

# Nature Trail Re-Imagined

by

Gainsborough  
Primary School  
(Year 6)

Newham London



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Over the last three years, Berkeley Homes have been delivering TwelveTrees Park in the heart of Newham's West Ham neighbourhood. During this time, we've built a strong and meaningful relationship with one of our closest neighbours, Gainsborough Primary School, a partnership that enriches student experiences, creates exciting new opportunities, and embeds genuine social value by empowering the young voices within our community.

For Black History Month 2025, Berkeley Homes partnered with Black entrepreneurs, award-winning author Venessa Taylor, and design practice IVY Studios to work with Year 6 students, aiming to inspire local young people to aspire to dream boldly, embrace their creativity, and see the power and pride within themselves. Together, we explored this year's theme, 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride,' celebrating the legacy of the late Benjamin Zephaniah, who once called Newham home.

Over the course of four creative writing and art workshops, students re-imagined Zephaniah's poem 'Nature Trail', inspired by the expansive green space of TwelveTrees Park right on their doorstep. Their journey began with a visit to the development, where students took photographs of the flora, captured descriptive words of sounds and textures around them, as well as scenes from their own gardens at home.

Back in the classroom, students explored Zephaniah's poem in depth, learning about poetic structure, rhythm, and meaning, before moving into a creative art session. Here, they honed their drawing skills and techniques to produce illustrations and portraits that brought their poetry to life.

The students' re-imagined poems and illustrations are now proudly compiled in this zine, a celebration of Black History Month 2025 and the theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride.'



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## My Nature Trail

At the bottom of my garden  
The leaves are colorful and there are bees  
There are worms looking for food as bees fly by  
Theres a good breeze coming through as I see a bee

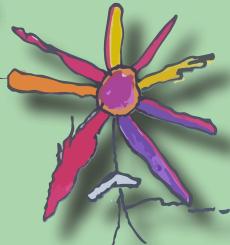
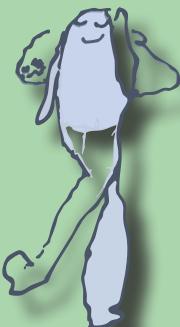


As squirrels climb up trees the sunshine gets brighter  
I see a family of woodlice playing as kids scream  
The garden looking fine and brighter as ever  
Pine trees standing tall and proud

My garden is a lively place  
Foxes sneaking around  
Bees buzzing to the flowers  
Ants and beetles under the ground



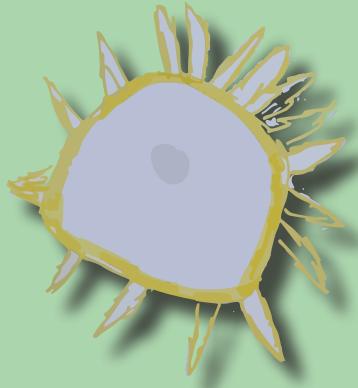
A group of birds whistling in sync  
As squirrels run around a tree  
Flowers moving in the place  
As I see the waves in the sea



# Our Nature Trail

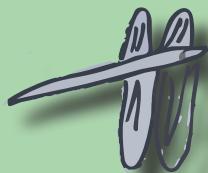
## by Bilal and Zain

At the bottom of my garden  
Buzzing Bees fly by.  
As they nick the nectar from the flowers  
The sun shines from the sky.

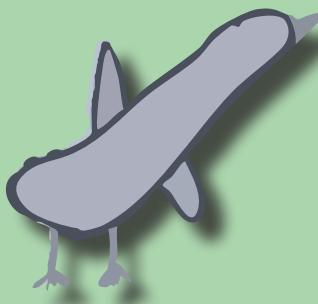


There is a little ladybug,  
Waiting to be found.  
Then a tiny snail walks by  
While my dog digs from the ground.

As foxes sneak by  
Birds sing really high.  
Cats will visit  
But in their own time.



Insects come to steal my plants  
Worms come to eat from the compound.  
The wind blows across our garden  
And birds come with lots of sound.

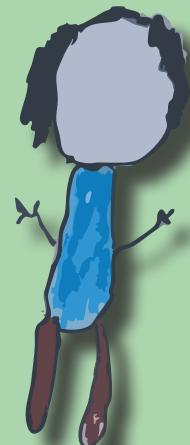


Spiders crawl along my fence  
And dragonflies come in the night.  
When they sense the morning coming  
They fly into the light.



There are hedgehogs in my garden  
That only come out at night.  
When they feel the morning coming  
They crawl right out of sight.

My garden is a busy place  
With foxes sneaking around.  
Snatching food with a cheeky smile  
While creeping round and around.



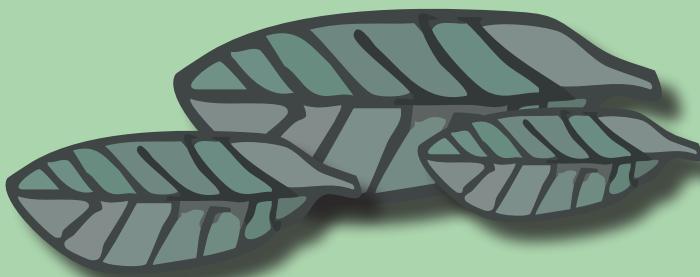


## My City Garden by Elijah

Theres a bird on my rooftop,  
And a fox around my bin.  
A slug slides by the garden gate,  
And a dog just jumped in.

There's a cat asleep on Grandmas wall,  
And a buzzing behind the shed.  
A butterfly with rainbow wings,  
Dances round my head.

Theres a worm on the lamppost,  
And ants beneath my shoe.  
A bluebird sings a remix,  
Of the bus horn passing through.



Frankie

## My Nature Trail

Down the path I walk  
As I hear friends talk  
I see flowers bloom  
It vanishes the doom



The sun was glowing  
It seemed like its going  
Across the park I could see trees  
The leaves fill the park with breeze



Haran



## May Nature Trail

Down my local park I go,  
I hear lots of shouting.  
As I see the leaves below  
I see people exercising.



There's trees wavingHello  
While a child sits eating a marshmallow.  
Some people are wearing a mask  
A dog runs across the meadow,



There are squirrels in my garden  
There's a squirrel by my door.  
The leaves are blowing everywhere,  
And now there's much more.

As I sit and sip my tea  
I see children in a tree.  
Then they all jump down  
Because they see a bee.



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## My Nature Trail

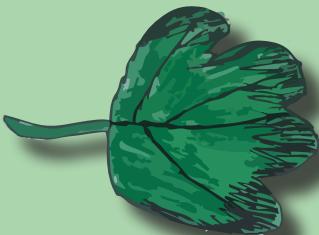
A ladybird landed on my chin  
and flew away across the breeze  
a spider landed on my head  
and I picked it up with ease.

I was walking with pride  
with my friends by my side  
then I saw something green  
it looked really mean



I ran inside  
and looked through the glass window  
that was strange  
it was now a flamingo.

Twelve Trees Park  
we go there a lot.  
they make sure we care  
now we are self taught



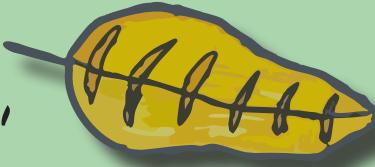
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## My Nature Trail

Down the alley,  
I see a bush.  
And my friend Sally  
flying by in a woosh.

While I was playing  
I saw the Sun,  
I saw some kids playing  
And having fun.

Across the park  
I could see trees,  
On the ground under my feet  
I kicked about some leaves.



Malin

## My Nature Trail



At the bottom of my garden  
my friend were running  
with was beautiful  
and they were buzzing

My garden is a lovely place  
when caterpillars all over spread around  
So many food at the gardens when  
I found £2

At the bottom of my garden  
there is also of many flowers not to mention  
but most of the flowers it is  
near the river

My garden is a lovely place  
I used to hear my dog barking  
and it is very strong when  
it is in the dark

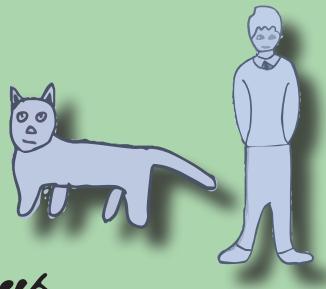
At the bottom of my garden  
sometimes eat nuts in a tree  
and it is very lovely when  
there are buzzing bees

At the middle of my garden  
the ducks glide side by side  
and it is wonderful when  
they sing with pride



Ola, Rehan

## My Nature trail



At bottom of my garden  
There are lots of buzzing bees  
They fly around the garden  
In and out brown, great trees.



There are many creepy crawlies,  
Hiding under the soil.  
Like the ants that work together  
They are really very loyal.

My garden is lively place  
With squirrels scurrying around  
Finding places to hide their nuts  
Digging in the ground.

There's a songbird on my rooftop  
And a raccoon beneath my bin  
A fox slides by the garden gate  
A cat jumped in.





## **My Nature Trail by Alex and Vivaan**

**At the bottom of our garden  
There are towering trees.  
And a colourful bush  
That sways in the breeze.**

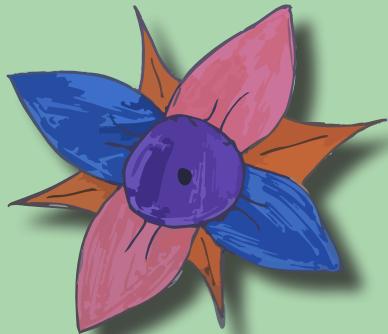
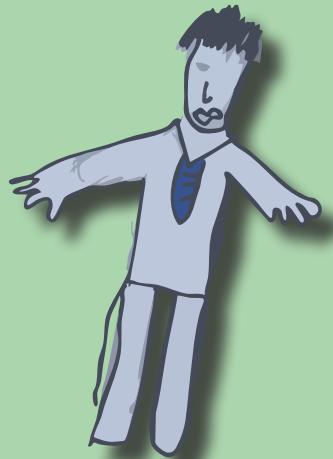
**Waterspouts from the fountain  
As the ladybugs fly about.  
We sit out in the garden  
Listening to the birds chirping aloud.**

**There's a green caterpillar walking  
And a tiny spider crawling.  
We see a dragonfly soaring**

**While us best friends are talking.**

**An owl is hooting  
A worm is eating.  
Squirrels are running  
While the bees are buzzing.**

**Our garden is magical  
A place full of divine dreams.  
A mythical place**



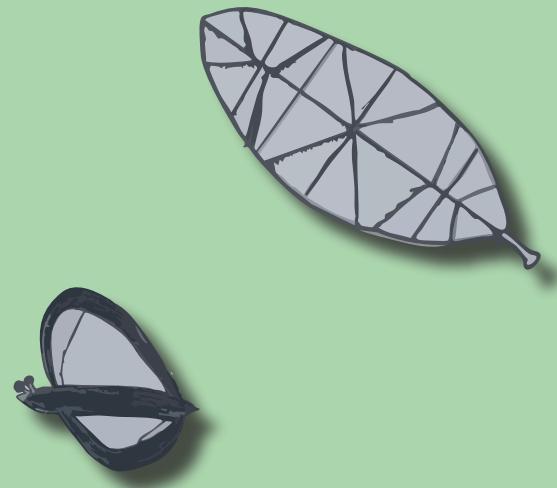


## Nature Trial by Robert and Mehraj

At the bottom of my garden  
There is a lot of sunshine  
Next to it is the light blue sky.  
In my special garden with sunrise,  
There's a fox next to a log.

Bees buzzing, ants crawling  
Snails leaving trails about and round,  
Spider webs all around, leaves falling  
effortlessly, grasshoppers leaping about.





**Sunflowers colourful and bright  
Grass leaning about, but flies flying about,  
Bees pollinating, flying around**

**My garden is a lively place,  
Ants crawling all around,  
Picking up food on the ground.**



Tawaab



## MY Nature Trail

At the bottom of my garden  
my friend were Humming  
which was beautiful  
and tiny bees buzzing



My garden is a lively place  
I used to hear my dogs barks  
and it's very scary  
when it's in the dark

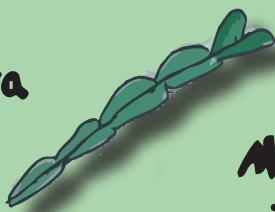
My garden is a lively place  
when caterpillar always sneak around  
snatching food of the ground  
when I found two pound

At the middle of my garden  
squirrel eat nuts in a tree  
and it is very lovely  
when their are buzzing bees

At the front of my garden  
The duck glide side by side  
and it's very incredible  
when they sing with pride



Sufia



## My Nature Emily



At the bottom of my garden.  
I can see the sun.  
I love the bugs creeping around.  
They must be having fun.



My garden has a trampoline.  
It also has a swing.  
My sister pushes me really high.  
And we both love to sing.

As I walk around.  
I look up to the sky.  
I see a flock of pigeons  
flying way up high.



The sky's now dark,  
The moon shines bright.  
The stars twinkle in the sky.  
The bugs have no lights.

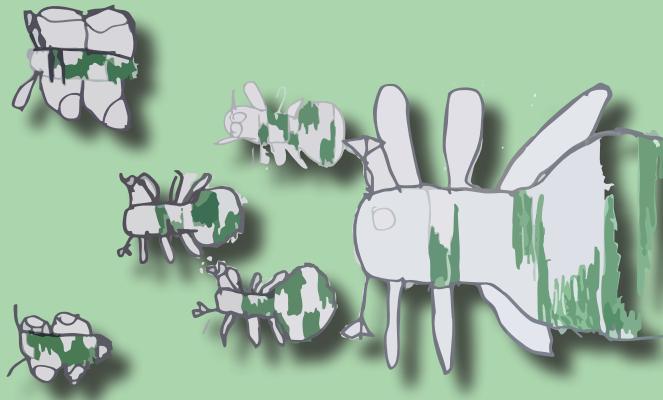


## In Our Garden by Zahar and Bobby

Our garden is a lively place  
Centipedes crawling on the ground.  
Grabbing spiders for their prey  
All without a sound.

If you look closely in our garden  
The ants are working hard.  
Working together for their queen  
Marching like soldiers, across our back-yard.

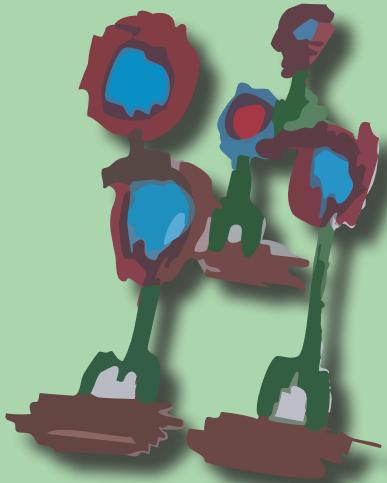
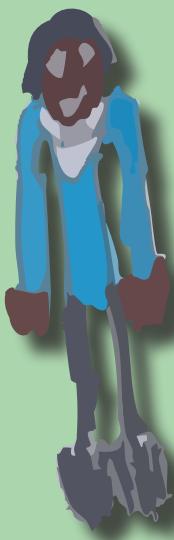




**Snails move around our garden  
Caterpillars eat our buds.**

**Cockroaches eat almost everything  
Earthworms play in the mud.**

**At the bottom of our garden  
In the pond there is a frog.  
Jumping through the water  
And landing on a log.**





# Nature Trail Re-Imagined

TwelveTrees Park is a development delivered in partnership with the Greater London Authority (GLA), London Borough of Newham, Homes England, and Peabody. Once complete, TwelveTrees Park will deliver more than 4,700 mixed-tenure homes, including 1,650 affordable homes, with an emphasis on social rented family housing for Newham residents.

The carefully designed neighbourhood will include a 1,000-pupil secondary school, a new entrance to West Ham Station, a 12-acre wifi enabled park and a mix of new community, commercial, and retail spaces creating over 8,000 construction jobs over the lifetime of the project and over 500 permanent jobs, once completed.

