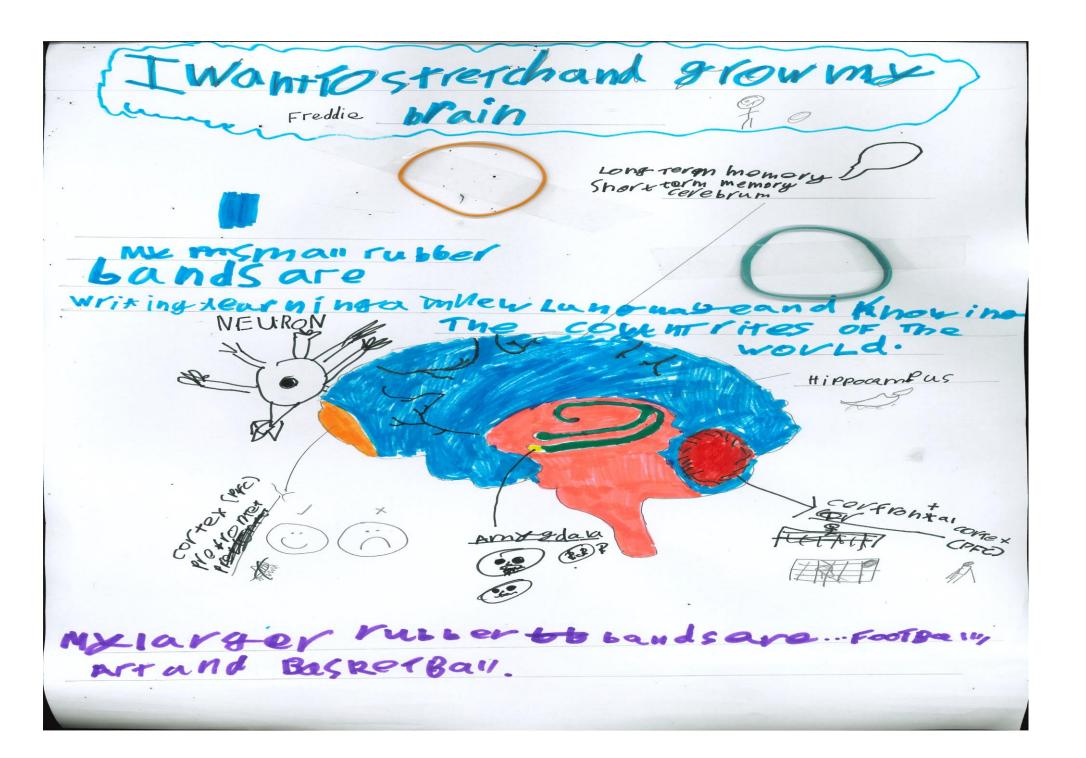
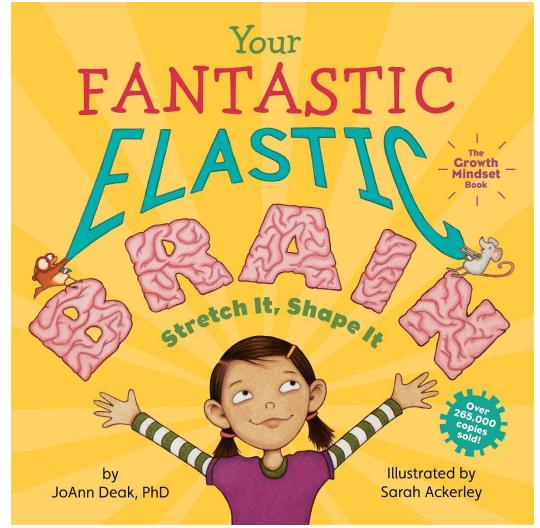


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Today we read and explored the text 'Your Elastic Fantastic Brain', by JoAnn Deak. The children created scientific diagrams of their own brains, learning about 5 important parts of our brains and their functions. We used real-life examples to understand the most important organ in our bodies. We thought about the brain's ability to keep growing and learning new skills, by firing neurons and creating pathways in our brains. We were fascinated by the role each part of brain had to

play in our everyday lives. We used Play-Doh to mould our brain, in the same way that new experiences and learning shape our brains. We understood that some parts of our brains have been stretched and grown through learning and

practise — whereas other parts needed to be stretched over time to help them develop. We used elastic bands to model the things in our own lives we found easier, because we have spent lots of time doing them. In contrast, we looked at elastic bands that had less stretch and discussed how these parts of brains needed more experiences and time to grow — by trying new things, taking risks and making mistakes. We understood that our emotions are just like any skill we develop; we have to try new things to teach our brain to be resilient.