

In October 2022, we celebrated a school wide poetry morning.



The theme was 'This Is Me', inspired by the song of the same name from the film 'The Greatest Showman'. Different year groups were challenged to create a variety of poems linked to the chosen theme. We wanted the day to celebrate our uniqueness, encouraging the children to be proud of who they are.

Then came the writing. What a lot of budding poets we have at Cottesmore! The children wrote a variety of poems, including about what they think makes them special and what they believe is important to stand up for in our world. All of the children did such a wonderful job, and spent the rest of the day illustrating and performing their poems.



Causes that are important to us:

- poaching - killing animals for their body parts
- climate change - pollution leads to global warming
- deforestation - chopping down forests and destroying animals' habitats
- animal testing - scientific testing on animals for human use.
- pollution - litter and keeping the earth environmentally friendly.
- racial equality - treating people of all races/cultures fairly and equally.



The winners were:

Olivia, Year 6



My name is 'pick up litter'
don't leave it on the floor.
My name is 'come and help us'
or the Earth will be poor.

My name is 'stop deforestation'
give the animals their home.
My name is 'stop poaching'
and leave them all alone.

My name is 'heal the Earth'
please make it survive.
My name is 'stop polluting'
to keep us all alive.

My name is 'stop throwing away'
keep the oceans healthy.
My name is 'stop polluting'
and then it'll be wealthy.

My name is 'Help us change'
good what we used to be.
My name is 'nearly there'
I always will be me.



Olivia

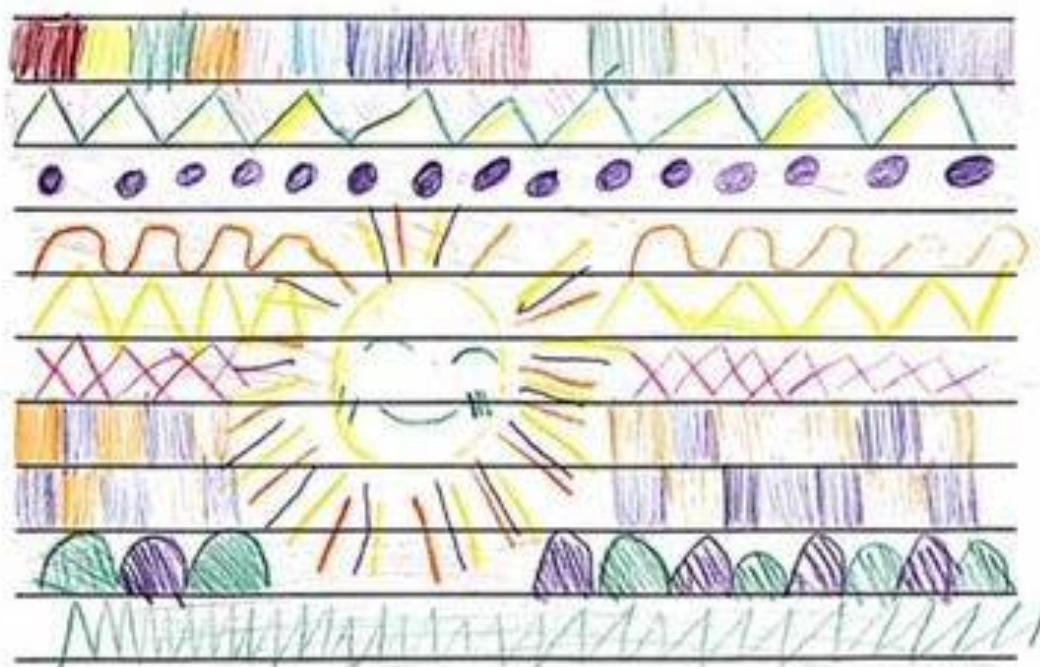


This is me - ByAda

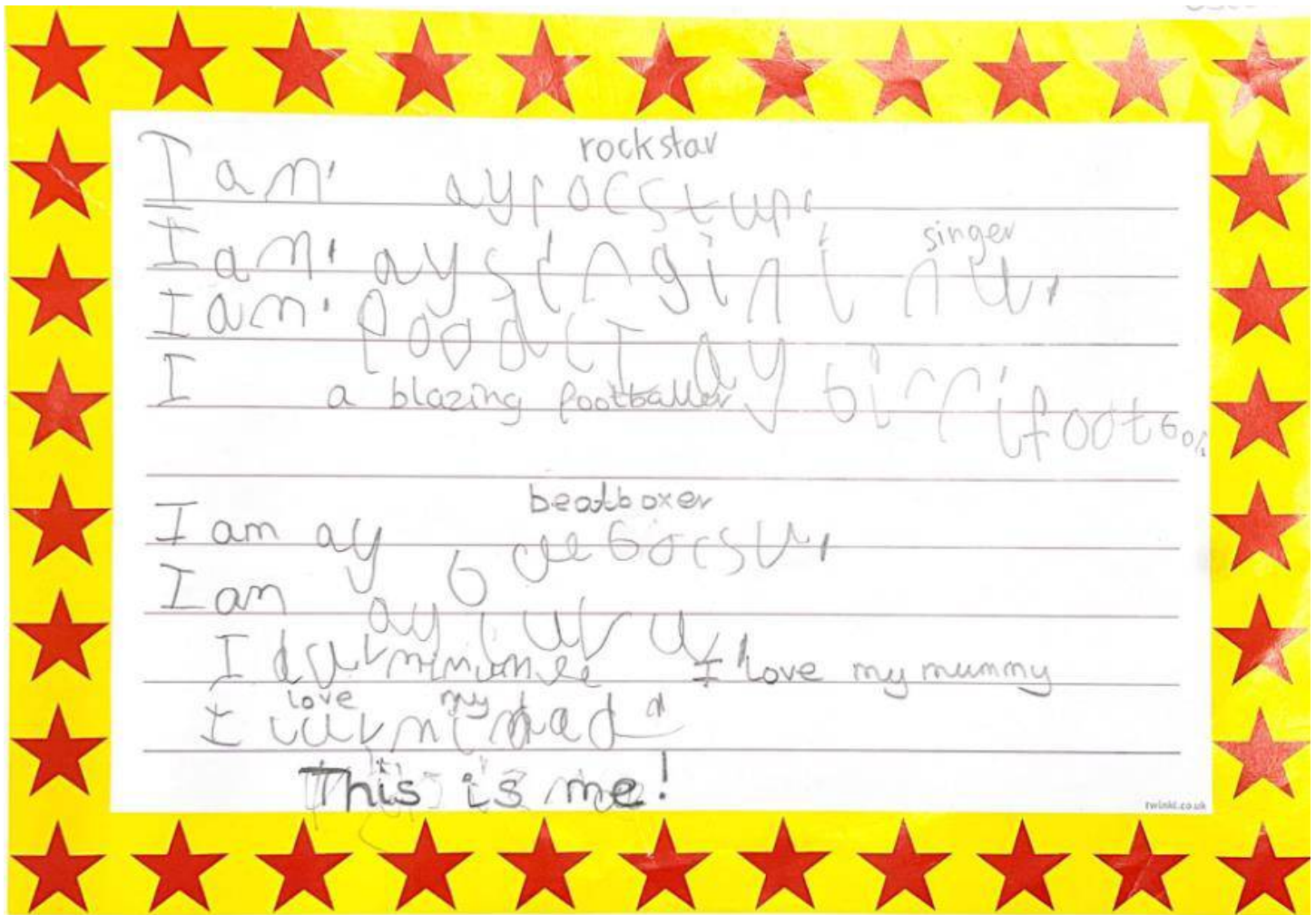
Thinking of family and friends I adore.
Hoping something will be happening.
I dance and sing happily to the breeze.
Super fast roller skating through the house.

I'm listening music and drawing.
Seaside and swimming helps me feel calm.

Me and my family having a day together.
Ending the day at school playing as I'm young.



Oscar, Year 1



We also learned about Joseph Coelho, the children's Poet Laureate and listened to some of his poems, such as 'You Look Like a Rainbow.'



The winning poems were displayed in a local children's book shop, *The Book Nook*, and the children each received a beautiful poetry book from this shop. *The Book Nook* staff often visit Cottesmore, bringing fabulous authors with them!

