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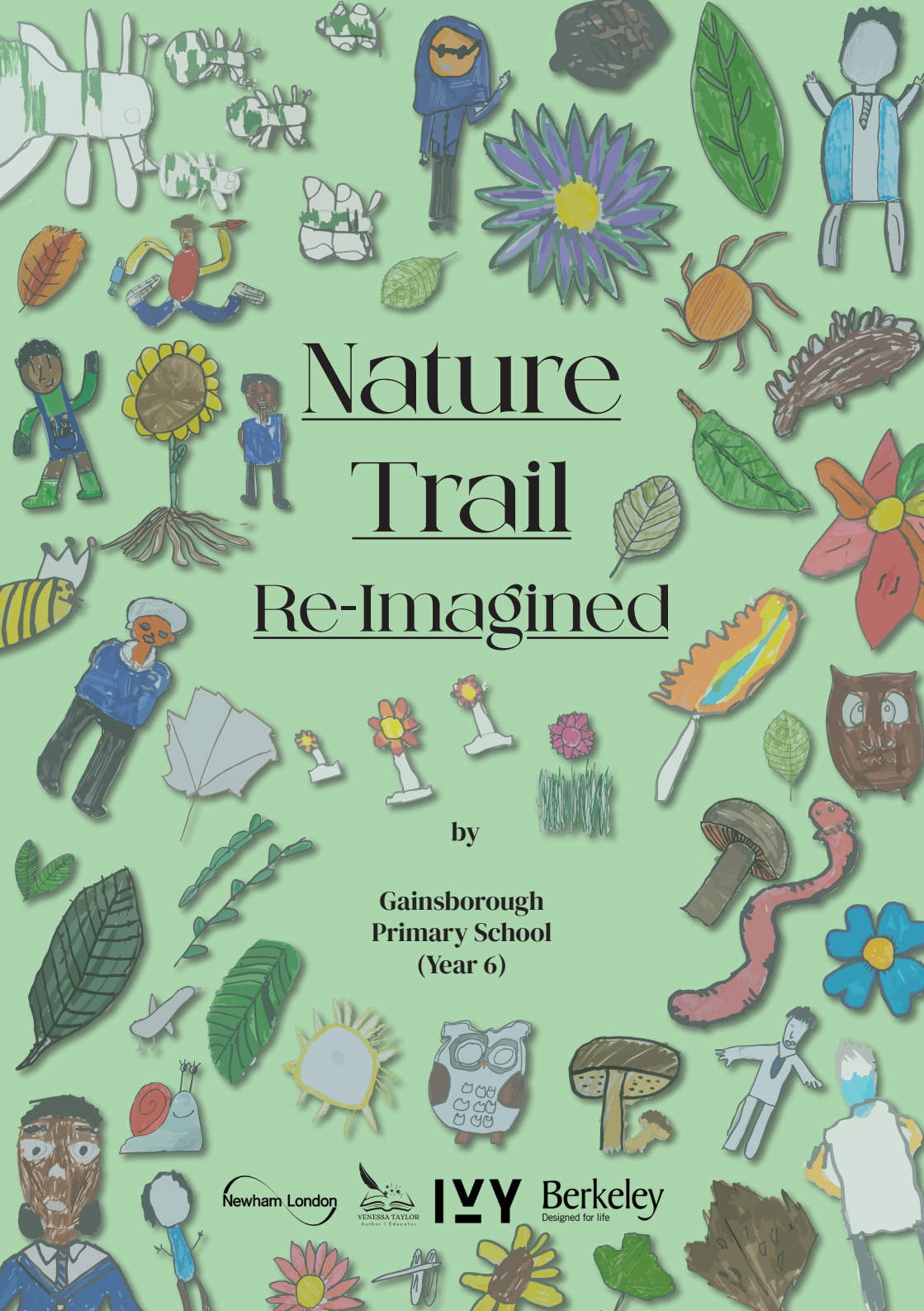
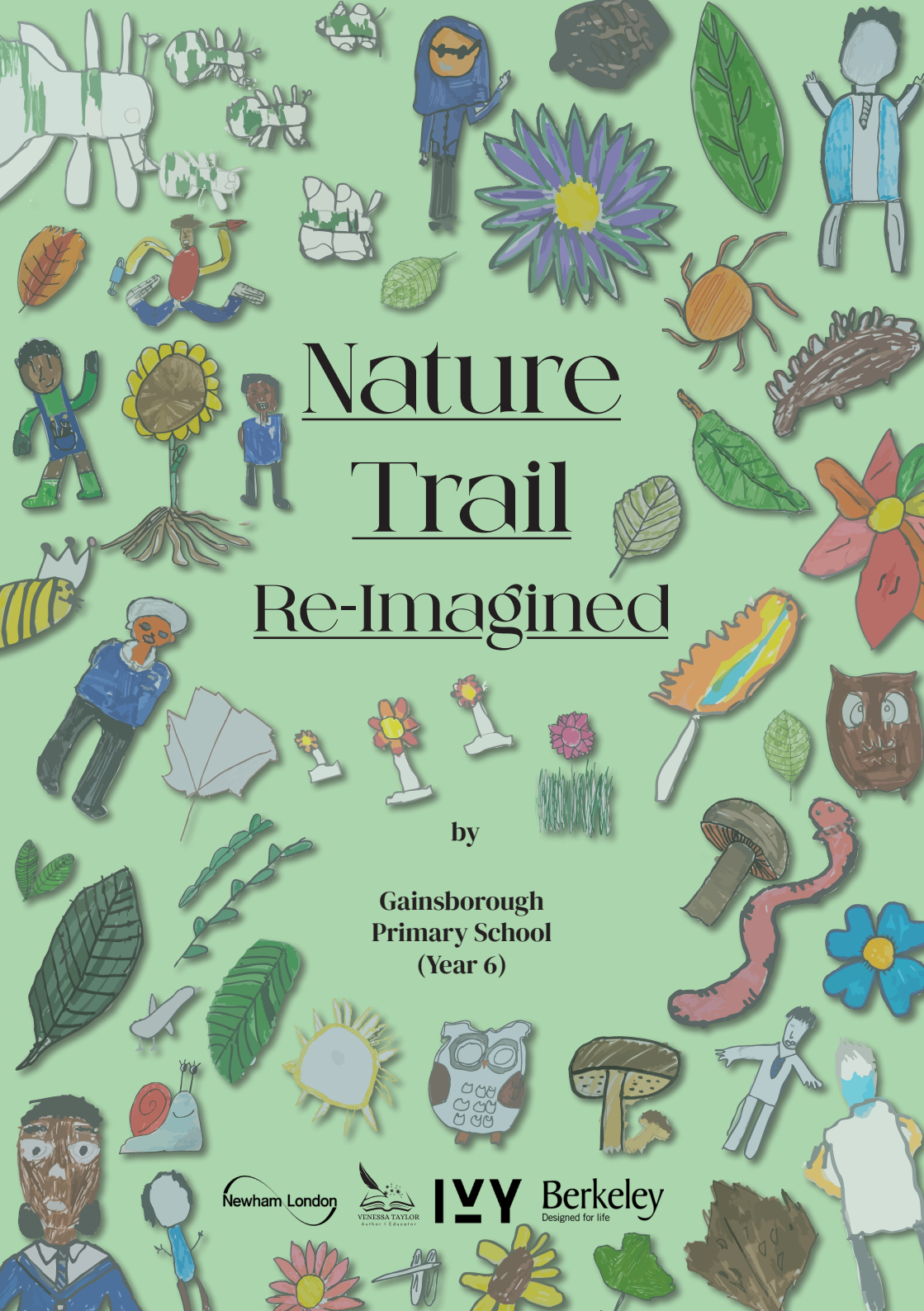
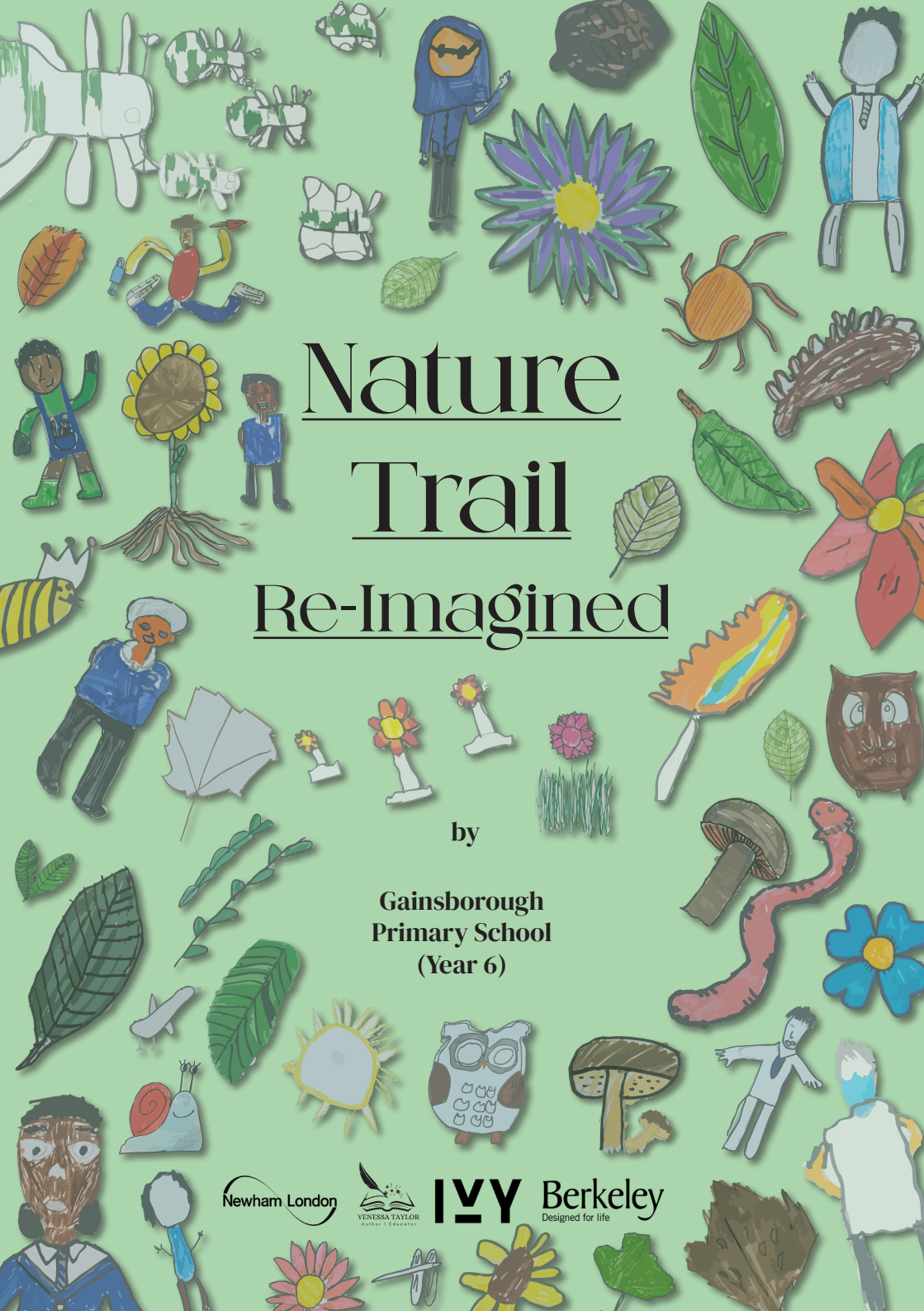
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Over the last three years, Berkeley Homes have been delivering TwelveTrees Park in the heart of Newham's West Ham neighbourhood. During this time, we've built a strong and meaningful relationship with one of our closest neighbours, Gainsborough Primary 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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All illustrations in this zine was drawn by the students.

My Nature Trail



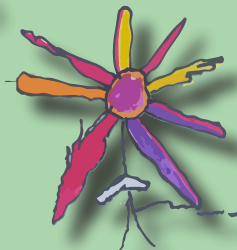
At the bottom of my garden
The leaves are colourful and there are bees
There are worms looking for food as bees fly by
Theres a good breeze coming through as I see a flea

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

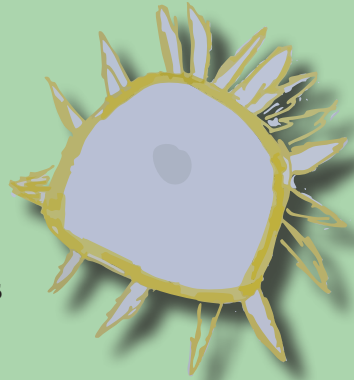


A group of birds whistling in sync
As squirrels run around a tree
Flowers moving in its place
As I see the waves in the sea



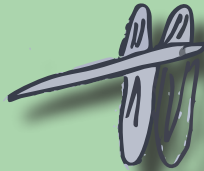
**Our Nature Trail
by Bilal and Zain**

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

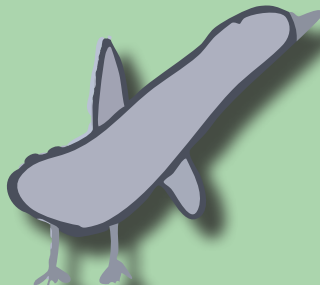
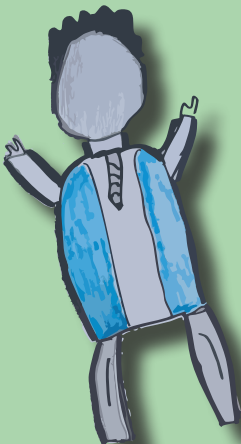
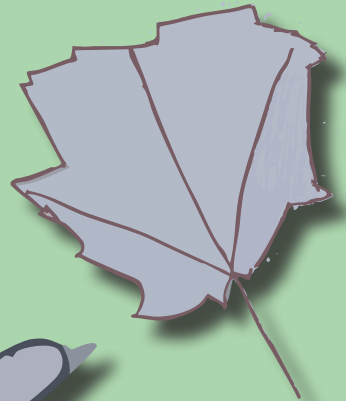


**There is a little ladybug,
Waiting to be found.
Then a tiny snail walks by
While my dog digs from the ground.**

**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.**

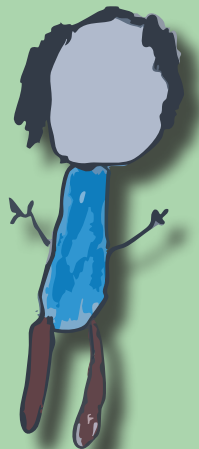


Spiders crawl along my fence
And dragonflies come in the night.
When they sense the morning coming
They fly into the light.



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.



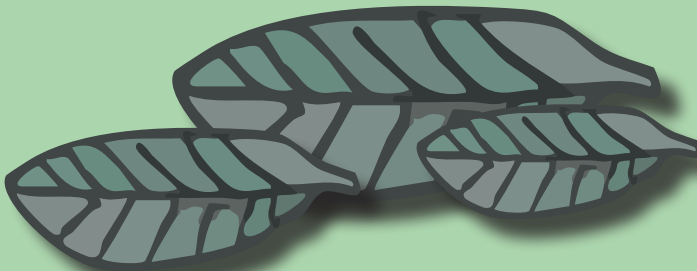


My City Garden by Elijah

**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.**

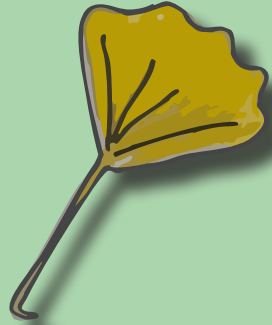
**Theres a worm on the lamppost,
And ants beneath my shoe.
A bluebird sings a remix,
Of the bus horn passing through.**



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



Hanaan



My 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 waving hello
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.



July



My Nature Trail



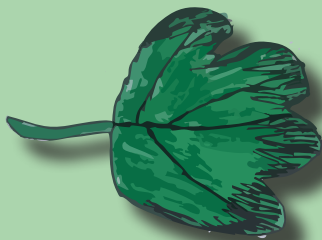
A ladybird landed on my chin
and flew away across the breeze
a spider landed on my head
and I picked it up with ease.

I was walking with pride
with my friend 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



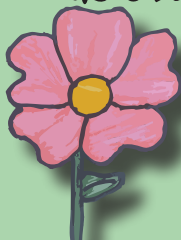
Lugin

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.



Marie

My Nether Trail



At the bottom of my garden
my kind were humming
with was beautiful
and tiny bees buzzing

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

My garden is a lovely place
when caterpillars allways breed around
society food of the glens when
I found I 2



At the bottom of my garden
there is a lot of deep chambers next to the bin
but most of the time it is
near the tin

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

At the bottom of my garden
sugarbeet root next is a tree
and it is very lovely when
there are buzzing bees



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, green 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.

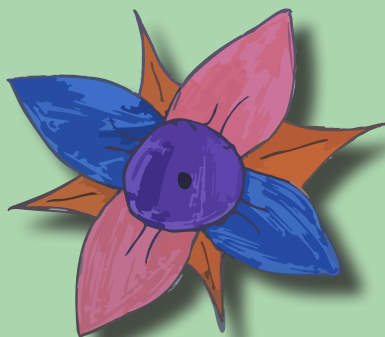
Waterspouts from the fountain
As the ladybugs fly about.
We sit out in the garden
Listening to the birds chirping aloud.

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

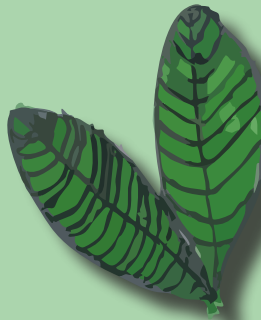
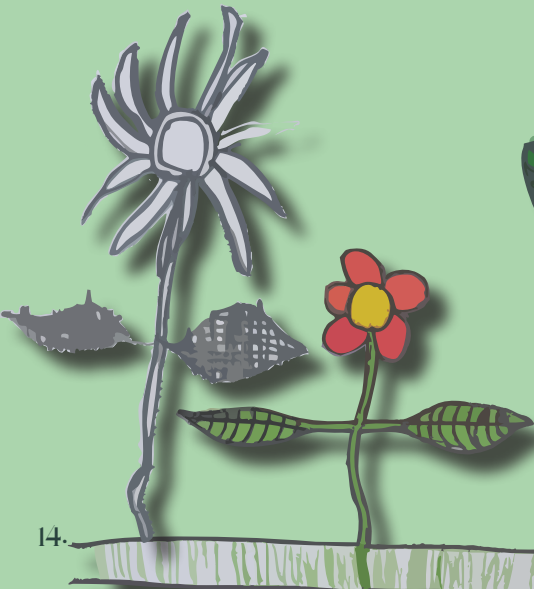


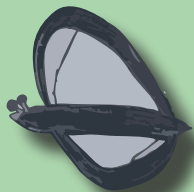
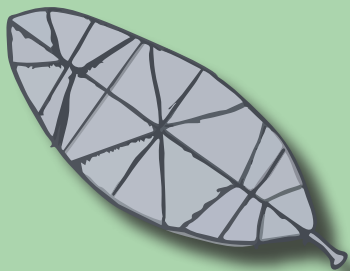


Nature Trial
by Robert and Mehraj

**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.**

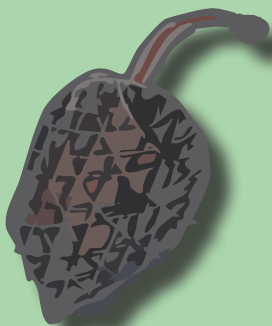
**Bees buzzing, ants crawling
Snails leaving trails about and round,
Spider webs all around, leaves falling
effortlessly, grasshoppers leaping about.**





**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.**

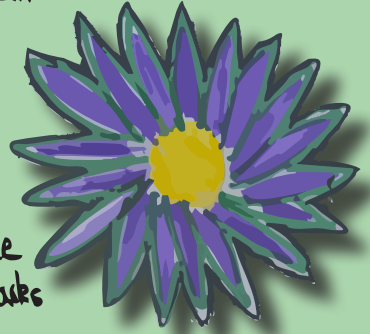


Tawaab

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

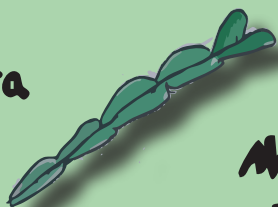
At the middle of my garden
squirrel eat nuts in a tree
and it is very lovely
when their ate buzzing bees



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 Mail



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

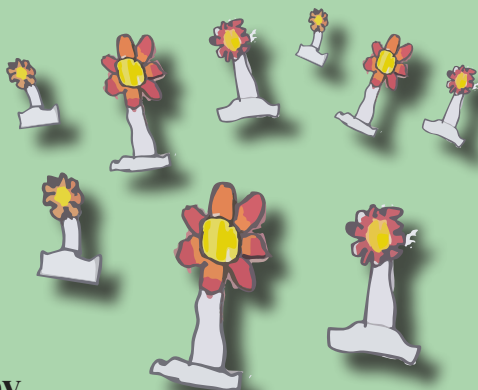


My garden has a trampoline.
It also has a swing.
My sister pushes me really high.
And we both love to sing.

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

The stars now dark,
The moon shines bright.
The stars twinkled in the sky.
The bugs have no light.

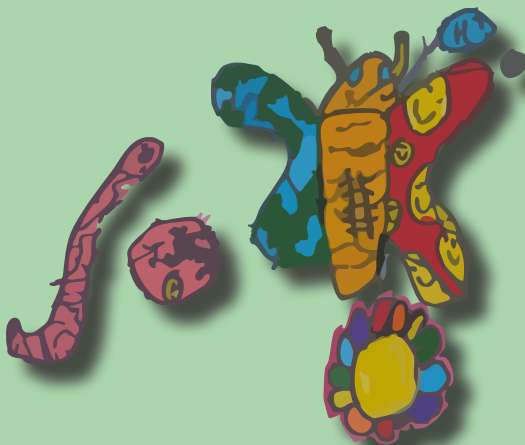


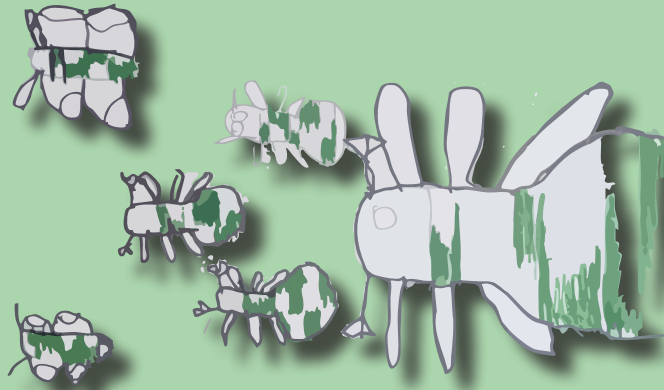


In Our Garden
by Zahar and Bobby

**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.**

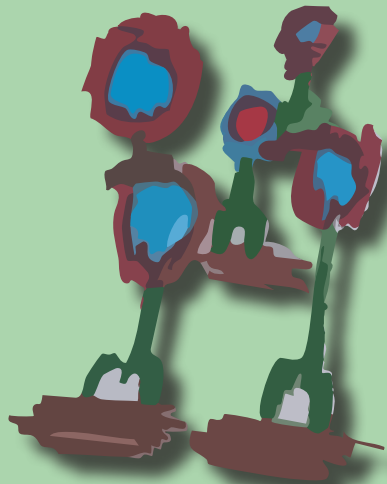
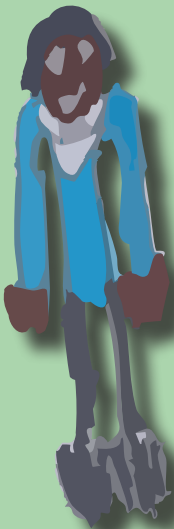




Snails move around our garden
Caterpillars eat our buds.

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.





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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 wi-fi 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.

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