

I AM HENRY FINCH



Alexis Deacon illustrated by M

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Pop Up Festival – Year 1 Author Visit 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 2020

### Book Blurb:

In Alexis Deacon's inspirational book 'I Am Henry Finch', Henry and all the finches do exactly the same thing every day: they say, 'good morning', they say, 'good afternoon' and 'good night'. That is, unless The Beast comes along – then their world is turned upside down and no finch is safe. One night, Henry Finch wakes up and has a thought – he is inspired to become great! Next time the beast comes, Henry is ready to turn his thoughts into action and he shows great bravery and courage to protect his finch flock. Henry's plan goes wrong when The Beast catches him, but he solves the problem through the power of positive thought and inspiring others to think outside the box and dream big. The book is both funny and thought-provoking and carries a positive message for children to use freedom of expression and self-belief to make changes and achieve their dreams.

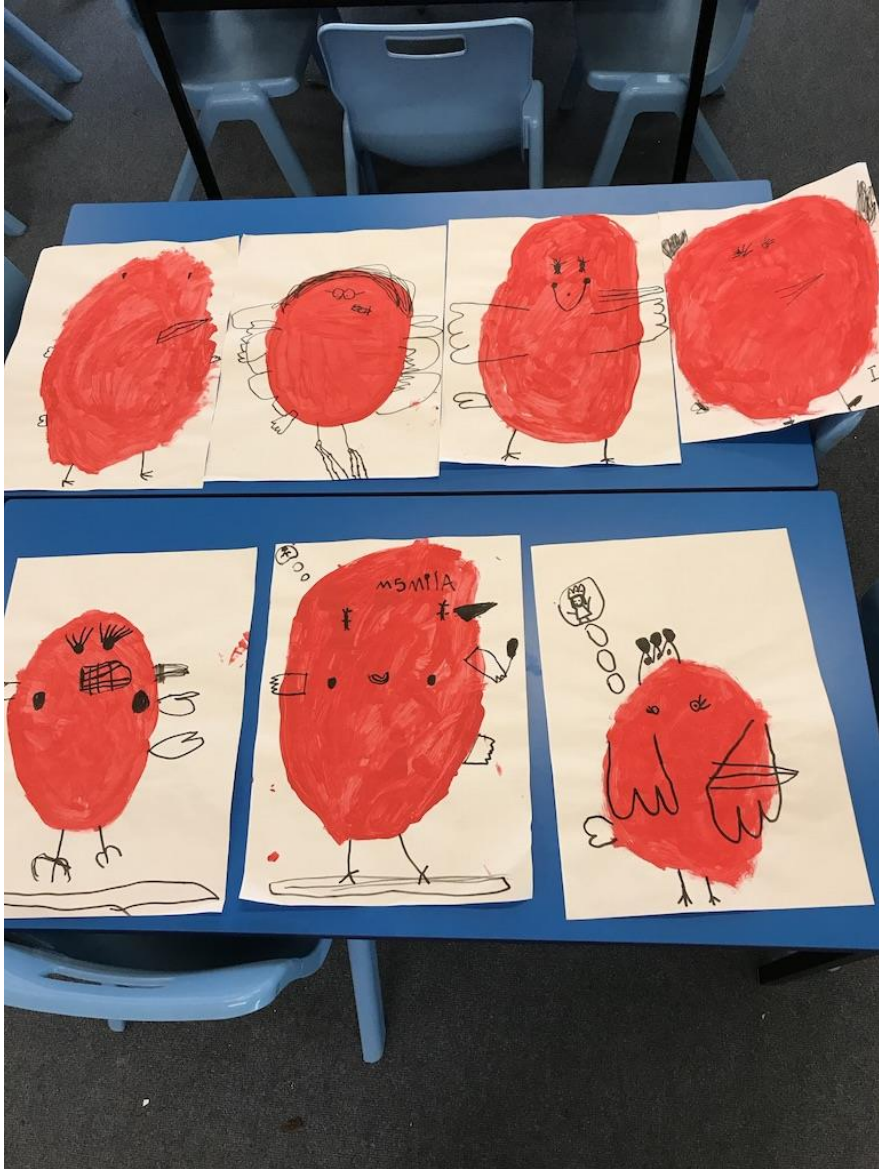


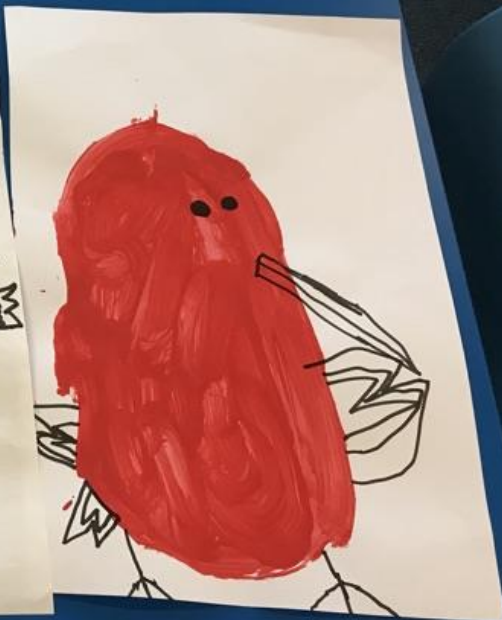
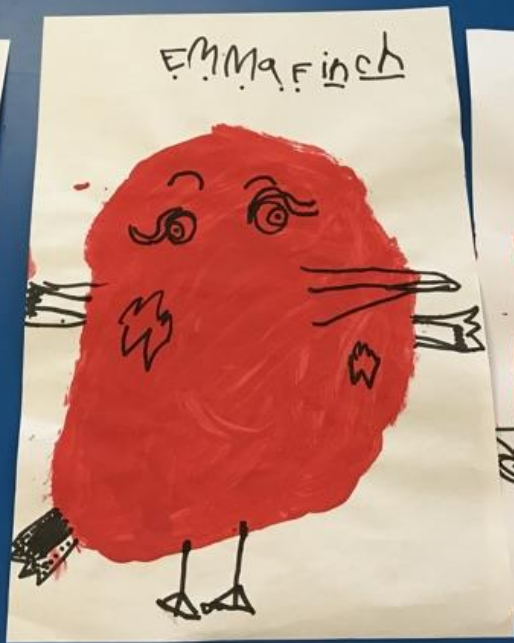
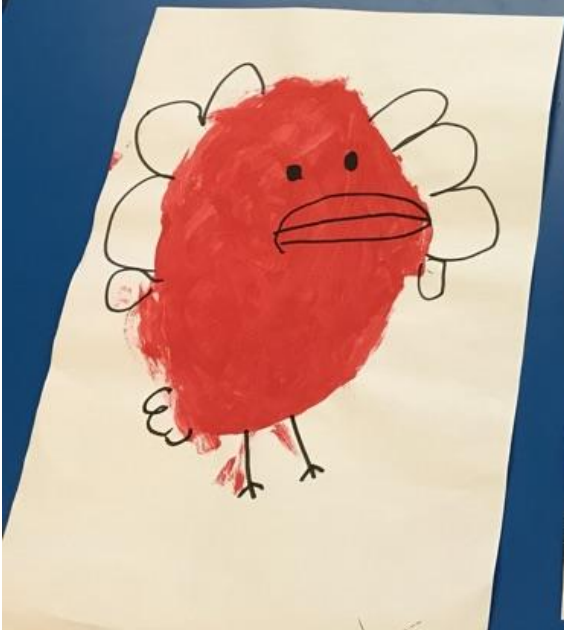
## Year 1 – I Am Henry Finch Activities:

In the week leading up to the live event, Alexis Deacon set the children a series of activities to introduce them to the story. Both classes have really loved reading and discussing the book, as well as creating their own individual finches using different art materials and mediums, including paint, pencils, and fabrics. A gallery of the children's work can be found below. Reading 'I Am Henry Finch' has really sparked the children's imagination and has led to some very interesting discussions in the classroom.







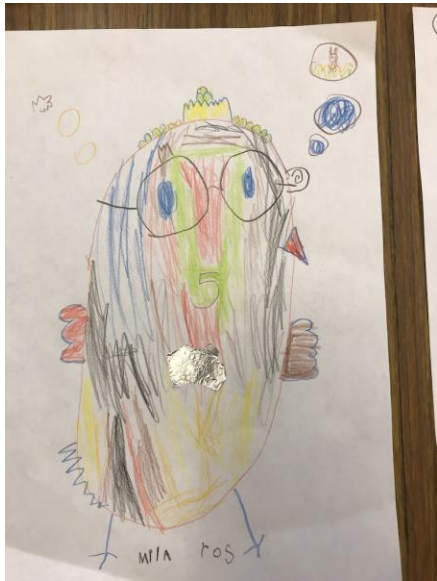




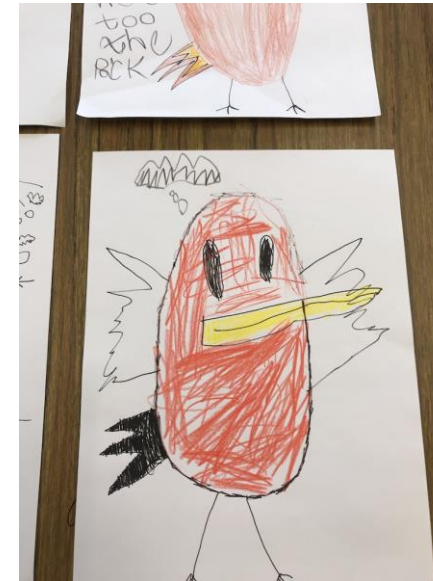


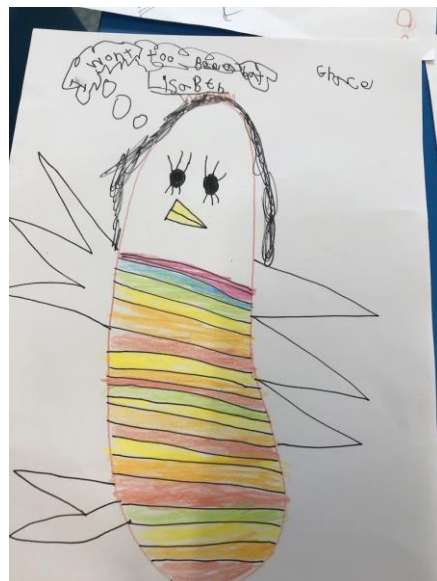
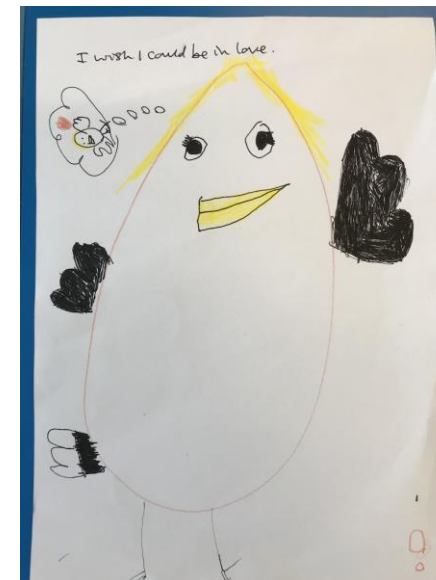




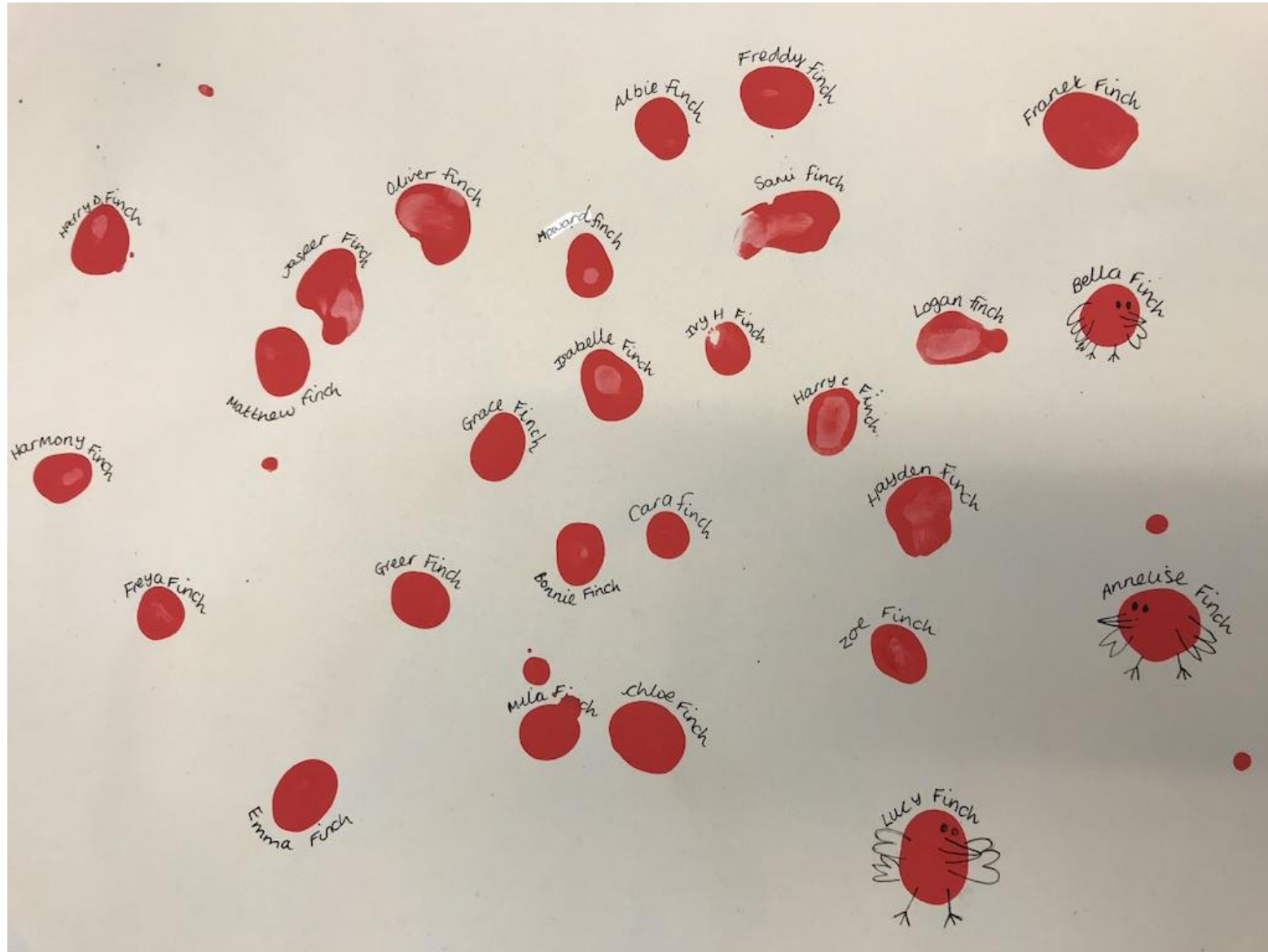


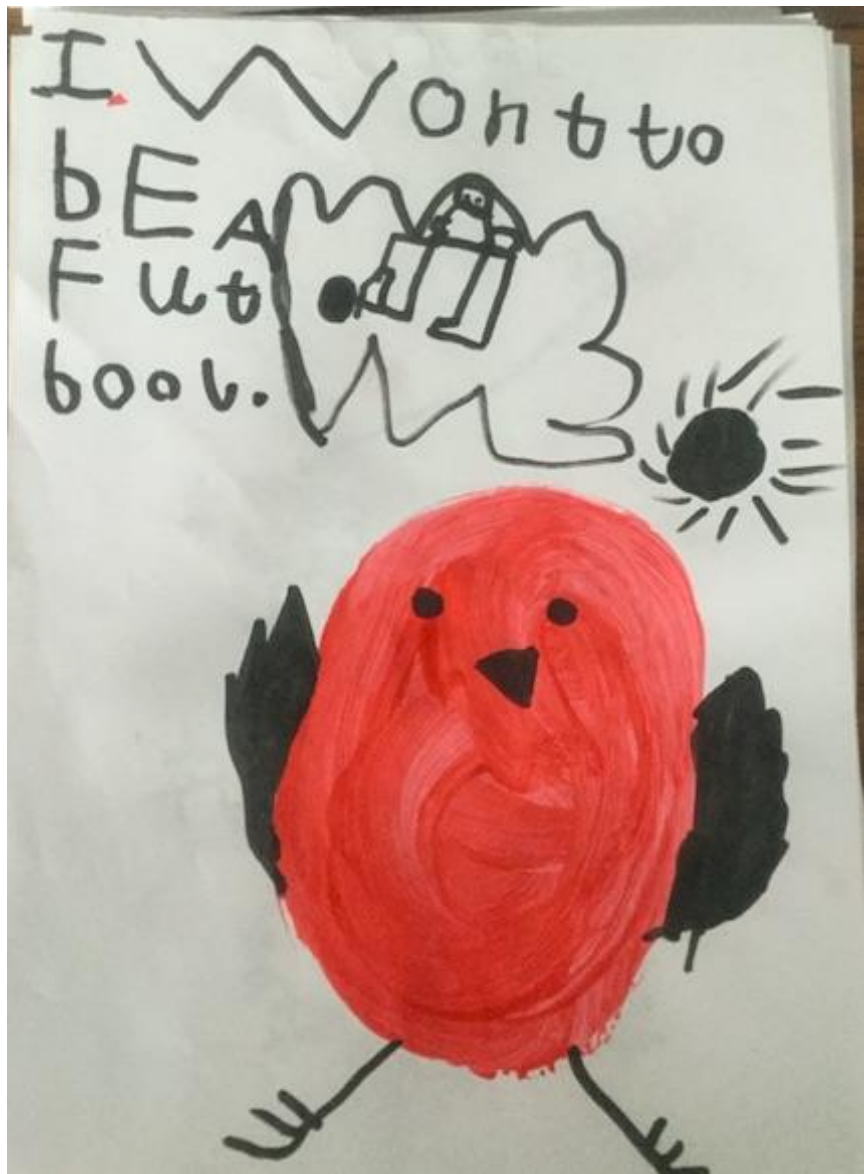
















## Pop Up Festival - Author Visit – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

On the day of the Pop Up Festival, both classes were treated to a fabulous experience meeting award-winning author and illustrator Alexis Deacon via a live link up. They asked him lots of questions about the book and about his life as a writer and illustrator, as well as taking part in fun interactive drawing activities that he had prepared for us.

The children were thrilled to have a chance to show Alexis their finch artwork, and to listen to him reading the book, as well as extracts from some of his other fabulous stories, including Beegu. They were also treated to a live drawing session in which Alexis taught them some of the 'tricks of the trade' and how to draw characters and settings for their own stories. Emperor Class even created their own fantastic characters Rainbow Lola and Little Brother Ralph (seen in the last slide)! In Swallowtail class the children were thrilled with their new Finch – The singing star Agatha Finch! (Seen in next slide).

The session was very enjoyable for all involved and the Year 1 Team send our huge thanks to Alexis Deacon and Pop Up Festival for an experience that the children will not forget!

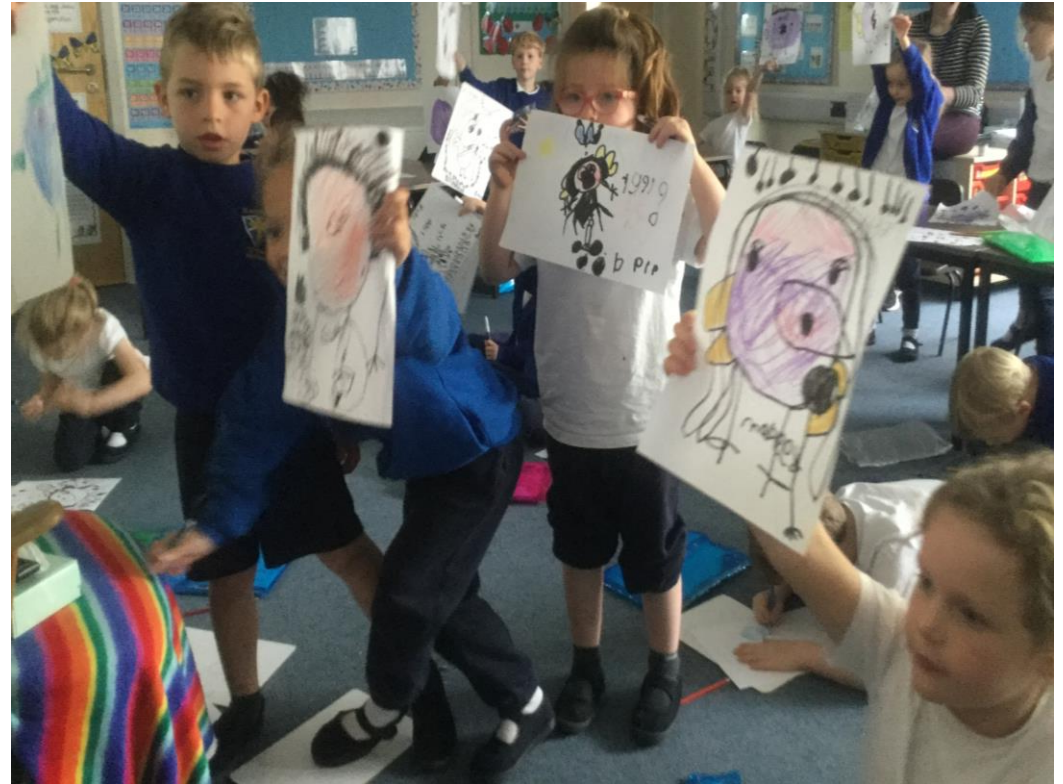
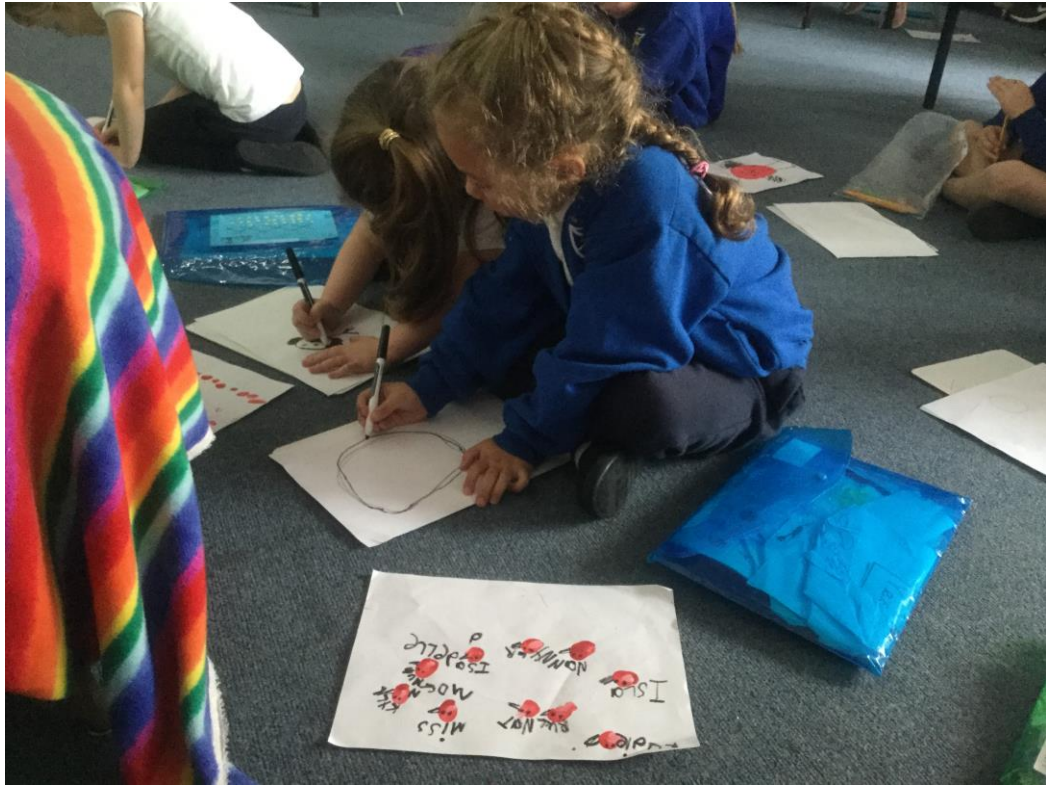
Mr Robards  
Emperor Class

Mrs Toms  
Swallowtail Class

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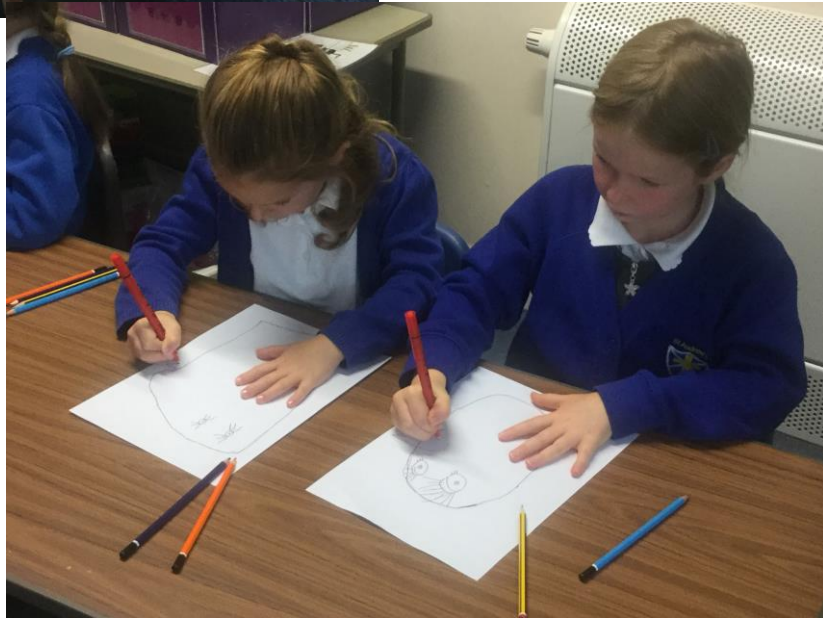
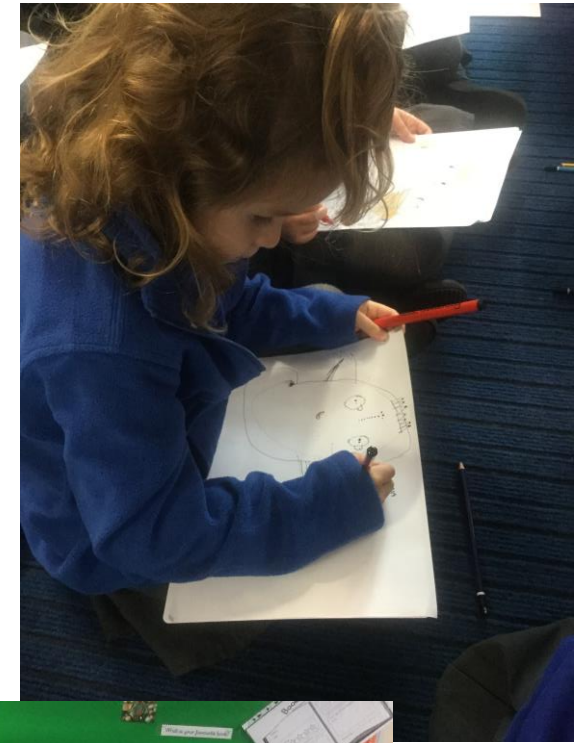
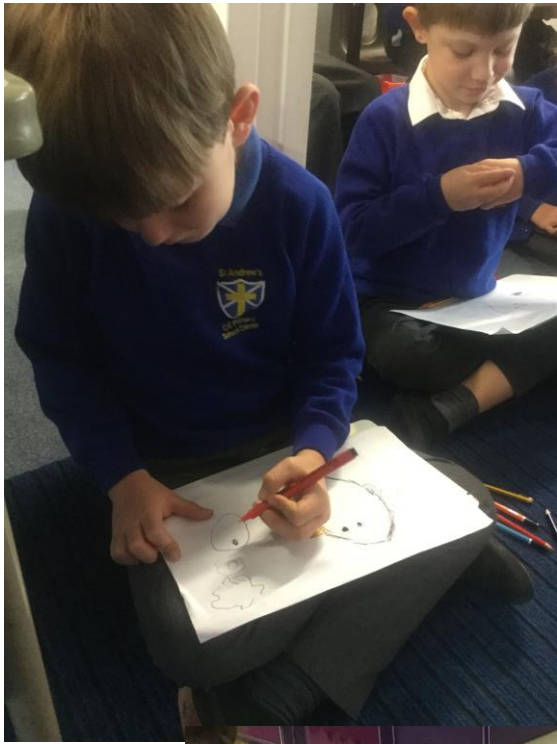












I WISH I COULD BE THE QUEEN

RAINBOW C  
Lola

LITTLE  
BROTHER  
RALPH

