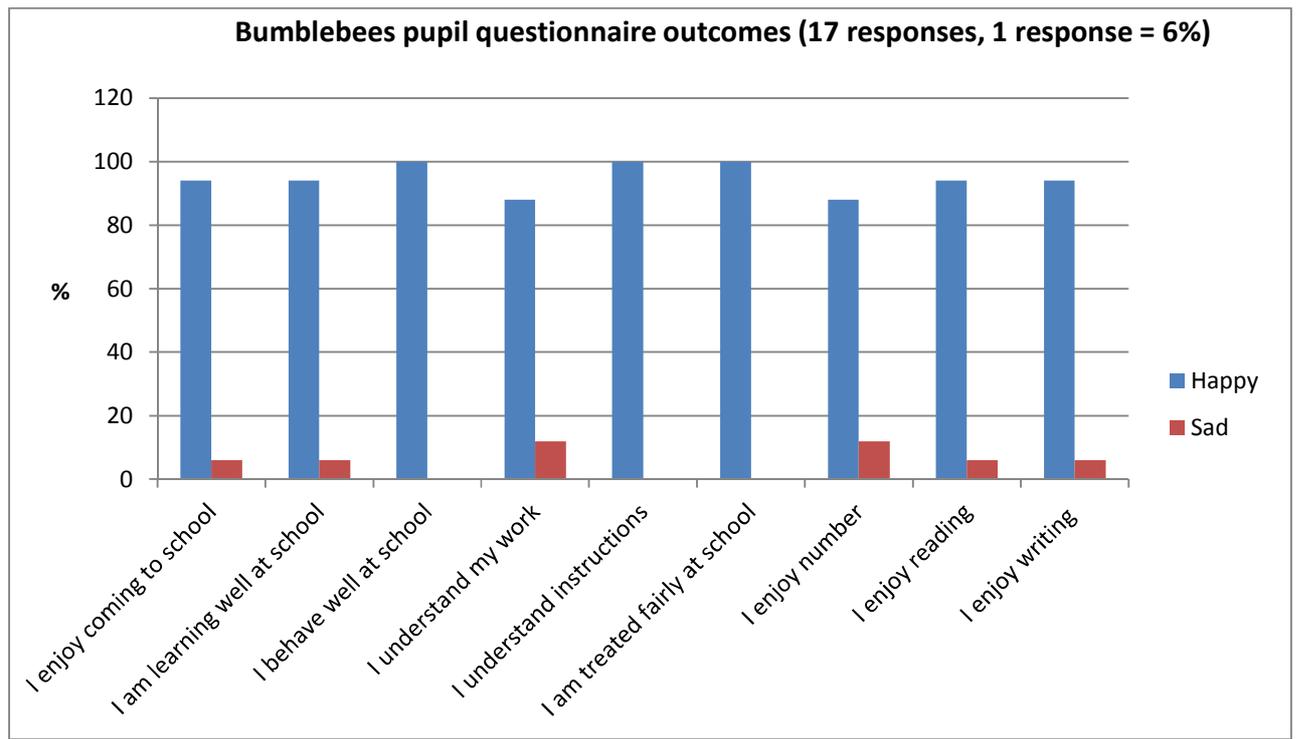


Pupil Questionnaire outcomes for March 2017



Maths comments

Pupils like calculations and problem solving.

Reading comments

They like reading, reading with the family and learning new words.

Writing comments

They like to write stories and poems and to write about their topic.

Handwriting; They find joining up tricky.

How do we teach and support the children?

We have a cursive script in school which the children learn from Bumblebees onwards. When teaching letter formation we describe this as 'whooshing in' to a letter!

In Ladybirds, they begin to join the individual letters together in particular the 'phonemes' they use in spelling, for example *oa* and *th*.

For those that find this fine motor skill difficult, we would use an intervention called 'Write from the Start, or for the younger children we develop their fine motor skills through small movements such as picking up with tweezers, peg boards etc.

Spelling The children like to learn spelling s and for some this can be difficult too: here are so many sounds to learn and variation!

How do we teach and support the children?

Children learn to spell through Read Write Inc. (In late April we have 6 new staff going on the RWI training.)

They work to the spelling appendices set out in the National Curriculum

We have intervention groups for spelling

Precision Teaching may be used as an intervention where children need support to learn the common most frequency words (such as *the, this, was, said* etc.) or where they are learning to blend sounds to read words.

For those for whom communication is particularly difficult, or where other more conventional methods are not having an impact, we use Communication in Print and Makaton.

We may use the intervention Read Write Inc. 'Get Spelling'. This is a systematic way in which we teach spelling, phonemes, root words and suffixes. We may use this to challenge those who

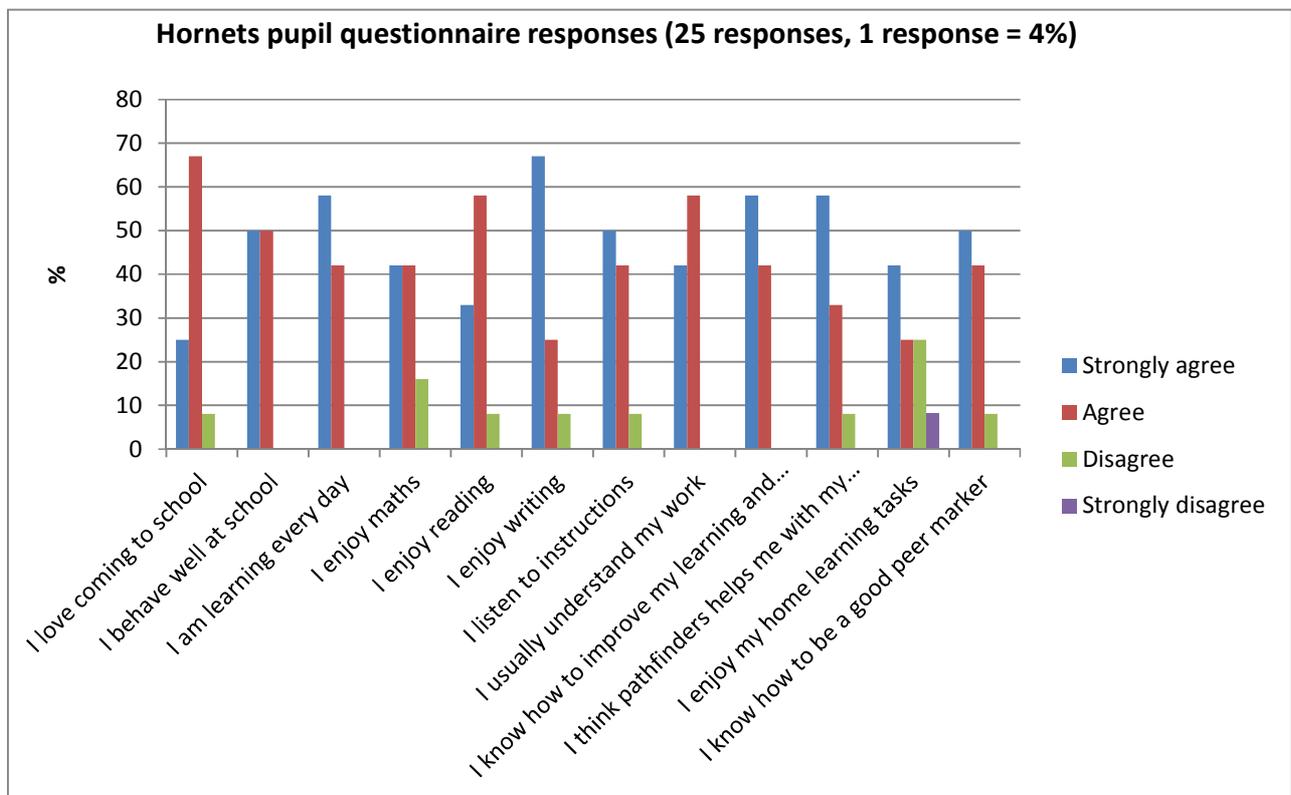
are able to spell more accurately but perhaps chose not to all of the time and for those who need to develop their use of more complex letter patterns and sounds.

My Plan; where children have individual goals which may include spelling.

We are currently looking at how we teach spelling so that children learn them, can use and apply them in their writing,

Pathfinders' comments

Children enjoy Pathfinders because it helps them to understand what they have misunderstood and how to improve it. They like being able to talk to an adult and spend time together with them discussing work. Some would like to understand more about why we do Pathfinders and so this would be discussed with the class during Learning Skills time.



Maths comments

The children in Hornets are very positive about maths. They enjoy the problem solving, calculating and extending their learning, for example, to problems involving decimals and fractions. They appreciate that it gets their brain working and that it is a skill that will help them in later life.

Reading comments

As readers, they love adventure, how it develops their imagination, new vocabulary and new ideas.

They like to see the devices that the author uses to make the story powerful.

They like that they must read to an adult.

Writing comments

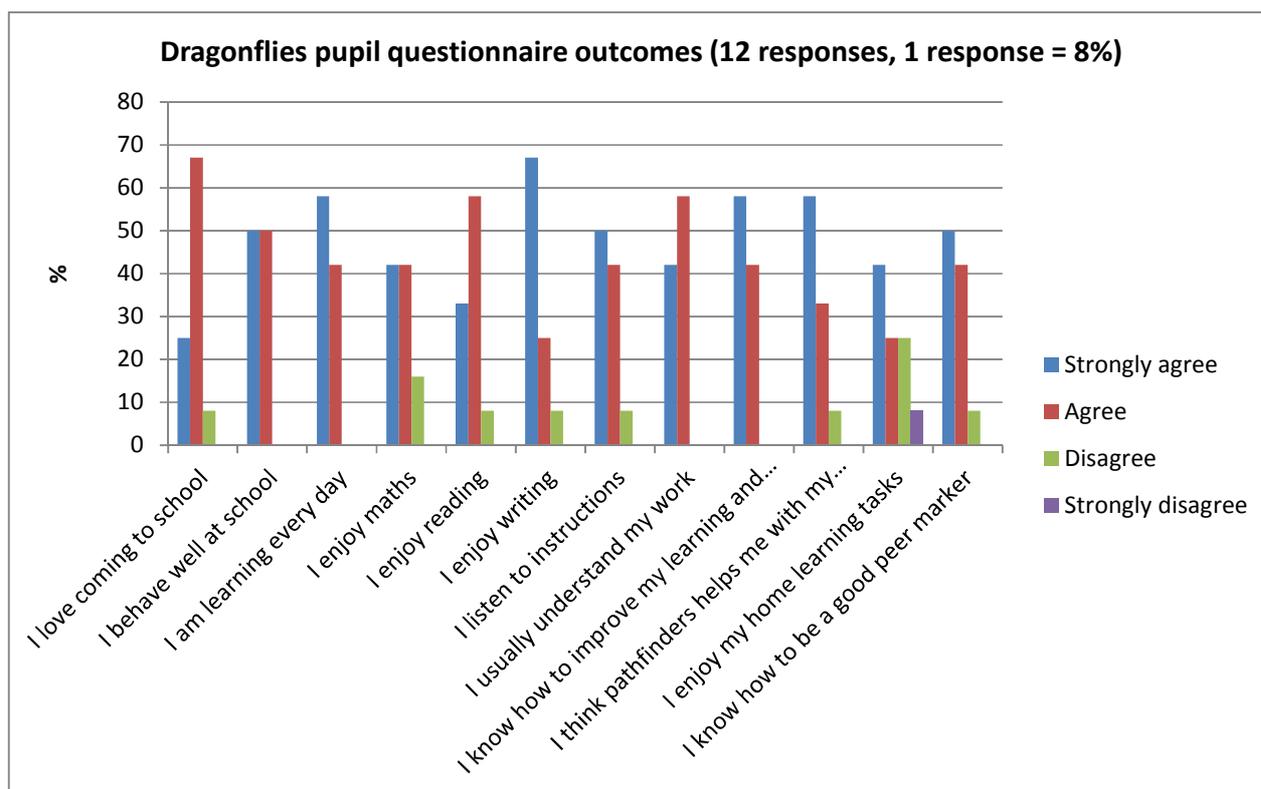
Mostly, the children love to write stories and poems. They like the mechanics of it; for example developing their handwriting to earn a pen licence

Pathfinders comments

On the whole children in Hornets see it as a positive part of their learning. They understand that it help them to understand new things and improve on past work. They enjoy the opportunity to talk things through with adults and to be able to focus on specific targets.

For those that are not as positive, it perhaps developing an understanding of why it takes place. As adults, we know that not everything is right the first time and the often go back to check for errors, rewrite, check and see where we could have improved.

Additionally, as we are in the 'business' of educating the children they do need to understand that learning is a journey. To improve and progress we do have to intervene, challenge and support them!



Maths comments

In Dragonflies some children enjoy the challenge of the maths and again understand that it is an important skill for later in their career. They develop their confidence as they develop new skills but recognise that it can be difficult.

Reading comments

They very much enjoy reading, recognising that it help develop their imagination, their knowledge and that it can be fun.

Writing comments

Again in writing, they enjoy writing because it helps to develop their imagination and they find the lessons creative and enjoyable.

Pathfinders comments

Dragonflies find Pathfinders very positive and understand their role in knowing about their learning. They liken it to Learning Review Meetings where they share their knowledge.