

# PASSION FOR THE PLANET



MOLE VALLEY 2023  
OUR LEGACY



## Passion for the Planet

### – schools, community groups, and a show with a message

Passion for the Planet Mole Valley was a laugh-out-loud show for adults and children of all ages, tackling the vital issues of ecology, climate change and sustainability, through a fun-filled mixture of drama, song, dance, puppetry, story-telling, clowning, and installations. Audiences were invited to visit the animal-only pub, create a 'Wish Fish', meet the 'Pollution Monster', plant seeds and perhaps even have a dance! Above all, to laugh – maybe even shed a few tears as the performance culminated in a final rousing song and a bite to eat!

But it was much more than just the show, which was the culmination of months of planning and activity. Professional theatre company, Damn Cheek Productions, brought the project to the Mole Valley and teamed up with Dorking Quakers and local arts group Nower Productions to create a truly community-based endeavour with input from a range of local schools, community groups, and businesses.

The poems in this collection are the work of children in five of our primary schools and local writers, mainly drawn from Mole Valley writing groups – Mole Valley Poets, the Narnia Group, Phoenix Writers, and leaves to a tree (Mole Valley's Haiku group). The schools involved represented a cross section of the Mole Valley and were The Greville in Ashted, Leatherhead Trinity, St Paul's in Dorking, St John's North Holmwood, and The Weald in Beare Greene. The work of the writing group members was displayed on the tree outside the venue of the final show and the poems by schoolchildren were written, by the children on fish and hung as part of an installation within the show itself. Some of these poems were also recorded by children and became audio installations within the show. The poems by the children represent the output of workshops facilitated by Vicky Tearle and Darren Cheek.

Other schools involved in the project were Surrey Hills All Saints in Westcott and Therfield Secondary School who contributed an army of clay models. We were also able to host two work experience students from The Ashcombe and Reigate College – as trainees and assistants to the director and the stage manager - and they contributed strongly to the show in the build and rehearsal stage, and the run of the show itself.

The poems are arranged by school, with the poems from the writing groups as book ends. You will also find a record of the various groups and supporters as an appendix and a record of a fulfilling community project.

Enjoy!

Editor  
For Damn Cheek

## POEMS FROM LOCAL WRITERS

These poems are a response to a provocation by Damn Cheek and many of them were hung on the tree outside the Quaker Meeting House. The writers are mainly members of Mole Valley writing groups and in each case copyright is retained by the writer.

### **dream of the stream**

summer moves on these waters like the breeze: the river curves through open fields and meadows, and a swan curves and extends its neck – reaches out to the white light into which the river flows in moments of sun and sky: its world is bound up with wings and water, and the river flows like summer: this stream is turning into sun and dream, turning finally to memory: the swan moves along the water like time – white and brilliant in the hour: moves with the sky and gathers the breeze into its light – white and bright with morning: it is the beginning of the world, a dawn like no other, unique to its last detail, here in the nature of things: time flows like swans upon the stream, swan after swan after wing: I know I will be here forever:

a white sun  
is streaming through my mind:  
who will write  
the history of consciousness,  
the starlight of a swan?

*A A Marcoff*

### **islands in the mind**

I can see him walking at Giverny, by the waters, a Japanese bridge curving through time into an old world, another world, and here, things are as they are, and I cannot help myself, and find I must write, now and for always, compelled as I am by light, to write as I breathe and see and seek to be:

so many worlds  
rest upon these waters  
so many silences  
dreams & skies –  
water-lilies

*A A Marcoff*





honeycomb:  
a piece of meadow  
flower by flower

*Sue Lewis*

## **Community**

They come and go. Through the pane of the coffee shop within view of the tree where those small birds roost, you see them approach. The man with limp and a gleam in his eye. The widow with trolley and carer. The pair with crosswords. Smiles exchanged. Local news. Extremes of weather.

pin-striped awning  
here and there between cracks  
a pied wagtail

## **From Sullen Earth**

A thunder of anger. Humans blinkered to my beauty unable to fathom how far they continue to abuse me. I spin in the koan of whether the definite article should precede this echo of multiverse. Deaf to the speed of light I blink it out ...

caught in the apex  
of a ray of sunlight  
skim of a bird

*Diana Webb*

## **Nature**

Sunlight and dew drops  
Inspired by new beginnings  
Hope in vital spring

*Justine John*

## Elegy for Green

Green budburst  
in a secret grove of oaks,  
where hallowings  
break loose from the throats  
of wren and thrush and blackcap.  
Green beckoning  
of woods, a winding path  
through song-laced leaves  
where you can lose yourself in sweet  
incantations of bluebells.  
Green rapture  
of a shaded stream,  
its banks clustered with marigolds,  
red campion, air charmed  
with scents of nettles and wild garlic.  
Green vanishing  
of open fields and trees,  
our streets a grey forgetting –  
Elm Grove Road, Nightingale Close –  
the little gods of woods and streams  
that we've made homeless  
and can't bring back.

*Elizabeth Barton  
published in The Curlew, Volume III Issue II*





## **DROP**

Drop ...

Drop drip

Drop drip pitter patter

Pitter patter splatter clatter slosh splash

Clap!

Crack whoosh, slide hide, rush dash.

Flash!

Seep

Seep deep

Seep deep dark down

Earth gulley flowing, rushing  
gushing down, earth rock collecting  
deep down gathering holding.

Settling. Resting. Waiting.

Tap

Tap turned

Drop ...

River

River living

Splash...Splosh!

*Judith Packer*



## Monday Morning

Resting on the riverbank, the early sun already too much for my dog,  
he lies panting in my shadow, head resting on front paws.

I pause, I look, I breathe.

On the opposite bank, in a meadow ripe with wildflowers,  
stand the ruins of Newark Abbey, buttressed by two imposing oaks,  
cattle lazily grazing in deep shade beneath them.

The river plops with the occasional fish jumping for a fly,  
river fowl I wish I knew the name of sweep low in a silent rush of glistening  
feather,

a red kite takes to the sky, circling upwards on the warming air  
slowly gliding from my sight, in search of food – or perhaps just for the joy of flight?

And I realise

This was always there.

Mark Boor





## Bad Habits

I have a bad habit.  
I spend too much time amongst people and man-made noises,  
Hurried footsteps with frantic voices,  
Filling my days with pointless choices.  
Online accounts and password resets,  
'I am not a robot' tests,  
Memorable information on a drop-down menu,  
My call is so important,  
It's held in a queue.  
My eyes too often gaze on curated lives,  
Hours lost forever as we strive,  
To parade and falsify.  
Facebook windows brashly dressed,  
Amazing weekends with fantastic friends,  
With whom we are so hashtag blessed.  
Or Instagram selfies,  
Indulgent and needy,  
Insecure and greedy,  
'Look at me!'  
'Look at my breakfast!'  
We are desperate.  
We are lost.  
My eyes do so much for me,  
I should reward them more frequently,  
With the shapes of clouds,  
Or sunlight beaming through pine trees.  
I need to spend more time with wild things,  
Sit deep in the forest, off the footpath,  
Where moss covers fallen branches.  
Watch the spider on the tree trunk,  
Hear the cuckoo and observe the squirrel,  
And know that amidst the circus,



This is what's real.  
And the only term and condition is to love He,  
Who designed it all so intelligently.  
I must never take these things for granted,  
Because the spider will move on,  
And forests will burn,  
And rivers change course.  
The old pear tree was felled,  
The wolf pack was quelled,  
The lion was killed.  
And yet the wildness remains.  
Resides,  
And bides its time.

*Jenni Williams*

## **Feeling For-Lawn**

Plastic grass,  
And plastic trees,  
Plastic flowers,  
Mean no more bees.  
Without the bees,  
There's no life on Earth,  
Bury my heart,  
Under astroturf.

*Jenni Williams*





## **The River**

I am river, fast flowing and narrow, slow and lazy wide, water boatmen skitter  
and damsel flies drift over shallows, dragonflies dash and dart from bank to  
bank. I flow deep and shallow, over weirs, into locks – straining against the gates.  
I lap against the arches of stone bridges and funnel around metal girders, ripple  
through reeds. I carry branch and weed, fish, ducks and swans travel with me.  
From source to the sea, I am tireless

*Sue Beckwith*

## **Calling all humanity**

It costs nothing to use less water or one-use plastic, to cycle or walk, to staycation  
and not to hanker after foreign holidays, to do your bit and clean up your own  
mess.

a chain of satellites in the chaos of the night sky

*Sue Beckwith*

*published in British Haiku Society Anthology - Planet Earth 2021*

## Quaker Meeting House

The creaking of ancient wood  
Old bones and the heating system  
Compete to create the most noise  
In this symphony of silence and stillness  
Where few words are spoken  
And music seldom heard

A square of benches at different levels  
Composed in a melody of burnt almond  
Copper, amber and chocolate  
Counter-pointed with turquoise cushions  
Surround a table which holds  
An ever-changing harmony of flowers

The scores of knots on the floorboards  
Suggest a myriad different settings  
While the trees syncopate to the wind  
Outside three high casement windows  
And lament the decimation involved  
In orchestrating this austere beauty

*Gill Whitman*



## *CONQUEST of MAN UPON the PLANET*

*Man by suggestion moulded this earth  
Turned thoughts to deeds, changed forests into patterned  
lands,  
Encouraged plants by tender care to multiply,  
Ate the good fruits and of the flowers made garlands.*

*Life force grew.*

*Then man realising his strength wanted to rule,  
Greed entered in his searching heart to become his etching  
tool.  
Selfish desires grew within to dominate the meek,  
To claim the earth forever, making slaves of the  
vulnerable and weak.*

*So progression is here and bombs are used as threats within  
their battle games,  
Sadly the most offensive weapons reign.*

*Destruction leads the world from a construction of a  
dream,*

*Man lives within the nerve of a volcano,  
Life reverts to being hard and mean.*

Diana .



*Conquest of Man Upon the Planet*

## **THE SCHOOLS**

**The Weald Church of England Primary School**

**St Paul's C of E (Aided) Primary School**

**Leatherhead Trinity School**

**The Greville Primary School**

**St John's C of E Primary School**

We have chosen not to interfere with those poems in any way so they are faithful transcriptions of the handwritten work of the children. Where they included a title we have shown this in bold but we have not interfered with spelling, grammar, or construction. The result is a collection of beautiful writing which is uniquely that of each child.





## The Weald Church of England Primary School

### Save The Seals

Swish of a tail, flop of flippers  
Seals are soft as slippers  
Polluting the ocean is a very  
bad crime, as you're killing seals  
every day every time. Building  
under water causes strife and  
trouble, pollutes the ocean on the  
double.

*By Emily  
5stJ*

Turn off your lights when you're not using them,  
Don't animal test because it's bad for them,  
Don't eat trees, they give us oxygen,  
The animals in the ocean get hurt with the rubbish,  
when you throw rubbish on the ground the wind picks it up  
and gets in the ocean

*By Mattilda Matthews  
5stJ*

I am a squirrel  
A squirrel is me  
I sit on a tree  
Eating nuts and acorns  
on top of a pile of dry leaves  
I am crimson orange  
With a two inch  
I climb up trees at top speeds

*By Will Hopkins  
5stJ*

## The Rainbow Waterfall

Where the bird fly high  
up in the sky you could see a  
Waterfall Down By the river and a rainbow  
above it then something magical happened...  
It became a rainbow waterfall and that  
is how it became a rainbow waterfall

*By Amalie*  
Y5

## The Death of Dickens

One hot day  
Charles Dickens was  
in KFC he saw  
Daffy Duck and  
Abraham Lincoln talking  
to one another about  
Toy story 2 Lincoln  
said that Buzz Lightyear was actually  
Homer Simpson!  
The end

*By Joel*  
4sm

## Wild Life

D'ont hurt animals,  
only chop down trees for a reason,  
one of my dog's likes chasing  
birds dont let your dogs eat  
the birds when they're in the sky,  
D'ont step on flowers or they  
get squished,  
D'ont use gas as much  
because it goes in the sky.

*By Ella*  
5SJ







## **I Am Wildlife**

The trustful Wildlife  
the wildlife glows  
the trees swish  
and the moonlight glows  
When it's day the sunshine  
rises and the flowers Bloom.

*By Evie R  
5sJ*

## **The Way of the Water**

Little hooves, paws and trotters Scuttling  
around the place thinking plastic and litter  
Is their prey, breathing in pollution knowing they are  
going extinct, life here life there no one knows when it will  
end. The great pacific garbage patch is getting bigger every second  
animal testing and cutting down trees makes things worse so stop  
please!

*By Thea  
St Joan*

## **Our Ocean**

little hooves paws and trotters scattering  
around thinking plastic is prey breathing  
in pollution into their lungs see  
animals are getting injured too,  
so we need to help our planet  
so please save it with ease.

*By Lacey  
5SJ*

very very deep down  
a show of sharp teeth  
gills breath gliding through the  
sea Quick as a flick as a fin

*By Jenson  
Year 5*

## **The Wise Oak Tree**

The wise old oak tree swaying majestically  
Full of life and creatures  
Some creatures big, gorillas or apes  
Some creatures small, a bird or a squirrel  
children playing games and climbing on branches  
the sun beaming down on the bright green leaves.  
it has stood here for years and will for years to come

*By Arthur  
5SJ*

## **Planet Earth**

African elephants tooting  
their trunks two lanky  
giraffes eating tall grass  
three hyenas with ease.  
Whale call's coming  
from behind the rock  
pools a Jiggly Jellyfish  
up on the shore people  
try to find more.  
Save planet earth and  
mother nature will respect  
you . So Just remember she  
is watching you every step  
of the way

*By Sienna  
5SJ*





## **I am the Earth**

I am the Earth,  
Some say I'm your home,  
others say I'm just a planet,  
up there all alone,  
I hold trees the things that help you breathe,  
I am very poorly,  
So Stop throwing rubbish on the floor  
and look after the environment more.

*By Frankie*  
5SJ

## **Way of water**

The way of water whispers to  
Me.  
The way of water protects  
Me.  
The way of water keeps me  
calm.  
The way of water does  
No harm.

*By Jessie-May*  
5SJ

## **The Amazon forest**

The birds fly high up by the tall trees.  
Down by the crocs their scales shine in the sun,  
While the frogs leap up high in the spots of shade  
out with the bees, where the tigers roar fiercely  
When the trees are being chopped.

*By Poppy Brown*  
Year 5 St Joan of Arc

## **the lemur**

A lemur is me,  
me is a lemur  
sitting in a tall tree  
slowly but surely  
Who found a Friend  
that could never End  
Gulping Mangoes and  
other kinds of Fruits  
A happy life  
that Shall never End

*By Benjamin*  
5SJ

## **NaTure**

When people litter it is bad,  
It affects nature I am not glad,  
Cars pushing a fume,  
When spring comes flowers dont bloom,  
The trees lose their lives and they go BOOM  
When the moon is not shining the birds sing a tune.  
Tweet Tweet

*By Ruby*  
5SJ

## **The slippery snake**

A sneaky snake,  
Slithering through the bushes  
Snake with its poisonous venom  
He is very very slippery  
So just don't forget they are very quiet  
So it's a small chance of you getting away

*By Archie Essex*  
5SJ





## **The Wise oak Tree**

Wise tree  
swaying majestically,  
Stop chopping down tree and stop  
hunting endangered species and stop  
throwing rubbish in the sea and on floor,  
Put your rubbish in the bin

*By Jonny  
5SJ*

its bad to animal test on dogs, cats, and all  
animals! never animals test because its rude and  
no point doing it! If you have a pet dog keep them  
safe and if its not safe it can get tested  
On so be careful....

*By Grace Coleman  
5SJ*

## **The great big coral Reef**

Splash! lots of fish  
Swimming in the sea  
all were Different  
all were kind and  
hungry until they  
found a coral  
Reef with lots of  
food it could  
last them a  
year all the fish  
started eating  
after 2 hours  
they were all  
full! they all loved when they  
had visitors  
and they loved  
the girl she  
always said  
Never grow up!

*By Maisie Ward  
Year 5 St Joan of Arc*

Stop throwing  
rubbish because it hurts  
animals.

Put rubbish in  
the right bins such  
as recycling.

Make sure you find a  
bin that has enough  
room.

When you go out pick  
up rubbish if you can

*By Darcie,  
5SJ*

## **Monkeys, come sleep with me**

Come and swing through the vines,  
Come and climb up the trees,  
Come and run through the forest,  
Come and jump on the rocks  
Come and sleep with me!

*By Sophie Heggatt  
Year 5 St Joan of Arc*

## **My Favourite animal**

High above me, almost in the clouds,  
a long purple tongue, hanging  
straight down, slurping up  
the food from my hand and  
off it goes stomping the ground.

*By Jess  
5SJ*





Swimming makes me feel calm and relaxed that's why water is important to me. I need to stay under water for oxygen to me.

*Anon*  
*5SJ*

## Summer Day

One hot day the sun was shining brighter than ever  
flowers were blooming  
seeds were sprouting  
plants were growing

*Anon*  
*5SJ*





# ST PAUL'S C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mini beasts  
much thank you worms  
look after the soil

*By Jonah  
Hawthorn*

Big fish Blue fish  
colourful small fish  
and every other fish.

*By Otis  
Hawthorn*

## **Fish**

Sparkling, dashing fish,  
Speeding across the ocean  
How pretty she is

*By Lucy  
Hawthorn*

## **weather**

stormy nights above our head  
while we are in our bed  
what a stormy night she said

*By Lucy  
Hawthorn*

## **turtles**

You have to  
Save the turtles,  
Do not throw rubbish  
in the sea. turtles  
will live longer. And  
they will live happily.

*By Sai  
Hawthorn*





## Squirrels

Squirrels in trees  
digging up little  
acorns quickly

*By Jessica B  
Hawthorn*

## bug's

bug's  
climbing  
on  
top of  
smooth leaves

*By Jessica B  
Hawthorn*

Trees swishing through the air  
A foot ball pitch  
A river  
The sky full of clouds  
The sea full of different creatures  
lurking about  
Tigers hunting for their prey  
quietly in the  
forest

*By Isaac  
Hawthorn*

The spotty  
Leopard  
Sneaked through  
The leaves

*By Torren  
Hawthorn*

## clear Rivers

Rivers so, so clear.  
Rivers are clearer than pools.  
Rivers clearer than you think.

*By Poppy  
Hawthorn*

clear air  
Waves of Water  
the weather is thundery

*By Jasper  
Hawthorn*

## Beach

The soft, squidgy  
and warm sand.  
I like the sea because  
I like the swimming  
in it and splashing  
in it

*By Isla  
Hawthorn*

tigers  
swimming  
across  
the  
river  
and  
marsh

*By Harrison  
Hawthorn*





The  
Sun  
is  
as bright  
As  
Lightning

*By Harrison  
Hawthorn*

## Horses

horses galloping  
across the amazing sea  
like fantastic fish

*By Otilie  
Hawthorn*

Help save the Fields  
to help all of the Food  
and Help the people.

*By Sasha  
Hawthorn*

Leaves falling off the  
trees.  
Clouds blowing In the Wind.  
People going In the dark forest  
Water up and down splashing with cold water  
Sky's blowing with clouds in the sky.  
flowers starting to bloom with pretty petals  
trash on the floor people pick it up.

*By Darcey  
Hawthorn*

Clouds in the sky  
Oxygen everywhere with  
Colourful birds flying

*By Emi  
Hawthorn*

Elephant  
Is stomping to get  
Water from the  
river

*By Laurence  
Hawthorn*

## **Horse**

bucking galloping  
it's mane tossing riding in  
a race in the  
sun.

*By Florence  
Hawthorn*

Tigers are  
vicious they  
sprint like  
lightning while  
birds fly high in  
the sky.

*By Harry  
Hawthorn*

Sky clouds  
Save the turtles  
Trees Water Park Football

*Jacob  
Hawthorn*

White fluffy Clouds  
Seagulls flying  
making a terrible  
noise

*By Zak  
Hawthorn*





Protect the sea animals  
by perhaps NOT throwing  
trash in the sea Please!

*Lucas  
Hawthorn*

the rainbow parrot  
is flying across the  
darkening road and the  
parrot is fast.

*By Max  
Hawthorn*

## **The woods**

The lovely environment  
and the tall trees and nests  
all the lovely animals we can see.  
Bees sting and you fly  
your balloon pops and then  
you're in the sky.  
Birds fly and lay eggs  
and what if you did the  
same thing as them.

*By Daniel  
Hawthorn*

Parrots flying around the ocean  
Save the turtles!  
Birds flying In the sky

*Olive  
Hawthorn*

dont drop Litter  
always pick it up  
woods  
koalabear  
clouds  
air  
Pick it up litter  
Clouds  
stop  
Tiger

*By Lily  
Hawthorn*

The grass slithers through  
your feet.  
The bunnies hop around in that field.

*By Rueben  
Hawthorn*

The beautiful  
Planet Birds  
In the sky.  
Help the turtles!!!!  
Stop putting  
litter in the water  
sparkling  
lakes and  
cold  
breezes

*By Emily  
Hawthorn*

Sparkling lakes  
Shining in the  
darkness.  
trees swooshing  
about leaves falling  
on the ground.

*By Sarah  
Hawthorn*







birds flying  
beautifully  
In the sky  
Watching sharks in  
the deep blue ocean  
looking for prey.  
in the dark forest the  
wolf sees its prey  
the deer runs through  
squelchy mud.

*By Charlie  
Willow*

the swishing  
leaves are falling onto  
some cute and cruel animals  
the moon shines in  
the moon light sky  
with the stars  
there is a sloth  
hanging on a brown  
hard branch

*By Emily  
Willow*

## **Turtles**

Shimmering shells  
graceful swimmers  
eating  
seaweed  
calmly their babies  
Wandering to the  
Sea getting ready  
to take their  
first swim

*By Annika H  
Willow*

the scary sloppy fish  
jumps up and down  
Whooshing with the  
waves all day long

*By Luca  
Willow*

The cute hard shell turtle  
shimmering on the bottom of  
the dark blue sea carefully

*By Oscar  
Willow*

Sea crashing waves  
people swimming fast  
the big beautiful  
blue ocean

*By Rosie  
Willow*

cuddly and cute  
the sloth is slowly  
clawing the tall tree  
in the jungle nearly  
falling asleep but the  
bird doesn't let him

*By Olivia  
Willow*

Speedy Sharks  
Chasing their  
Prey swimming  
Fast and people  
splashing in the sea.

*By Brody  
Willow*

Swimming so so fast away  
from a mad shark

*By Kaydon  
Willow*





ants quickly running  
in the ground  
getting away  
from the water  
Swishing with  
Sea creatures

*By Matisse  
Willow*

leaves  
Jungle fish  
dolphin see  
rubbish plastic  
wrong place  
A cute cat so soft as dust  
little fish swimming around the  
ocean looking for its dinner.  
cute cat soft and pussy and  
It likes chasing mice.  
lovely dog nice to play  
with but not nice to eat with  
or he will get you with his  
nice sharp paws.

*By Carey Bailey  
Willow*

little bear splashing in the lake little bear  
eating lots of berries little bear lives in hedges  
little bear is tired night little bear

*By Cleo  
Willow*

Oil sad Fish  
DeaTh Trees  
Leaves Bumpy  
Bark

*By Jude  
Willow*

## turtles

Hiding in the sea  
From scary octopus in case  
they squirt them and eat them

*By Henry  
Willow*

grey  
dolphins  
swimming  
cute turtles swimming  
Sharks  
speeding  
fast  
to  
eat  
their  
prey

*By Summer  
Willow*

cheetahs fast running  
around  
woosh off they go  
kicking the dirt into  
your face  
big fishes swimming  
slowly  
jump out of  
the water  
diving back in the water  
Splash!

*By Thomas  
Willow*





delicious salmon  
running from  
The nets  
agitated  
for its life

*By James  
Willow*

little clownfish swimming  
round in circles he Looks  
down sees a plastic bottle  
he Was interested he wants  
to swim down but he  
but he was not allowed  
to he started to  
swim away back  
to his home and  
goes to sleep.

*By Athena Ray  
Willow*

turtles swishing around speeding  
never stopping while  
sharks trying to  
catch  
them also the turtles eating eating  
eating. Baby turtles going to  
their mum in the shell shell shell

*By Freyja  
Willow*

diving dolphin  
splashing in the  
deep blue sea  
big fluffy clouds  
In the big blue  
sky

*By Ivy  
Willow*

animal cute  
sea horse lying Down  
Shining moon light  
Sun

*By Eva  
Willow*

cuddly cat about  
to go to bed he looked  
at the bright stars he  
thought about a star  
shining in the moon light

*By Grace  
Willow*

Dont throw rubbish  
animals will eat it  
then they will die!  
Lion kills fox  
Lion eats fox  
Lion loves fox!  
People swimming in the sea  
sharks swimming around for prey  
fish swimming in the deep  
blue sea!

*By Joseph  
Willow*

Turtles crawling  
through stones  
on the ocean Floor  
and sharks  
eating food  
Green and orange  
Fish swimming  
in the big  
Ocean

*By Edward  
Willow*





Tiger looks at a deer  
Tiger Kills deer  
Tiger eats deer then sleeps zzzzzz  
What a great day

*By Zen  
Willow*

Sharks bowling  
through the ocean the  
gorgeous sky above us  
long slivering in the jungle  
Vines hanging monkeys  
Swinging tiny ants crawling  
Into their Home

*By Rhys  
Willow*

# LEATHERHEAD TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

parrots are beautiful blue,yellow  
,red, rarely green feathers on their  
body parrots long feathers make  
them fly while the tiny ones  
are warmth for the bird

*By Ava  
Osprey*

## Save the Sea

Swimming in the sea as calm as it  
can be but as beautiful as it can be there's  
a secret you can't see, rubbish and  
other types of things are thrown  
in the ocean for sea animals  
to eat, but by picking up litter we  
can help the sea, by picking  
up bottles or other things  
can save the planet  
and the sea,  
this is a message  
to save the  
sea...

*By Jasmine  
Osprey*

## nature

leaves falling away from  
from trees.  
Grass hoppers  
Wandering towards the trees.  
Birds flying across  
the sky watching  
Others Down below.  
Ducks talking to each  
Other about the Lovely  
Birds flying above .....

*By Demi Harding  
Osprey*







## THE ANIMALS

FISH FROLIC FREELY  
FALCONS FLY  
FEARLESSLY  
AND FOXES MOVE  
AS FAST AS  
THE FLASH!  
Our animals  
are amazing.

*By Harry M  
Osprey*

## FLY

Good colours un-like  
Others. The cheeky mothers  
bad runners

*Jordan  
Osprey*

Pigeons are very cool  
I want to give them a hug  
Pigeons are very cool  
Pigeons are very silly  
I want to give them a home  
Pigeons are very silly

*By Dylan England  
Osprey*

Sliding seals that swim ice sliding creatures  
Speedy fish snatchers  
Sneaky snatchers

*Christopher  
Osprey*

## **SNAKE**

venomous creature  
slithering powerful snake  
sharp fangs slitherer  
through long waves of grass.

*By Carson Lo  
Osprey  
Thanks for reading bye!!!!*

Sparkling  
spray made  
from wobbly  
waves. Fish fly  
dolphins dive under  
shimmery sun.

*By Stanley  
Osprey*

## **glamping**

fresh long grass  
special new grass, dry  
nice green grass  
annoying ticks, and grass-  
Hoppers. ants and red ants

*By Lenny  
Osprey*

## **Tigers**

tigers are very vicious  
they're fast as cheetahs  
they can also very  
be still and  
they camouflage  
Into the  
Bushes

*By Tom Fitzgerald  
Osprey*





Sea weed ship  
Smooth sand  
ancient ship new ship treasure ship  
destroys the ship decomposes

*By Harry Saunderson  
Osprey*

frogs are jumpy  
they're very cold and slimy  
they're broken and lumpy.

*By Silver  
Osprey*

## **The Rubbish**

Do not  
Throw it on The Floor  
You can always can speak  
To god The animals Like  
Frogs are all Different  
in colour in different  
country frogs are very slimy  
and cats and Dogs I have  
A Dog I love my Dog animals  
and kangaroo Dolphins insects  
worms slugs if you ever kill a animals But  
If you are scared of a  
Worm or a slugs a  
Tigers or even wolves

*By Tia  
Osprey*

mountain lion  
leaps and pounces  
Hunter for life  
Vicious creature  
King and queen of the mountain  
thank you for reading  
my poem

*Harry Duarte  
Osprey*

Under the big blue  
Ocean lives a big blue  
Whale which moves up down  
Left right

*By Alex Wallis  
Osprey*

The cold Dark waves, the icebergs melt,  
green house gasses, Fire spreading, dirty  
cans litter, big dolphins diving, angry  
horses kicking, tigers are vicious they sprint  
as Fast lightning they're horrifying, a beautiful bird Found high up in the tree tops  
eating many fruits.

*By Junior Stockley.  
Osprey*

Relaxing  
sunny beaches  
On the beautiful  
Sun set  
blows away as  
soon as  
the glistening  
White moon  
comes out

*By Tommy Carroll  
Osprey*

## **Sea**

Shivering clear waves  
Sparkling calming seahorse  
bubbles sun rising above

*By Esmay  
Osprey*





nature is very big  
there is a jungle  
Jungle with trees  
trees with fungi  
trees with monkeys  
nests with baby  
ospreys in them

*By Khalid Myers Khan  
Osprey*

warm but unfriendly  
sometimes hissing sometimes purring  
Pounces when it sees a mouse

*By Penny  
Osprey*

## **puppies**

hungry puppies  
long grass  
soft bedding  
fresh water  
The puppies love going on walks  
off the puppies go

*By Katie  
Eagle*

## **The hungry horse**

the horse loves to eat  
the horse loves to run  
the horse goes clippity clop  
Now it's time to have some fun

*By Fleur Hutchinson  
Eagle*

## **Jungle**

terrified tiger  
meat cruncher  
tree hider  
Elegant eagle  
Noble eagle

*By Amriel  
Eagle*

Beautiful turquoise rivers  
Bouncing off the walls  
Robins graciously singing  
Ducks quacking along

*By Harley  
Eagle*

splashy waves, fish in  
the sea, rubbish and plastic  
litter floating in the distance,  
poor ocean and turtles swimming  
under us and they are eating it up.

*By Gavin Bathan  
Eagle*

A dove chirps  
a lovely song  
Animals bring life  
to the Earth  
Happiness flows  
everywhere!

*By Ava Wait  
Eagle*

Majestic Crystal clear Ocean.  
Animal sounds, heard, from a far distance.  
Trees Trembling from the far distance

*By Abel  
Eagle*

## **The earth**

The blue sea  
is beautiful so,  
fresh and deep,  
The trees follow,  
the breeze, The  
Lions are fierce,  
the snakes are  
slithering and the  
vultures are vicious

*By Kameela  
Eagle*





The snail is SO SO long going.  
So look snail long eyes for me  
is my favoured ANIMAL.  
Look shell is looking a SCARED.

*By Yeva Hartsuiva*  
*Eagle*

## **The Tigers**

The Tigers are  
pretty and  
funny. I love The  
small Tigers.  
The Tigers are scared.

*By Mariia*  
*Eagle*

## **The Horse**

The Horse runs. the horse runs  
in the fresh flowery fields. after  
a while he's tired, and even though  
it's strong now it's time to sleep.

*By Madison de Carvalho*  
*Eagle*

The ocean The sand is wet  
and dry and The water  
is very salty it splashes on  
The rocks

*By Abbie*  
*Eagle*

## **Under the ocean**

You can float in the sea  
scaly fish finding food  
Vicious Megalodon being rude  
Crystal clear sea  
Vast Bloop finding something to eat  
Deadly shark eating meat

*By Luvaniel*  
*Eagle*

## The Earth

the earth blue and green  
very very kind the earth very keen  
another hard to find. Beautiful blue river  
forests all around with a little beaver  
standing on the ground. Very tall mountains  
with natural fountains. With elegant eagles  
out hear our trash is illegal. earth is beautiful  
that we know and how it works is like a show

*By Amila  
Eagle*

## Ocean Fish

Ocean fish  
Ocean fish  
Gliding through the sea  
Joyfully  
Jumping about  
Eating little birds  
Especially sea gulls  
The pet of mother nature  
The predator of the sea.  
what am I?

*By Jack David Richard Joyce  
Eagle*

## Spiky hedgehog

forest dwellers  
little smellers  
leaf rustlers  
spiky hunters  
day sleepers  
nocturnal hunters

*By Isabelle  
Eagle*







## The Ocean

Megalodon looking high  
bloop, salty, The ocean makes me feel cool,  
The ocean makes me feel relaxing, The ocean see's me  
swimming,  
The ocean feels cool, The ocean feel's cool, The waves, the  
waves  
Sounds like a forest  
hopeful to the world  
PASSION

*By Thaksmiga  
Eagle*

## The calling monkey

The quick over the tree are clouds  
under The sea are shark and fish  
over the sea are volleyballs and stuff

*By Ollie  
Eagle*

slimy seaweed  
silky sand  
Wonderful waves  
and  
Feet in sand  
floating fish  
floating in the sea  
and  
wonderful waves trying to knock me

*By Honey Ovens  
Eagle*

## Nature

trees for squirrels  
and messy monkeys too  
don't forget the sloths  
birds in the canopy  
tall green grass below  
beautiful flowers  
blooming

*By Zack  
Eagle*

## The beautiful sea

Hungry Horse  
Black Panther  
Terrifying Tiger  
Slow Tiny Turtle  
Horrorfying Shark

*By Vare Bayar  
Eagle*

people should  
take care of the earth.  
the earth lived more than  
millions of years. we need to  
clean the earth

*By Samil  
Eagle*

## Rainforest

cheetahs are devious  
They are faster than being timetravelled  
They are petrifying  
They have sharp teeth

*By Anibeth  
Eagle*





## THE GREVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the seashore,  
there is life  
then go to the deep  
there will be some sealife.  
Dancing in the seabed,  
partying in the sand,  
then a fish called Fred  
Had hit his head!

*By Keegan Thompson*  
5A

### **Beaches**

A carpet of sand  
and the whistle of the wind  
running through the waves

*By Benjamin Hamilton*  
5A

### **Birds of Prey**

Flying high  
birds of prey  
hunt through the night  
hunt through the day  
lots of blood in the trees  
hawks falcons eagles too  
they don't care what they do  
they Just want some  
Food! Food!  
FOOD!

*By George Pearson*  
5A

## Ocean

The ocean is a home to hundreds and thousands of animals  
big and small creatures live there  
dolphins swim happily fish swim along the sea bed  
sharks hunt their morning prey but people pollute  
the ocean 1 bit of litter endangers every species  
first families then species  
litter kills the biggest of whales and the smallest  
of shrimps dont pollute the ocean  
litter will kill our ocean

*By Keira*  
5A

## Nature

Swaying trees  
in the breeze,  
Scattering leaves  
and bumble bees  
Love the fruit  
the cherries  
the berries  
berries blue  
cherries red  
eat them all  
or don't get  
fed  
can't you hear  
the little deer  
and the insect  
don't you fear  
Habitat  
logs and that  
It's all at fate  
so don't hate  
the nat-ure

*By Clayton M.C*  
5A





## BEACHES!

On one hot summers day,  
just imagine if the King and Queen  
came to stay here, would they be happy  
with the garbage on the pier?  
Or would they be sad and feel  
So blue, so come on what can we do?  
We could clean up the sea  
so no more litter. So come on people  
let's make our ocean prettier!  
So when the King and Queen  
come to spend all day on the  
beach, they just want to  
see sand so no more bleach  
and maybe some litter picking  
will do, and yes I am talking  
to you too!

*By Elsie Alexander*

5A

At the edge of the forest the sun is bright,  
the river flows calmly while the birds sing,  
all the trees are thriving with nature's miracles  
into the forest it is shady and cool,  
among the bushes the foal sleeps,  
While the foal sleeps the birds swoop and dive  
the water will always flow into the lake

*By Joshua Wildman*

5A

Nature is the planets key  
A planet of love  
To the smallest bees to the stompy elephant  
Under the trees roots burrows lie  
Rain trickles down the emerald green leaves  
Eggs lie in the tops of tropical forest trees

*By Sarah Prior*

5A

## The pollution solution

Sandy shores that we can protect  
just a bit of effort and we can stay  
become a tree hugger so we can let  
all the endangered animals come back again  
In all the factories stop making this stuff,  
think of all the ice caps melting so quickly,  
never use all the animals hair from your best coats fluff  
everything in the rivers are so sickly,  
So what can we do you might ask?  
become a litter picker that's a good job,  
try not to use your car to act just like the past,  
because everything on this world matters so act fast dont s  
This planet needs protecting and little things will d  
Job

*By Caitlin Willis*  
5A

## Pollution

Pollution pollution we hate you  
Let's have a healthy planet  
Bin the cigarettes or take them with you  
Don't put dirty plastic bottles in our rivers  
why? Because if we have dirty water the fish  
will  
die!

*By Harry Matthews*  
5A





## Animals

Flying gracefully  
birds of paradise soar  
the walking birds faster than the wind  
while some other birds eat some more  
Thud thud thud like thunder  
Crunch crunch crunch like twigs  
the giant panda walks with the wind  
Tiger tiger tiger  
just about to leap  
leaps with the force of the wind  
ready to Eat.

*By Machaela Pasada*  
5A

## Ocean

Salty seas rubbish  
and gas killing the planet  
we need more green grass  
shimmering ocean  
rock pillars and sandy shores  
keep our waters clean

*By Jack Cholerton*  
5A

Shooting to the sun  
vines wind petals flowering  
life has just begun

*By Lily Gatland-Parkinson*  
5A

icy water colder than winter  
creatures from the ice  
wolves and foxes hunting for food  
things lost in the snow

*By Isla Pidgeon*  
5A

the relaxing waves  
my adventure for the sea  
is into a cave  
I feel the freedom of me  
the sparkling water is the shimmer of sun  
this is my peaceful world  
I have my hair tied into a bun  
and the blueness is bold

*By Bethany Todd*  
5A

Nature is our World  
Anything is possible  
To the tallest trees to the smallest creature  
Under the soil small saplings rise  
Raindrops drop lightly from the clouds  
Elegant birds soar over the tropical forest

*By Ellie Stamp*  
5A

Please stop  
smoking please  
littering because  
We need air And  
don't cut down  
the trees because  
we need air

*By Fahod*  
5A

## **dolphins**

Are the colour of the deep blue sea  
they flap around and and make cool shapes  
they flap their fins to help them swim  
they're magical as they jump through the air

*By Courtney-Lyn*  
5A







## **A Bears warning**

Stop global warming  
Now thats a warning  
Help save the polar bears  
By keeping all seas clear

*By Rose Pawson*  
5A

Polluting the air is bad for  
the environment to help the planet  
We could stop cutting down trees  
and to stop smoking stop throwing  
litter in the ocean and to stop killing  
our animals look after your planet

*By Edward*  
5A

Roses  
Are red, violets  
are alive, grass is green  
trees are too  
this is why nature is  
awesome

*By George*  
5A

## **A USA Warning**

Burning  
down the  
Amazon  
Napalm is  
dropped  
by B52  
bombers  
flamethrower  
burning down the  
Amazon  
White phosphorus  
shells creating  
sparks  
USA + UK  
Bomb the  
Amazon

*By Tino*  
5A

Clear water, blue sky  
nice beach huts, soothing bright sand  
monstrous dark waves

*By Joshua Hosmeyr*  
5A

## **Bob the builder**

people  
Littering everywhere  
Cars killing the air  
plastic killing  
the animals

*By Hatmann*  
5A

## **NATURE**

The leaves in the cold breeze  
The little bumblebees in the trees  
The little deer can't you hear  
The little animals don't you fear  
Berries are blue  
Cherries are red  
eat it or you won't be fed

*By Joseph S*  
5A

## **Beaches**

sandy waves were crashing  
against the salty sandy  
shore - the navy blue water

*By Teddy Hoye*  
5A





trees are very important  
habitats are good for animals use when they  
need  
now flowers begin to bloom  
and begin brand new life is starting

*By Louis garwood*  
5A

Me and my sister in the sea  
Crashing waves seaweed on our feets  
While my parents relax at shore  
My dog is hungry for more  
As we see a whale in the distance  
Cod, salmon and sea bass appear with more fish  
As our trip comes to an end  
The sun starts to go to bed

*By Mylo*  
5A

## **water plants green trees**

cutting killing plants making them no air  
making no food and making no home

*By Chris Chacko*  
5A

Habitats  
From under the sea  
to the trees very  
high  
down on the ground  
where the danger is  
the big cats roam  
the prey must hit the road  
Habitats  
While danger happens  
where the peace is  
the birds flying  
the fish swimming  
to the jaguars hiding  
some habitats are calm  
some are horrid  
but we have a job  
to keep it cool

*By Eddie Jackson*  
5A

Clouds puffy,  
    Stars bright,  
        What do I see tonight?  
Flying high,  
    Flying low,  
        What is in the world below?  
Destroyed world,  
    Destroyed sea,  
        What can this mean for me?

*By Henry  
4sf*

## **Nature**

Nature can be beautiful  
and messy  
it can also be a place to relax.  
Nature is all around us  
left and right  
forward and backwards.  
we all Love nature.

*By Harriet Powell  
4sf*

The white snow falling to the  
earth ,you go to different countries  
and it gets too hot so I want to go back  
home come on I want to go back home.

*By Zack  
4sf*

## **Beaches**

sand twinkling in the sun  
foam dissolving into cold blue ocean  
shells wooshing up onto land  
smooth shiny stones  
calm soothing waves  
beaches are the places to be

*By Astrid  
4sf*





## Our Earth

As the ocean rolls across the world  
the dangers roll with it.  
As the vast luscious grass waves from side to side  
the mini-beasts will cling on for dear life  
The world is in danger of cutting down trees and  
car gases/petrol.  
The blue sky makes you calm  
with the big puffy clouds  
covering the sun from our view  
but when the night rolls along  
the moon and the stars come with it  
and the air gets cooler

*By Mia van der Linder  
4sf*

## Water

Water is always wet  
Everyone will get  
That why would you ever try  
to get water thats dry  
dont pollute water  
Otherwise you'll slaughter  
All the amazing animals in the sea

*Anon  
4sf*

This animal can go up high or down below  
they're mostly found in central South  
America  
they're as slow as a slug or snail (on land)  
but Fast in the water  
they're always brown  
What am I?  
If you said  
Sloth you're correct

*By Max Nicholson  
4sf*

## **nature:**

nature is beauty  
beauty can be amazing  
butterflies are nature  
and so are other animals  
so respect nature  
and everything  
and anything in it

*By Riley B  
4sf*

## **Rainbow**

red as your blood  
orange as the sun  
yellow as gold honey  
green as healthy grass  
blue as thrashing  
waves  
purple as a purple orchid  
Pink as bubblegum

*By Isia W  
4sf*

## **Ocean**

The ocean can have dangers  
It can kill animals  
But it can be fun  
also sad  
and people will always play  
But animals will always lay beneath the seabed

*By Cillian  
4sf*

Tigers are beautiful  
They are as fast as a blink  
They are cute  
I won't allow you to destroy my  
WORLD

*By Ava  
4sf*





## Haiku

My hot air balloon  
in the sky floating around  
getting closer to the sun  
It's getting hotter the closer we go to the sun. It's too hot. Aaaaah.

*By Harvey*  
4sf

The planet is a wonderful place  
full of trees animals humans and plants  
save our world our world is special it means so much  
if we didnt have this we wouldnt be existing we  
need to look after this world is special

*By Billy Gore*  
4sf

## butterfly

the beautiful butterfly  
sits on your fingers  
gently flaps its delicate wings happily

*By Holly T*  
4sf

## RUBBISH

When I look at  
the beautiful sky  
I feel smoothing and calm  
but when I look at litter  
I feel like a raging frustrated  
bull  
I want to teleport to the person  
who threw the rubbish  
and ask why they threw  
the rubbish. after I feel sad  
And lonely

*By Sophia Packer*  
4sf

Stop cutting  
down trees  
I want to breath  
stop littering  
I want to look outside  
and not see a mess  
stop eating animals,  
they deserve to live.

*By Max R  
4sf*

## **our rubbish world**

Rubbish can be cans or food  
Rubbish can be dirty or ripped  
Rubbish can be harmful to nature  
Rubbish can be dangerous to animals  
We should not litter  
or our world will be a mess  
and rubbish,  
our world does not deserve this.

*By Charlie  
4sf*

## **pollution**

plastic is the  
enemy  
the first piece  
of plastic here on earth  
crumbling into pieces staying  
in your life forever  
turn your lights off  
to save the earth's  
energy

*By Lara  
4sf*







## Pollution

The ocean is home to lots of animals  
there are animals like fish,  
eels, sea urchin and lots of other  
fish, but the pollution is destroying the  
animals home. So get up, stop being lazy and start litterpicking!  
So then the animals would have homes again!  
So don't litter and smoking would be forbidden  
or our world would be a mess.

*By Nina Torros*

*4sf*

In the ocean In the sky  
both have blue both have  
animals they're very similar  
just on opposite sides. in the ocean  
in the sky  
Brown and green everywhere guess  
what that is nature, trees weeds  
flowers and animals brown and  
green that is nature

*By Emmeline*

*4sf*

## SEA

The sea is alike  
sometimes it is angry  
sometimes it is calm  
If you litter in the sea  
Its creatures will die  
If the fish could talk they would say  
why are you destroying your own planet  
just keep in mind  
the sea is a part of your own  
so don't destroy it

*Anon*

*4sf*

## Ocean

The sea has whales and sharks  
with coral reefs and clear huge  
waves

The ocean is the animal's home  
With lots of Fish and in the  
water there are 1335,000,000 cubic  
kilometres in the ocean

*By James*

## monkeys

monkeys are scared  
monkeys are fast  
you see them everywhere

*By Noah*  
*4sf*

## Snakes

snakes are calm  
snakes are angry  
snakes are after you

*By Noah*  
*4sf*

## Sea

The sea is fresh and  
and blue but you  
are ruining the fish's  
homes so STOP NOW  
and save our planet

*By Louis Thorden Kearney*  
*4sf*





## **nature**

we need nature  
because we need trees  
so stop cutting down trees  
because you are destroying  
birds homes so stop now  
To save our animals

*By Louis Thorden Kearney  
4sf*

## **The planet**

Some animals are becoming  
extinct because we're not  
looking after the environment  
people are littering we need  
to try and stop them. The animals  
need our help!

*By Elliot Brockie-Dunlop  
4sf*

## **The ocean**

The ocean in the ocean  
Has coral/starfish and they are  
colourful. some oceans are a bit  
small/fresh.

Ocean  
crabs  
eels  
a whales  
narwhals

*By Iliana Lebret  
4sf*

## Rainy day

Rain is wet rain is soggy  
when theres rain you  
wear your wellies

*By Lola*  
4sf

## Saving sea animals

there are lots of animals  
in the sea  
Octopus  
crab  
eels  
angel Fish  
narwhal

*By Beatrice*  
4sf

## Our beautiful nature

nature is beautiful  
nature is peaceful  
nature is useful  
nature is amazing  
nature is cute  
nature is the best!

*By Kamil Kubik*  
4sf

In the ocean there  
are lots of sea creatures  
both big and small  
All different creatures  
and all different colours  
At night you can see  
all sorts of amazing  
things  
The moon and the stars  
they even twinkle at night

*By Eleanor Dart*  
4sf





## ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Peaceful salty sea,  
The waves would clash against the land,  
The sea would always be crystal clear,  
All of the sea life lived in harmony,  
No danger, only harmony and peace,  
Until the pollution came and polluted the sea,  
Soon enough the sea life started to die,  
Some started to eat each other to survive,  
Then it stopped, the sea life would live,  
In harmony again,  
Peaceful salty sea.

*By Charlie C  
Year 6*

Scared seahorse!  
Every sea creature swimming away in fear.  
Afraid seahorse!  
Health getting worse.  
Oh no, seahorse!  
Rushing as fast as he could.  
Safe seahorse.  
End of pollution.

*By Ripley  
Year 6*

### **Save our world!**

Pollution damaging the Earth, with its sinister factories and smoke.  
Our world is slowly dying and you think it's just a joke.  
Look at the littered ocean, all full of rubbish and plastic  
But you throw your garbage in the sea, not caring  
and being sarcastic  
This is truly evil, you're harming our home that we live in.  
But we can change this! Save our world before it's  
Too late!

*By Thonglei  
Year 6*

Soothing skies sapphire sea  
calming ocean peaceful  
and happy  
The wind in my hair  
the sand on my feet  
BUT!  
everything changed  
Sad skies loud ocean  
dirt in the tide

*By Sienna  
Year 6*

## **Our planet**

Our planet big and round  
full of nature and  
animals , full of  
tall trees with branches  
that touch the clouds  
and oceans  
that splash about full of  
creatures and animals  
we need to protect  
it now

*By Layla  
Year 6*

## **Our Planet**

This is our planet.  
This is our world.  
It's not just US.  
It's also plant's  
and animals.  
This is our planet.  
This is our world.

*By Rizwana  
Year 6*





## The fish

The fish swim every  
Where and all day and all  
night Shimmer and shine in the  
water. we need to clean up, it is now  
or never to fix our beautiful  
water NOW!

*By Lily*  
*Year 6*

Oceans polluted by rubbish  
Crystal clear water is no more  
Fish getting caught and eaten  
Turtles slowly descending  
Coral reefs slowly being destroyed

*By Khyla*  
*Year 6*

Plastic in the deep, dark, blue oceans,  
rubbish spread across the streets like wildfire.  
Toxic gases were fired up into the sky  
the tall towering trees slowly turned  
charcoal black and the ocean overfilled  
with the rubbish people were tipping into  
the ocean.

*By Rouguiata*  
*Year 6*

## Our Big World

The world is our world  
to protect. Industrial  
Revolution ruined  
our world  
now  
it's  
time  
to clean it  
up.

*By Manny*  
*Year 6*

picture being in the glassy ocean, beautiful fish  
all around you and you can see the coral  
Swaying in the waves  
You can hear the waves crashing  
against the sandy beach.

*By Alfie*  
*Year 6*

Sapphire-blue skies, sandy beaches and  
shiny seas glistening over the bright sun  
is like a dream floating above everyone's heads  
in a giant bubble of imagination.

*By Frankie Stone*  
*Year 6*

## **Sandy sea**

Sandy sea full of  
rubbish.  
Sandy sea...the only thing you  
need to be.  
trees flow leaves blow.  
leaves flow in the breeze.  
Rain come down from the sky  
and ripples the water.

*By Willow*  
*Year 6*

## **A white bunny**

The white bunny jumping  
up and down.  
Through the beautiful  
bright green land  
The bunny find something  
special  
It was a pretty and beautiful  
bright red rose.

*By Phoebe*  
*Year 6*







## The smelly mouse

I wish  
I had a house  
I wish  
I was a mouse  
I wish  
I had a smelly house  
I wish  
I was a mouse  
I wish  
I had some cheese  
I wish  
I had some cheese  
I wish  
The world was like  
my house  
I wish  
the world  
was like my house

*By Livi  
Year 6*

plastic scattered  
Water covered  
animals suffering  
home's ruined, no hope is left  
Whenever there will be help.

*By Arehie  
Year 6*

Rivers that flow,  
Mountains that grow,  
People that mow,  
the world will change  
as life thrives.

*By Ava  
Year 6*

## **Pollution**

Death and pollution  
changes and Nature  
as we grow up  
our lungs are going black  
we are dying  
this is NOT  
fair put a stop  
to this disaster's  
NOW!!

*By Dimitri  
Year 6*

## **Big Black Tree**

Big Black Tree  
Disgusting Dirty smogged Doom  
Big trash Boom  
something's killing us  
whom?

*By Christian  
Year 6*

Just imagine you are on a sandy yellow beach  
crabs and turtles scuttling around your feet  
Watching the sparkling sea go by  
dolphins jumping as high  
as the baby blue sky

*By Jamie  
Year 6*

## **White Daisy**

Swaying white daisy  
dancing in the wind  
petals white  
as a fluffy cloud  
prancing with  
its field of fun

*By Leia  
Year 6*





## **The Fish**

The Fish swim day  
And Night and eat sweetcorn  
and go in Little corners and we  
need to clean up the water

*By Harry  
Year 6*

## **One loving bird**

A loving bird,  
In the treetops  
eating many fruit's  
in the wind.

*By Melissa  
Year 6*

## **Fish**

Fish  
all in different colours  
scared of pollution  
long live the fish

*By Chloe K  
Year 6*

## **BEACHES**

Clear blue waves  
crashes the bay  
pale spotted sand  
emerald green turtles  
run across the sea  
shore.

*By Mia  
Year 6*

## Boo!

it's halloween  
everybody  
say  
BOO!

*By Frankie Saunders  
Year 6*

## Butterflies

I flutter and fly  
I dive and glide  
I have wonderful  
Wings that are as  
Wonderful as a  
rainbow with a  
Pot of gold at  
the end

*By Hollie  
Year 6*

Oceans swiftd nearby the peaceful beach.  
Trees waved by.  
Mysterious sea creatures swam in the crystal clear ocean.  
The sandy sugary sand floated up to the sky.  
Pollution floated down to the bottom of the sea.

*By Isabella  
Year 6*

Factorys filled of  
SMOG are  
Horrible to cause lots  
of people to die that  
is bad.

*From Rocco  
Year 6*





## The rainbows

red is the colour  
of poppy sprouting  
in spring. orange  
is the colour of  
ripe oranges. Yellow  
is the colour of  
golden sand on  
the beaches.

Green is the colour  
of a new leaf  
in the sun. blue  
is the colour of  
waves calmly  
crashing on  
the sandy shores.

Purple is the  
colour of grapes  
freshly made in a  
fruit salad

*By Sumatay  
Year 4*

Beautiful waves  
are as shiny as  
a diamond crystal  
Let's not litter so  
we can keep it  
up

*By Reggy  
Year 3*

The wavy waves are  
glistening blue,  
let's keep the water cleared  
let's keep the animals safe,  
let's save the sea.

*By Willow Hill  
Year 4*

Don't litter in the  
sea because it  
hurts the sea creatures  
The waves are  
beautiful, they bubble  
up to the shore.  
They put sand in your  
Toes. We must save the sea!

*By Bethany  
Year 3*

The sea waves put sand  
between our toes. Splash! the waves  
crash on the sandy beach. suddenly  
the tide went out

*By Jake Booker  
Year 3*

## **The environment**

Waves crashing  
swimming in your  
Pool. splish splash.  
birds chirping. Litter  
blowing in the wind  
people catching the  
litter and throwing  
it in the bin

*By Chelsea  
Year 4*

## **Green Grass**

the grass is waving  
as the trees are blowing  
woodlice walking on smooth  
calm grass, spiders making  
web in the brown bark,  
bees at flowers working.

*By Christopher  
Year 4*





Galloping, galloping around the field  
the horse feels free  
I'm smiling and filled with happiness  
what else amazing could happen to me

*By Poppy-Rose May Spickett  
Year 4*

## **Ocean and Beach**

the ocean splashing  
and crashing together,  
the water splattering  
over our body and sand going in the  
middle of our toes,  
and don't forget to  
not litter in the  
sea it will  
hurt the sea  
creatures and other things  
and animals,  
protect the sea

*Anon  
Year 4*

## **Beach**

tropical paradise await you  
but plastic ruins it all  
with nuclear chemicals ruining  
our world.

*By Keyann  
Year 4*

## **The beach**

The sea was crashing  
against the big shiny  
rocks.  
The sandy soggy beach  
swimming in the sea like  
you never seen before

*By Isabelle  
Year 4*

Tigers, Tigers, come to me  
Tigers you fill my eyes  
with a ball of fire  
I know you are black, and I know  
you are fierce, there is no,  
there is no reason why  
you cant come here.

*By Georgie  
Year 4*

## **Worms**

they are slimy slow worms  
they look after the planet  
Worms live under ground

*By Freddie  
Year 3*

## **miaow**

naughty cat you  
scratched my shirt  
I love you cat  
miaow miaow  
miaow miaow

*By Charlotte  
Year 3*

## **The Beach**

That Beach  
Sand  
water  
The waves  
Tropical sand  
The hot sun  
Relaxing

*By Josh  
Year 3*







sandy soggy beach  
Swimming in the sea  
like you never seen before  
rocky too  
sea waving  
the sea was crashing

*By Chase*  
*Year 3*

onions grow in the  
ground and when  
i cut them i cry

*By Ronnie*  
*Year 3*

our wonderful  
wild life homes are  
getting destroyed because  
you're chopping down their  
homes

*By Bobby*  
*Year 3*

## **The sea**

the sea is a sapphire  
the sand is gold as glee  
nature is emerald green  
i am free you are  
free we are free  
everything is  
free I am free

*By Alexander*  
*Year 4*

i hope the animals  
dont eat the  
rubbish

*By Roxanne Edmondson*  
*Year 3*

swish splash  
crashes  
against the  
beach  
animals and fishes  
litter

*By Jayden*  
*Year 3*

our planet needs us  
we must protect our planet  
the animals  
we must protect the sea  
lets come together  
and do this

*By Laurence*  
*Year 3*

in the mud are  
lots of worms  
in the jungle are  
lots of slugs

*By Freddie Coombe*  
*Year 3*

Nature is fantastic  
animals are great no animals  
no food because chickens  
give us eggs for sweet  
treats

*By Harriet*  
*Year 3*

pollution smells nice  
the smell of a dirty sock  
and a lavish feel  
on the rock solid solid rock or grass

*By Victor*  
*Year 4*





## POEMS BY LOCAL WRITERS

These poems are a response to a provocation by Damn Cheek and many of them were hung on the tree outside the Quaker Meeting House. The writers are mainly members of Mole Valley writing groups and in each case copyright is retained by the writer.

### **And the Wrens would not Stop Singing**

for all the wanting and the grasping,  
blasting of the horns, the fetid air,  
rumbling of the bulldozers;  
for all the treeless gardens,  
silence of the nightingale and lark;  
for all the buzzing of the phones,  
the hurrying, the restless questioning;  
for all the tit for tat, the warring factions;  
they sang unseen among the leaves,  
flickered in the briars  
and though we had no time  
to pause and wonder  
and though the traffic hurtled by,  
from every roadside, ditch  
and thicket in the land, they wove  
their rhapsody of hope.

*Elizabeth Barton  
commended in the Elmbridge Literary Competition, 2021*

## milieu & meadow

a meadow like paradise, with butterflies – tulip-blue – almost subliminal: I am here with the earth: these long grasses are ruffled by the breeze: this is spring, and the sun wraps me in light and dream and abundance: here in these grasses – the creation of light: moments, days, years: for centuries I have longed for this, and like a blue butterfly I am floating on time, and turning into the wind and the leaves and the flowers of the sun: this is wonder: this is the land: and it is the world and the whisper of wild-flower, and the sound of a bee in the genesis of honey: these now are more than words – they are meadows and birds and butterflies and breeze: they are the reality of dreams:

its blue wings  
forged  
in the blue flame of the centuries  
a butterfly becomes its own dream  
of fire

*A A Marcoff*

white egret  
the silent elegance  
of the incoming tide

following the tractor  
seagulls wheel and whirl  
up the hill into cloud

evening rain  
a song thrush  
circles the same refrain

*Sue Beckwith*  
*published Time Haiku February 2022*





## From the book

of revelation in the moment I speak out in the beginning word - without word,  
robin, violet, snail - so where would gleam of syrinx, petal , tentacle out of spiral  
strike ...

a scrap of paper

dropped

feather frost-sparkled

## Forever beyond

Footsteps from the landmark church spire a grassblade flickers. No word adequate.  
Just a name label. Adonis famed for his beauty. Not pinned for inspection but  
poised in a quiver at point of a pencil. Echo of a poem I learned at school. What's  
heaven for? To exceed man's grasp.

wings in sky

sky in wings

blue butterfly

*Diana Webb*

receding flood

flags of plastic bags

hang limply on twigs

*Mark Boor*

## **don't call me butterfly**

I am but a passing wisp  
I flit and flutter manically  
for I am dying  
within days of unfurling  
I am ethereal because I am  
poets labour to romanticise my beauty  
but what about my pain  
my fluttering's are not joyful  
they are all I have  
I flit and flutter manically  
I am but a passing wisp  
don't call me butterfly

*Mark Boor*

at the jagged  
edge of the storm  
a rainbow  
curves  
over the hill

**Sue Beckwith**

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## Our Human Tribe

“What drew me back to the Amazon? ...it was to savour afresh the unparalleled beauty of this vast region. For me, it is a last frontier, a mysterious universe of its own, where the immense power of nature can be felt as nowhere else on earth.”  
(Sebastião Salgado, 2021)

Brazilian photographer Salgado’s Amazônia exhibition is as almost as awe-inspiring as the great forest he depicts. Photographs - all in black and white – reveal lush rainforest vegetation, winding rivers and waterfalls, beautiful people with dark eyes, mainly naked, dressed, feathered and painted according to their tribal traditions. Salgado’s talent lies in capturing the epic beauty of the region’s landscapes, but also the delicate detail of the individual faces of the people he photographs. But Salgado’s portrayal of the Amazon rainforest, often referred to as “the world’s lung,” is not simply remarkable visual artistry. It is a powerful reminder of a number of issues that we collectively face today as a global tribe of human beings.

For over 10,000 years, humans have enjoyed an inter-connectedness with our natural environment, tending and living off the land. And this is still the case for the Amazonian tribes who rely so tangibly on tapping into the rainforest’s renewable wealth and provision – animals, fruit, nuts and medicinal plants. Evidence shows that globally, indigenous people are especially good at sustainably protecting their territories. And this is no exception in the case of the Amazon; the indigenous reserves legally ringfenced by the Brazilian government are the areas that are most pristine.

With our human quest to develop, the past two hundred years has seen a slow positive trajectory towards eliminating absolute poverty, reducing conflicts and improving human rights. Encouraging on paper. But this positive change has come at a huge cost to our environment. Ironically, the same expanding global economy driving improvements in development and social justice, is based on fossil fuels and a high consumption of natural resources causing climate change, mass extinctions and pollution. Changes that hit the world’s poorest communities the hardest – those who have done the least to cause them. The delicate balance that has existed between humans and our natural environment for millennia is being thrown out of kilter.

Addressing the COP27 conference, Brazilian President Lula said, “There is no climate security for the world without a protected Amazon”. During my own visit to the Amazon rainforest a couple of years ago I was stunned, like Salgado, by its majesty and magnitude. Sleek, dark waters teeming with fish and crocodiles, trees with trunks that curved and curled, and the cacophony of sounds and song – amphibians, birds and beasts – accompany the sudden blackness of the night that

falls like a curtain. This is creation as God meant it to be – in all its life and vitality. Can our vast human tribe, scattered across the earth, who all laugh and cry and love under this single sky, unite and make the critical decisions needed to care for each other and our world? The protection of Amazonia is only one part of the solution, but it's an integral part. So will we act? Before it's too late and Salgado's extraordinary photographs become simply a segment of history showing future generations of the way it used to be.

*Jane Cacouris*







## HERITAGE

18yrs old

*Leave alone the soft green velvet and the sprays of silver birch,  
We don't need your concrete monsters that eat away our turf,  
We have evolved from greed of ownership and now feel free to give,  
To love and cherish all things, put truth in how we live  
Awakened now from slumbering minds our views becomes more clear,  
We realise homes are needed but nature to is dear.  
How sad, how unforgiving when in years far off from now  
Our children might live in a concrete world  
Can we permit?.....Allow?  
Our fields of patterned colour and our trees serene and tall,  
Are threatened by our selfish lives, destruction is our tool.  
Already harmless animals that fed on pastures green,  
Live now on grey conveyor belts an action quite obscene,  
Sympathy is given; we recognise their pain,  
But really we should cry with force **their lives are not a game.***

*Conditioning and suppressing thoughts, caring little for their lives.  
Soon future becomes present,*

**WE ALL NEED TO SURVIVE.**

Diana



*Leave Alone The Soft Green Velvet  
And The Sprays Of Silver Birch*







## **And, finally, the poem embedded within the script of Passion for the Planet which acts as a summary:**

### **The thing is**

The thing is  
it's getting hotter - not only that but there's a lot  
of storms and floods and forest fires.

The thing is  
we need to understand,  
stop burying our heads in desert sand  
where once were trees.

The thing is,  
please,  
pay some attention.

The 'thing'  
too frightening for a word or phrase –  
call it extinction, call it disaster.  
We've gone too far for sticking plaster  
and we need some positive thinking,  
so while the polar ice is shrinking  
and islands beneath the sea are sinking  
solutions must be found;  
not only that  
applied  
to save the planet before we're fried,  
to save the guillemot, and the frog,  
the creatures of the marsh and bog,  
the file fish, the dolphin, the polar bear,  
the giraffe, the monarch butterfly,  
their habitats, their food supply.

The thing. Is.



Is the crux on which our future rests  
Is the time to show us at our best  
Is the throw of the dice we cannot lose  
Is the road less travelled we need to choose  
Is the narrow bridge across the abyss  
Is the choice to make now  
for this  
is the moment that determines our fate  
when we have to act  
before it's too late.

The thing is  
This  
Matters.





## THE ART PROJECTS

Although this book reflects creative writing in the Mole Valley, the project also benefitted from the work of the TAG and My Time groups in creating masks and of the children of Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School and Therfield Secondary School, and other groups, who made clay models, which also became part of the show...

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Dorking Quakers were key partners in this project and a range of individuals from the Quakers and from other local groups and businesses worked over the months to make the project a reality. A wide range of local community groups and businesses were involved in a number of ways, some central, some less so, but all offering and providing input of some kind.

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leaves to a tree haiku group

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The Ladybirds

S C Fuller

Kangarooz

Therfield School

# THE PEOPLE IN – AND BEHIND – THE SHOW

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- Our speakers - Pat Smith for River Mole River Watch and Angela Docherty for New Ways
- Our poets – Jenni Williams, Sally Elias, Liz Barton, Tony Earnshaw
- Our singers– Brockham Choral's small group, Birch Tree Folk Choir (now the Wild Choir)

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