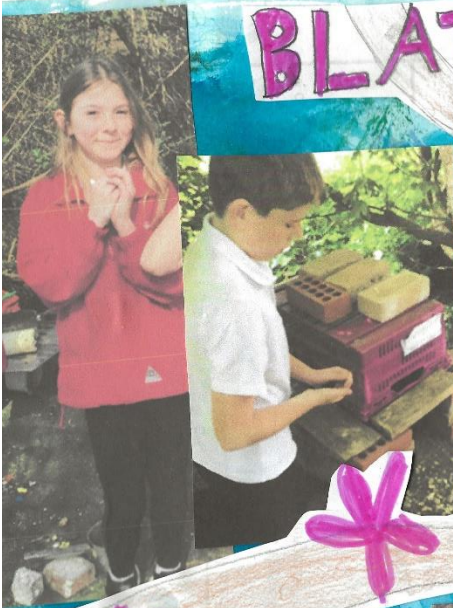


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Planting
Rainbow Chard



Blue Bell



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dandelion



Daisy



OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
Less screen time +
more family time.

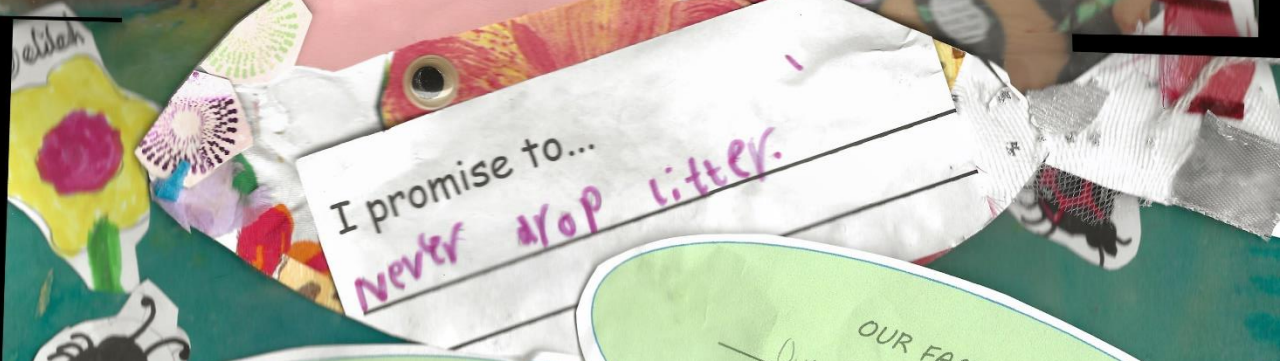
The Virgo's. (U)

The whole school community created a collage
of fish, with their sustainability commitments.

What is pledge?



OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
Making more being
less.



OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
washing clothes at 30
loss screen time + more family time

OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
Our Family will commit to
"meatless Mondays" to reduce
consumption of resource intensive
livestock.

OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
is to be more active as a
family and enjoy nature more!
Mummy, Joey + Charlie
(U)

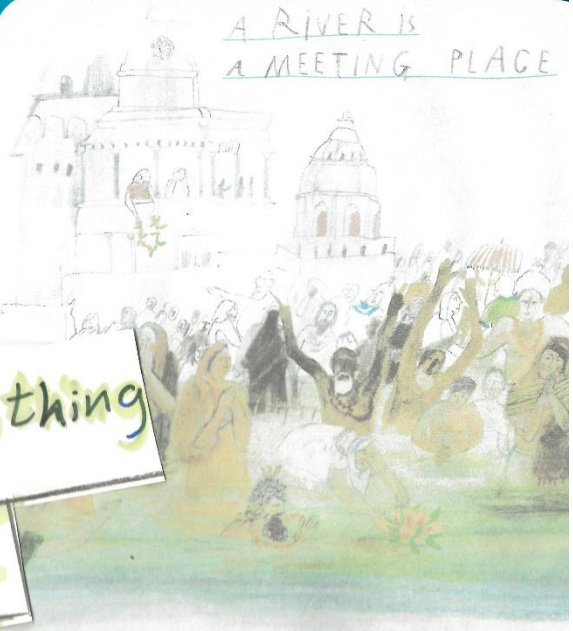
OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
ALWAYS RECYCLE
PICK UP LITTER



WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP! OUR VISION: NOTHING NEW BOUGHT FOR WBD.

Prior to World Book Day, we held an event to swap costumes. There were also lots of secondhand clothes available to take and adapt into costumes. Thank you to everyone who donated costumes and clothes and Mrs Bellis for modelling some of the outfits and her enthusiastic support! Joey, Olivia, Aaliyah and Macie were also responsibility heroes, helping Mrs Heym to set up, clear up and run the free haberdashery.





A RIVER IS
A MEETING PLACE

Childrens clothing swap!

Since the beginning of time, rivers have brought us together through settlement, trade, and ritual. Today, millions of pilgrims gather to wash away their sins and sorrows in the sacred rivers of India, just as they have for hundreds of years.

The Hindu festival of Kumbh Mela, one of the largest peaceful gatherings in the world, takes place on their banks.



Lots of
book day
inspiration!

I pledge to.....
buy my clothes when me
and mummy go to charity shops.

Zara - Reception



clothes swap!



FREE HABERDASHERY!
We had a free haberdashery stall where there was a wide variety of buttons, ribbons, threads, wools and other similar items to embellish our costumes.



SAVE
OUR
SEAS

SOMEBODY SWALLOWED STANLEY

SARAH ROBERTS
Illustrated by
HANNAH PECK

For World Book Day, KS1 read 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. They made fabulous bags (all made from reused material such as old pillowcases) based on the story and its message.

Crayon

SAFETY
DELIVER
LOCAL

The sea, a home that calls to me.

With waves that whisper wild
and free.

It's tides embrace the soft
and strong.

A timeless dance, a soothing song.

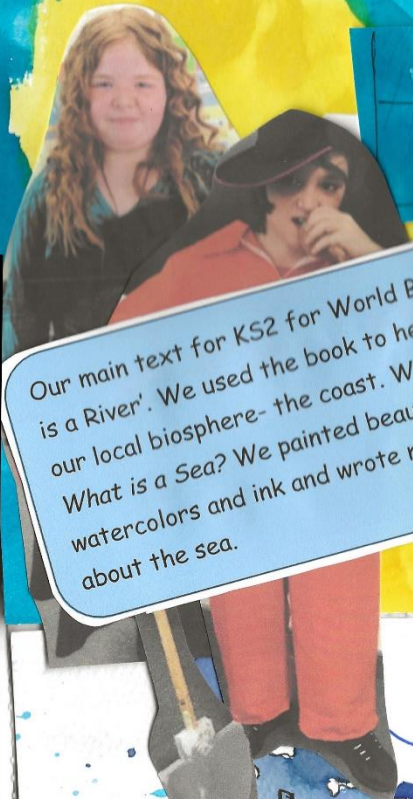
The salty air, the wind's soft kiss
Beneath the surging deep a hidden world where secrets hide.



THE SEA



ISA



HOME!



Our main text for KS2 for World Book Day was, 'What is a River'. We used the book to help us think about our local biosphere- the coast. We asked ourselves, 'What is a Sea? We painted beautiful pictures using watercolors and ink and wrote metaphorical poems about the sea.'

Rocks shimmering
Scuttling crabs
gentle waves hitting the rocks
the golden sun smiling at bathers,
a rainbow of corals sleeping on the sand beds
thousands of creatures living on its beautiful band,
this place must be joy,
because its more than just a home.

Mija



The sea is an unsolved mystery!



RECEPTION SORTING TRAY.

What should and shouldn't be found in the sea?

? How many sea life animals are in the tray?

happy fish!

Thank you to Falcons and Jays for caring for our fish.

The SEA IS Magical



Super star Sylvie - Yr 2



I need an icecream



Keep our Planet clean!

clean!





OUR SPRING FOCUS WAS ENERGY!

Many of our pledges involved actions that would reduce our use of energy. We have continued to work really hard to ensure that all lights and screens are off when no-one is using them. We had an energy saving week where we wrote Kenning poems about energy and made games for people to learn about energy. By taking actions such as making sure we are not buying new clothes/costumes for events like World Book Day, we are also reducing our energy and water consumption. We are buying a computer programme, ENERGY SPARKS, to enable us to collect data about our energy usage.

BE AN ENERGY HERO!
Now your friends!

Sun-sh-cropper

Sun-lighter

Tectonic - Plate - Vibrator
ENERGY is a/an...

LIGHTNING CRASHER

Wave-diver

Season - move

Before	after
autumn	spring



wave crusher

Sun - Wave

OUR FAMILY PLEDGE

- Eat less meat
- Short showers

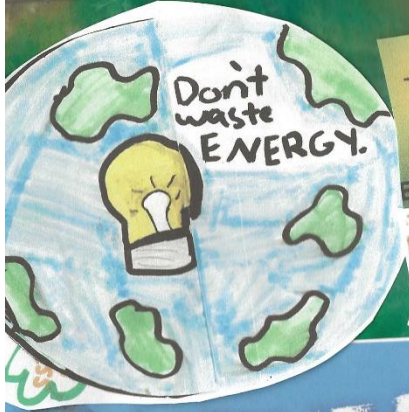
← showers instead of baths, saves energy!

Last one out?
Turn off the light!

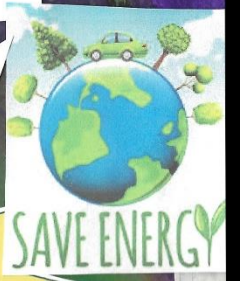


EARTH SHAKER

£145 a year, which is around 4-5%². If you turn down your main thermostat by 1 degree, you can save around 10% on your energy bill. If everyone in Great Britain turned their thermostat down by 1 degree, we would reduce energy bills by £670 million, while saving 3.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year³.

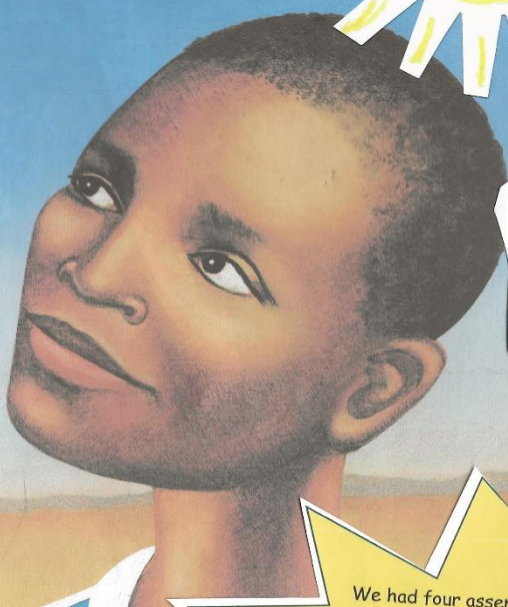


TURN OFF LIGHTS AND SAVE ELECTRICITY



We read the story, THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND. This incredible, true story is about William Kamkwamba. Against all the odds, this amazing young man, managed to build a windmill from waste enabling his village to create energy for light and irrigation for crops. A true resilient hero and environmental pioneer.

THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND



We had four assemblies where we learnt about and discussed energy. For example, we learnt about fossil fuels and renewable energy and talked about how we can save energy and why it's important.

William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
pictures by Elizabeth Zunon



being outside reduces stress

A RIVER IN ENERGY



Rivers are powerful. Just think of roaring waterfalls, or how quickly rivers can rise and the force with which they can flood vast stretches of land.

With our focus on energy, we discussed what we need to keep our energy levels up, in particular the need for a good night's sleep and healthy food.

Movement - Miner



This is what happens when you waste gas, electricity, don't throw litter on the floor, don't throw trash into the sea, don't waste paper, don't cut down trees, don't throw garbage into the sea because the sea animals would suffocate or die. In hot countries there are more heatwaves than other countries. Don't pick flowers if it's not yours, only if it has dried out or not on a root, you can pick it up. Don't eliminate the animals.

This is what happens to the earth when you take care of it. It will make the earth more lively. All the animals will be relaxed. More animal species existing in the plant. Try not to use car or transports, walk more if your destination is close.



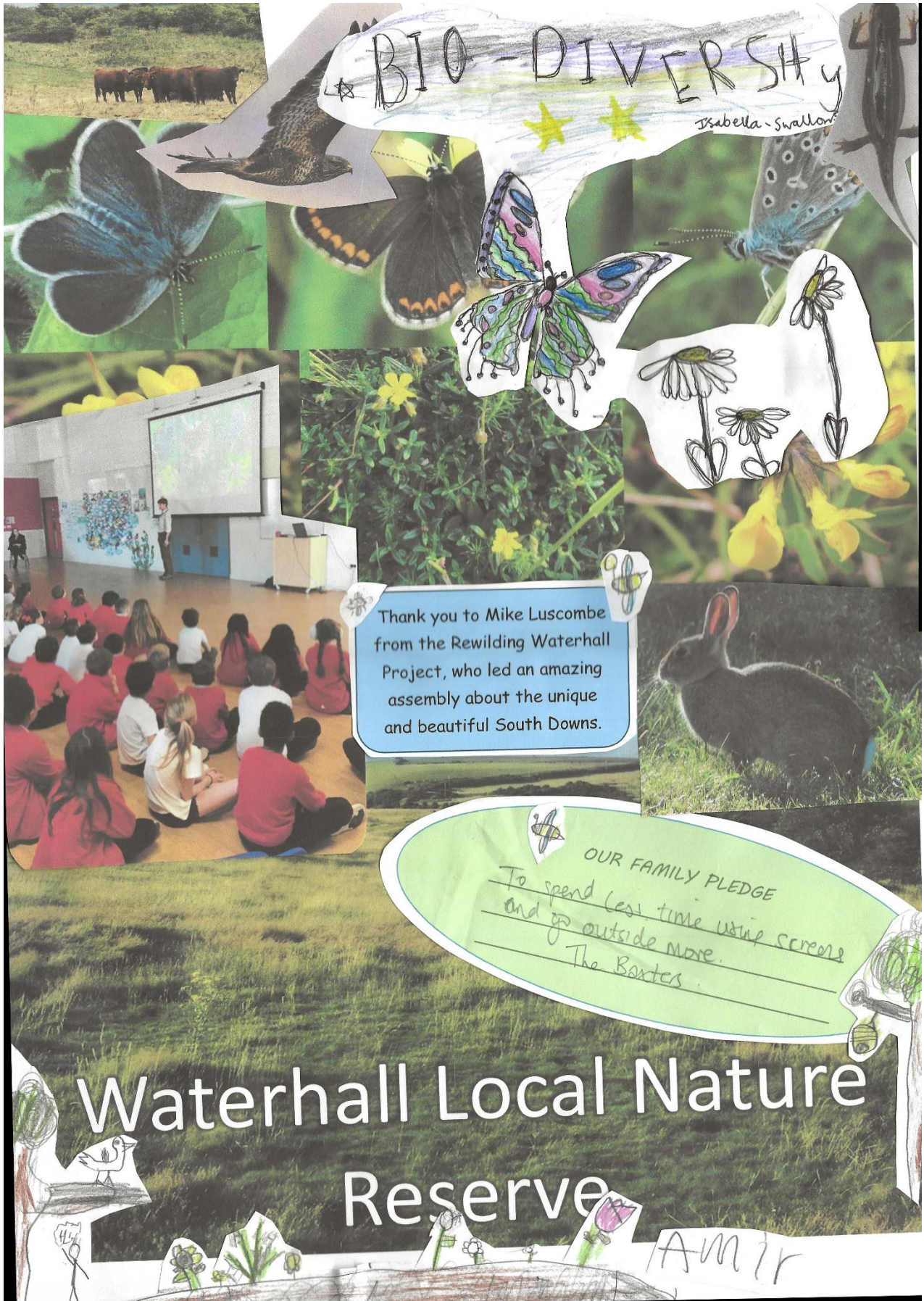
If you are drawing and make a mistake erase it and start again. Solar pannels take natural electricity. If you are not in a ROOM and the light is on, turn it off to not waste energy.



Minutes from eco-changemakers meeting 23rd May 2025.

1. Survey areas of the school that could be improved/ biodiversity increased.
2. Improve the area near the trees with bug hotels and plants- each class to investigate, research, construct and maintain, using natural and waste materials from the school environment and pollinator friendly plants and edible flowers. We will support our classes with this project.
3. Encourage everyone in the school community to do this at home!
4. Learn the names of the plants in the school garden so we can give garden tours, helping our school community to learn more about what we're growing and to connect with nature.
5. Use some of the school 'harvest' to create soup/ salad.
6. Sell ice- lollies using e.g. garden blackcurrant harvest to fundraise?
7. Ask Mr Andre/ Selkirk to help us install the new water butt.
8. Ask Mr Eyre if he needs any help with the creation of the new biodiversity maze.
9. KEEP ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AND COMPUTERS, TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT LITTER FREE, USE PLAYGROUND COMPOST BIN FOR FRUIT/ VEG WASTE AND TO ENSURE RECYCLING IS DONE CORRECTLY.
10. Cole to lead Friday litter picks.
11. We will encourage everyone to visit the garden on Friday breaktimes (nature connection).
12. Year 5 and 6 eco changemakers to help Mrs Heym improve the garden walkway with the addition of a mosaic step into the top of the garden.
13. Share these minutes with our classes and make a note of their additional ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.





BIO-DIVERSITY
Isabella - Swallow

Thank you to Mike Luscombe from the Rewilding Waterhall Project, who led an amazing assembly about the unique and beautiful South Downs.

OUR FAMILY PLEDGE
To spend less time using screens
and go outside more.
The Baxters

Waterhall Local Nature Reserve

AMIR



lets
some
fresh-air

going outside!
• hide and seek
• tag
• walks
• ride a bike

Ida

PERSUASIVE POSTERS.
Can you find these features?
• Alliteration
• Rhetorical question
• Colourful layout
• Superlatives
• Facts and figures
Do you feel persuaded to go outside when you look at this page?



As soon as you step outside you will feel the **BEST** feeling ever!

have the time of your

LOOK
OUT OR
BE OUT!

Life! The beautiful blossoms will blow your mind!

If you go outside you get vitamin D!

You have yet to behold the stunning sunflower
Come outside to see the shining sun gaze at you friendly.

Why look out a window at the wonderful world when you can experience it with only one push of a door handle?

What the world needs is people like you!



Keira and Isabella planting out our nasturtium seedlings.



MEET OUTSIDE! ♥

Khadija ♥



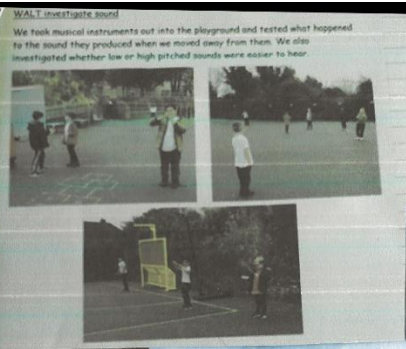
Amelia and Nevaeh potting on our cosmos seedlings, so they have more room to grow.



Starlings class using the garden and playground to investigate rivers.



How is the sound?



WALT investigate sound
We took musical instruments out into the playground and tested what happened to the sound they produced when we moved away from them. We also investigated whether low or high pitched sounds were easier to hear.



ANAP: Explore our local area

Choose 3 or more animals from the list and record how many you see

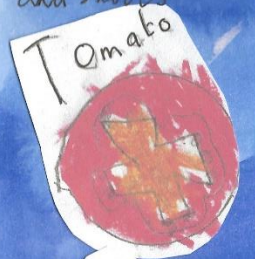
ANIMALS AT SCHOOL TALLY CHART

NAME: Emif DATE:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Woodlice					
Spiders					
ants					
Worms					

Super super plants
I never stood
seed is sustainable
Total green energy
A nice green world
I ugal water
No more water
And rubbish is
bad for the planet
Litter is poisonous for the planet
Elephants hate litter

Pastel drawings
Yr 5 - Root, Fruits
and shoots



WALT identify the features of our Wildlife Area in winter

We went into the Wildlife Area to look at the plants and creatures that you can find there in winter. We are going to predict what changes there will be in Spring. Towards the end of the Spring Term, we will take another set of photographs to see if our predictions were correct.



THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE ON
GARDENING AND
FRIDAY BREAKTIME
CLUB, WHO HAVE
PLANTED A
PLETHORA OF
VEGETABLES AND
FLOWERS!

Nasturtium
seedlings

I promise to...
spend more time in my
back garden.

Reception
Painted
stunning
sunflowers.

Year 2

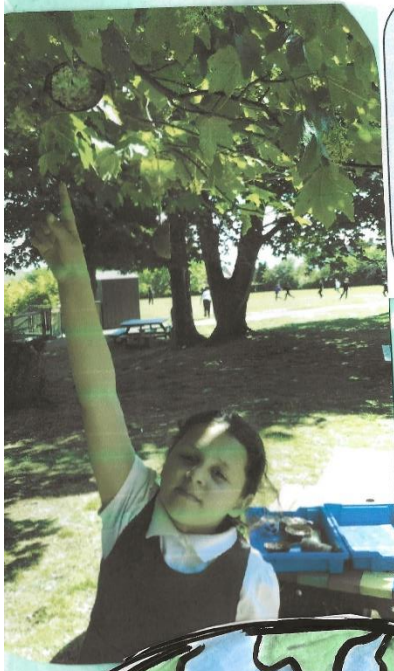
How do
trees
make oxygen?
How do trees
grow leaves?

Planting potato tubers for harvesting
in summer.

Cosmos
seedlings

muslari
Bulbs





Year 2 have been doing lots of work to support and encourage birds. They made these wonderful bird feeders from old coconut shells. The shells had already been used for bird food and can be reused again once they're empty: a perfect example of something being reused again and again rather than being thrown away! Thank you so much to Mrs Harris for sourcing these for us.

Thank you so much to Rosie in Swallows class. She is this issue's star eco changemaker: a true responsibility hero! She created lots of the amazing artwork and written information texts in this issue. She always helps in the garden and works hard to keep the school environment clean and tidy.

POSITIVE NEWS!



Year 2s' amazing bird feeders!



Rosie



Illustrated by SARAH WALSH

New nature/ sustainability books available in Goldfinches

50 extraordinary animals that made history!

Challenge: choose your favourite animal and write a biography of their lives for the next issue of Blatch Patch

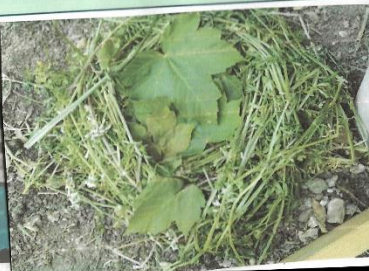
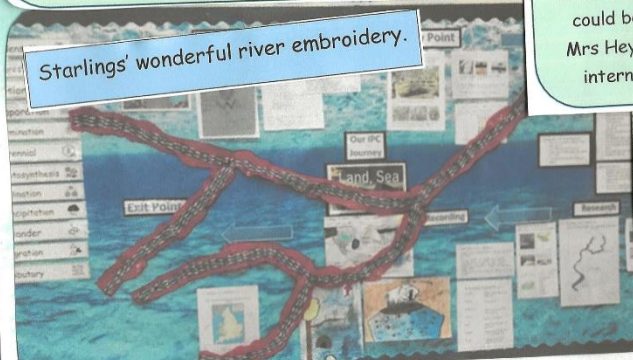
20 million trees are set to be planted across the West of England in the coming decades, creating at least 2,500 hectares of new woodland- a new national forest.

Challenge: can you explain to your class what a hectare is and about other tree planting projects across the globe?

Happy News reporters wanted!

Are you interested in the environment and nature? Do you enjoy writing reports, taking photographs and drawing pictures about stories around the world and in our local area? Then this could be the job for you! Send all articles into Mrs Heym, to publish in Blatch Patch and on the internet for the world to see and celebrate.

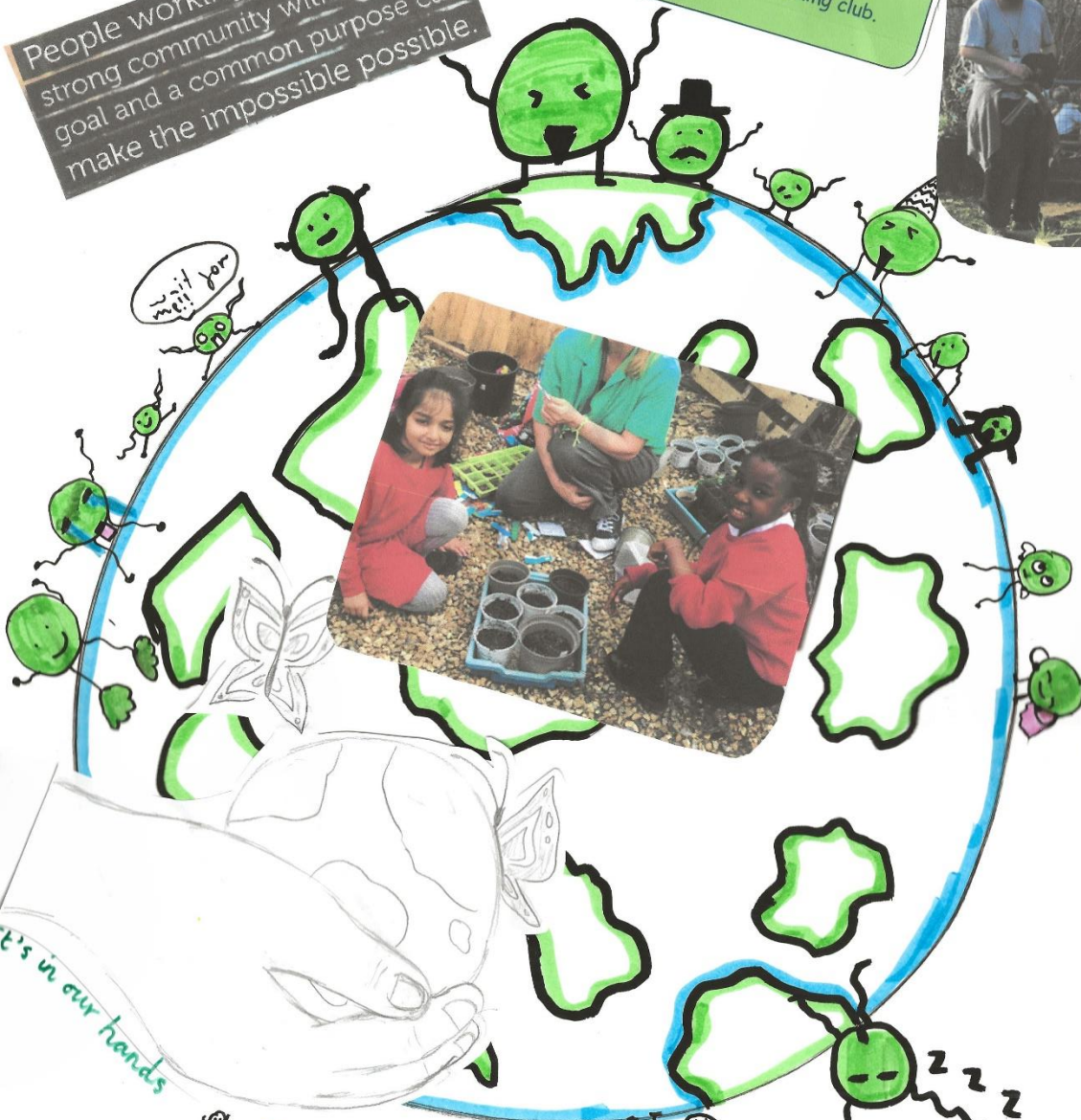
Starlings' wonderful river embroidery.



Found after 130 years!
This Chilean Frog, *Alsodes vittatus*, was last seen 130 years ago. Many feared it was extinct, but it has recently be spotted alive and hopping in Chile's La Araucania Region.

People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and a common purpose can make the impossible possible.

Thank you so much to Mrs Walker, Mike and River for helping at gardening club.



it's in our hands

PEACE

