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# BUZZ BEE

TALES OF THE ECO-KIDS

Comic Nine - September - Back to School

I'm Buzz, and these are my friends Vespa, Honey and Bumble! Join us on our quest to make the world a better place, one step at a time!

I'm Vespa

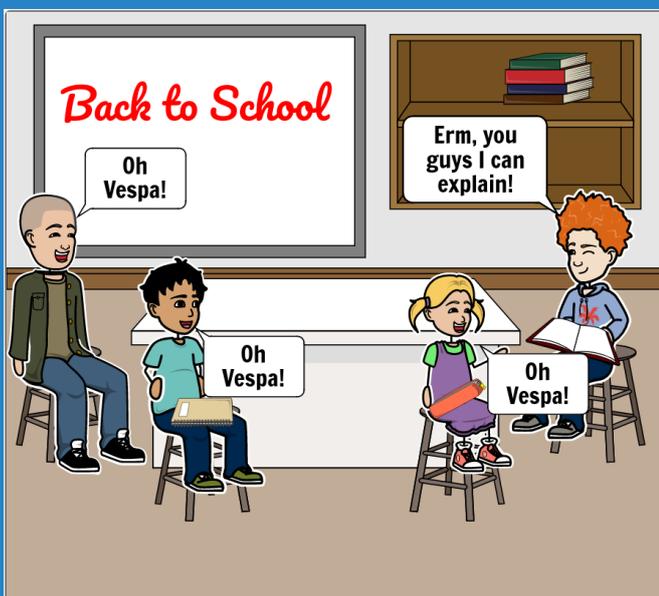
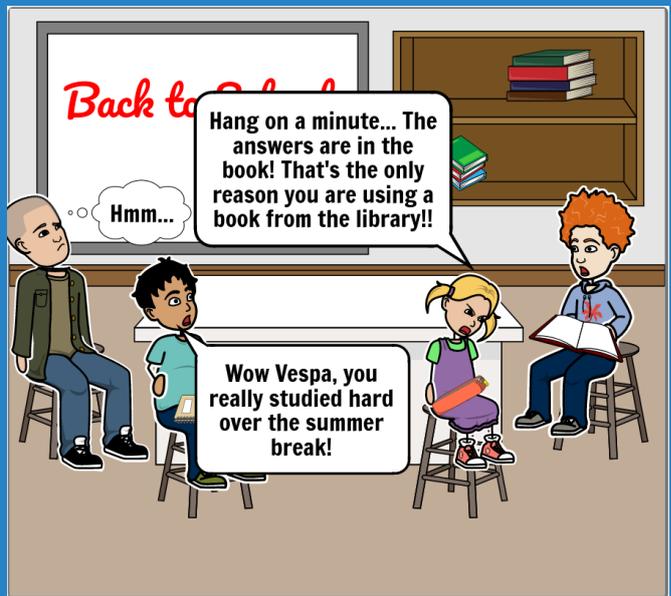
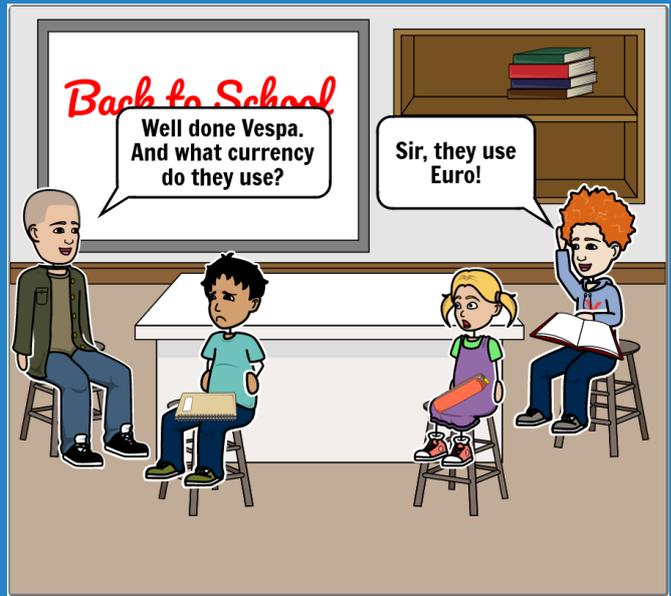
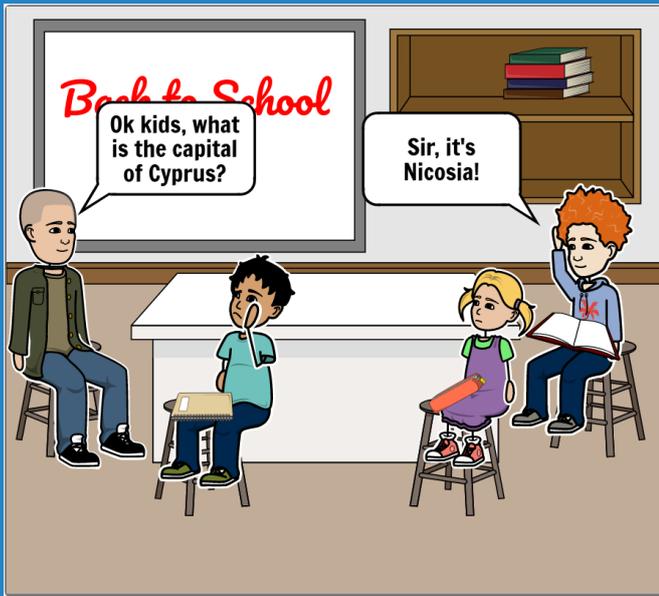
I'm Honey

I'm Bumble



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# Tips for Parents

## Get the whole family involved in with just a few easy steps:

- **Demonstrate:** go through your children's school bags with them and make two piles on the floor – one of new items and books and one of re-used or recycled items and books. Ask them if they really needed the new items, or if they could have re-used last years' items instead?
- **Develop Understanding:** Explain to your children the environmental benefit of re-using, re-cycling and up-cycling books, clothes and other items that they need for school each year. Make a plan with them to re-use, re-cycle and up-cycle items for the next school term instead of buying new.
- **Provide Opportunities:** allow your children to cover their books with other materials such recycled paper instead of plastic. You can teach them how to cover the books with brown-paper, like people did in the old days!
- **Discuss:** discuss with children the environmental impact of buying new at the start of every school term. Answer any open questions they have.

## Fun Activity for Young Learners

Take one of your schoolbooks, and a blank sheet of A3 paper. Wrap the book in the paper, with help from your parents if you need, and then design a new cover for your book. Draw pictures and symbols that will help you to spread the word that recycling and re-using is fun, and important for the environment. Alternatively, you can wrap your book in an old newspaper and colour in different sections and images in the paper. This will not only protect your book; it will also help to protect the environment!



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