



Children at Awbridge Primary have focussed on the environmental issues of deforestation and plastics in our seas and oceans. Children from Year R to Year 6 all participated in producing the artwork for this project. Year R painted leaves using acrylics. Years 1 and 2 used collage techniques, layering tissue papers with pva glue to create flame and wave effects. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 sketched and painted rainforest animals and sea creatures using combinations of watercolour and acrylic paints. As part of their poetry unit, Year 6 children have written some evocative poems highlighting the polluting aspects of plastics in the seas and oceans.



Some thoughts from children at Awbridge:

*"There are many leaves in the forest so we painted some leaves. To make the leaf I used a paintbrush to add dark green and brown paint. I put yellow dots around with my finger."* Rupert (YR)

*"I think people should stop putting rubbish in the sea. Rubbish should go in the bin or be recycled."* Ivor (Y1)

*"I am worried about losing the rainforests and the monkeys having no home. I have been to the rainforest and I know how special it is."* Bibi (Y2)

*"I think it's sad that animals' homes are being destroyed in order to make palm oil. I hope they stop the destruction because animals such as the orangutang are so human-like. It is a tragedy to see them suffer."* Ava (Y3)

*"I painted a piranha and a jellyfish. I am worried about the ocean heating up from global warming. It's not very good. If I could ask an oceanographer a question it would be 'How does the ocean absorb heat?'. With the poles heating up, other animals such as the arctic fox and polar bear are struggling."* Henry (Y4)

*"I painted an orangutang sat in a tree. My slogan said 'I don't matter'. I don't think we will be able to stop people destroying the forests. I just hope it will become more sustainable, such as planting trees for palm oil around the edges of rainforest rather than destroying the whole habitat."* Samuel (Y5)

*"Our teacher showed us a video of how plastics are destroying the ocean habitats. I think we should be making less things out of plastic and using cardboard more. I hope that less plastic will be in the oceans in the future so that our planet and marine life can stay healthy."* Scarlett (Y6)

