

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

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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

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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

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.





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
Important if I to me a amirpay
needs 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 then 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*

don't 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 zzzzz
 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 Hutchingson
 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 Tigers

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

*By Mariia
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 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 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*

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 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*





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
 Horrifying 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 Hoyer
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. Aaaah.

By Harvey
 4sf

The planet is a wonderful place
 full of 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 soothing 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*





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

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

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

published in Presence Issue 75 2023





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...

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Circular Dorking	Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School, Westcott
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Leatherhead Trinity Primary School	S C Fuller
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St Paul's Primary School, Dorking	Therfield School

THE PEOPLE IN – AND BEHIND – THE SHOW

The Performers

Helen Potter
Karen Spicer
Darren Cheek

Creative

Stage Manager	Stephen Thompson
Designer	Chris de Wilde
Director	Darren Cheek
Associate Director	Willie Elliot
Trainee Assistant director	Pippa Lilly Banks
Scriptwriter	Tony Earnshaw
Original music	Helen Potter
Additional music	Eloise Kay
Musical director	Helen Potter
Construction and risk assessment	Pete Sergeant
Schools facilitator	Vicky Tearle
Puppetmaker (Pollution Monster)	Rosemary Horton
Schools liaison	Keith Stride
Volunteer coordination	Dee Smith
Singer coordination	Barbara Christopher
Communications	Simone Tout
Construction Support	Stuart Kerr
Trainee Assistant Stage Manager	John Allen

Front of house and stage management team

Jo Higginson, Nigel Bond, Keith Stride, Sue Bond, Anne Draper, Dee Smith, Simon Davy, Sophie Roberts, Tim Gibbons, Judith Packer, Jo Higginson, Simon Davy, Chris Turpin, Daniel Lau, Susan Quilliam, John Allen, Pippa Banks, Sue Tanton, Sally McCormack, John Arnold, and Penelope Arnold

Singers

Alan Smallwood, Alison Carlier, Barbara Christopher, Carole Brough Fuller, Charles Wheeler, David Wheatley, Ed Criswick, Estelle Earnshaw, Helena Twentymen, Jane Stride, Jo Peace, Judy Peace, Julianne Welsh, Lottie Child, Mary Suckling, Neil Williams, Reuben Suckling, Mary Suckling, Phillipa Snell, Sarah Jane Weston Holland, Reuben Suckling, Robin Luff, Romey Criswick, Sarah Jane Weston Holland, Stephen Williams, Sue Tanton and Sylvia Williams





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Producers:

Tony Earnshaw and Darren cheek with production support, advice, funding work and much more provided by Damn Cheek directors Susan Quilliam and Karen Spicer

Biographies of the Damn Cheek creative team can be found on <https://damncheek.co.uk/productions/passion-for-the-planet-dorking-2023/>

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The launch

A launch event was held in the back room of the Stepping Stones pub in Westhumble, when speakers, poets and singers had the benefit of a packed audience.

- 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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