

## What we have been up this month



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## About us as a school

`Teach babies to read?'

One of the most influential pedagogues of school renovation is Maria Montessori, the first woman who graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in Italy. She was interested in children with learning difficulties, those who were then called 'retarded'. When working with them she realized that there were so many things that could be done to improve their learning. From an early age she taught them through the senses, sight, touch, hearing. Her results were impressive to such an extent that some of the 'retarded' children began to perform like normal children. As a result, Dr. Montessori came to the conclusion that healthy children were not even given a small percentage of what their potential could develop. Montessori's schools were implemented throughout Europe quickly. With her methodology, children normally learn to read words at four years of age.

Sixty years later, another doctor, Glenn Doman, treated children with brain injuries. In the 60s he founded an institute for the Achievement of Human Potential which produced magnificent results of improvement and recovery through a treatment program. For Glenn Doman children had an extraordinary curiosity and ability to learn. The soon as they begin walking they touch everything they have around them, they put everything in their mouths, they break or they push objects, they fall over, put their fingers in the socket ... Their curiosity is hard because we have to watch them all the time to prevent them from getting hurt... However if we value this great curiosity and naturally encourage it at the right times, they will benefit from it. So, what is the Doman method? It is a method of learning to read designed to be used by parents who apply it naturally, fun, as a game. The methodology involves the use of cards that are shown to the child several times a day, in short periods of time and in series of 10 stimuli. This is how to boost learning by stimulating and optimising the curiosity and desire to learn from babies. It is based on the idea of intelligence bits, which are units of information that the child can understand and assimilate. Based on this idea, the baby can learn to relate the letters without needing to know the alphabet, because he understands the concept itself and associates it with the word. It is essential that the activity be lived as a fun and communicative game. In his book, *How to teach your baby to read*, Glenn Doman explains all the steps and how the parents themselves can develop and create the material. We can agree more or less with Glenn Doman, but it is definitely a book we must read.

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Maria Bellmunt  
Headteacher



## Vikings

Written by Salma Wright

The Vikings were invaders and settlers who came from Scandinavia and travelled by boat as far as North America, West Asia and much more.

The word "viking" means "pirate raid" in the Old Nordic language that was spoken in Scandinavia by the same period. Vikings were known for their excellent hygiene.

But not all Vikings were pirates and raiders, many fled to other countries to settle and farm, while others travelled to seas to find goods to take back home to Scandinavia.

What did Vikings eat? Vikings farmed crops, grew gardens and raised animals.

They ate what they produced on their farms and what they could hunt, fish and more.

Vikings farms were small, but large enough to keep the family well- fed.

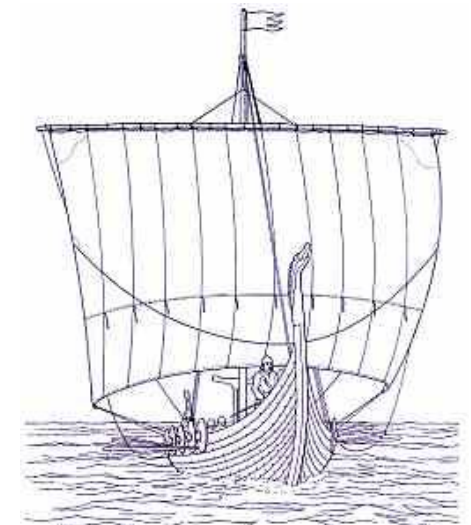
Their food was seasonal, so they might have a lot of food to eat at some times of the year and very little to eat at others.

The Vikings built fast dragon-ships and long ships for raiding and war. A ship carried everything needed at sea, drinking water, dried meat to eat, tools, weapons, and furs to keep warm.

Many women in Viking-Age Scandinavia were buried with rings or keys, which symbolized their roles and power as household managers. Some women rose to a particularly high status. Female warriors known as "Valkyries," who may have been based on shieldmaidens, are certainly an important part of Old Norse literature.

Vikings actually never wore horned helmets. It was invented when they started making viking movies on cinema, but it was investigated and discovers that Vikings had never worn horned helmets.

Several popular words we use today have Viking origins. Snort, lump, scrawny and anger all have their roots in Old Norse language, so Vikings have definitely influenced our culture.



## Sweatshops and child labour

### What are sweatshops?

Sweatshops are a workplace in which workers are employed at low wages and under unhealthy or oppressive conditions.

### Where do we find sweatshops? What are the sweatshops workers paid? Who works in sweatshops?

El Salvador is one of the countries that is known for sweatshops, these workers earn about 1,38 cents per hour and are treated in dreadful ways. Nicaragua workers are paid 0,76 cents an hour. China workers have a salary of 0,44. Bangladesh is known as the country that has more sweatshops, and this country doesn't only offer workers the worst wage but also the worst treatment. Workers in Bangladesh are paid 0,13 cents per hour. However, the workers are not always paid and if they are, they are usually paid less than they should earn. This workers suffer from violence, slavery and abuse.



### **Conclusion**

Clothing has never been more accessible and affordable than it is today. It's a business model that has trendy, modern, nice display cases, affordable clothes... Nevertheless, behind that, there is an industry can't be sustained in an ethical or environmental manner. The fashion industry is one of the most polluting industries in the world. This unsustainable industry will only continue to grow as long as consumers are ignorant to the environmental and societal impact it leaves on the world.

We are being persuaded and used, to buy clothes. What the fashion industry does is use our feelings as a marketing technique. There are about 218 million of children forced to work in today's world, of which 68,4% aren't paid. We don't know what's behind those industries. It's style not fashion that matters.



## Animals

Written by Andrea Asensio

Everywhere in the world are types of animal. And in all the world there are different types of pets.

For example:

In China the pets are Elefants Maximus, Martes zibellina , Dugong dugong, otocolobus manul, Artictis binturong, neofelis nebulosa and Rhinopithecus roxellana

In Catalunya: dogs, cats, hamsters...

Now I'm talking about the animals that are in danger. The most endangered animal in the world is: Cape buffalo's horns. Why are the animals in some destinations in danger? Because the people throw many contaminated things to the sea, and the animals eat all the things: plastic, paperboard, etc...



## Extinction

The animals in danger of extinction

Written by Màxima Monsalve

There are a lots of animals in danger of extinction. This happen because of the activities of man with all his acts. The humans with their acts of killing, torturing, caging them, taking them to make movies, series and having them for the exhibition to the people. There are now 41,415 species in danger of extinction, and 16,306 species have already become extinct. The number of endangered species is up from 16,118 last year.

This is a list of animals in danger of extinction, I'm going to focus on two.

1. Amur Leopard
2. Gorillas
3. Sea turtles
4. Tiger
5. Linx ibèric
6. Sumatran Elephant
7. Saola
8. Vaquita
9. Orangutan



### **Linx ibèric:**

The Iberian lynx is an animal that is mostly in Andalusia. It is in critical danger since 2015. It is currently classified as a threatened species. However, it continues to be the most threatened feline in the world and the most dangerous carnivore in Europe. Now there are more or less 300 in freedom, and some in captivity.



### **Tiger:**

Tiger is a mammal of the feline family, it is a carnivorous predatory animal. The tiger of Bengal is the most common subspecies of tiger, constituting approximately 80% of the population of tigers, is in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal and India. It is an endangered species more than fifteen years ago in Asia there are only 3,200 tigers compared to the 100,000 fifteen years ago. In Asia before they were among the most common but in the twentieth century their worst enemy made them disappear, hunting them when it was illegal, or contaminated their habitat of living. There are tiger species that are totally

# Giraffes danger of extinction

Written by Silvia Moreno

Giraffe is a mammalian animal, it is native to Africa, and it is characterized by its long neck. The name "giraffes" derives from the mixture of three languages: Latin, Greek and Arabic.

It is the tallest animal in the world with an average height between 14 and 17 metres.

The females have hair on the top, but the males do not. In the neck they have 7 vertebrae, this gives them flexibility and a wide range of movements. They are extremely fast.

The males can reach the height of 5-6 metres from their legs to the horns. Females are approximately one metre shorter.

Giraffes feed mainly on acacia and commiphora (myrrh) trees. Because of their height, they can easily pluck the leaves from the tops of these tall trees.

A giraffe can eat up to 63 kgs of leaves and branches every day.

Two subspecies of giraffes were recently added to the list of "critically endangered" species for the first time ever, as per the latest report by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which administers the world's official endangered species list.

The Kordofan giraffe and the Nubian

As with the endangerment or extinction of any animal or plant species now, humans are at the root of it. Increased urbanisation, poaching and illegal hunting practices as well as civil unrest in parts of Africa prove to be an increasing danger for giraffes.

We have to take action before it's too late to keep them from disappearing or else they'll be gone.



# Fashion Industry

It's not about the brand it is about the style

Written by Judit Bellmunt



## Introduction

How many of you can say with certainty that the garments you are wearing right now haven't been made in a sweatshop? How many of you can say that the cotton in your clothes hasn't been picked by children who were trafficked to work on a farm? It's a hard question, the clothing supply chain is a complex system. The truth is hidden from us by the actors in the fashion industry. Even some clothes factories themselves are oblivious to the truth by their material suppliers. Currently, only 5% of the companies know where their inputs come from. The fashion industry and fashion itself is a complicated topic. I'm going to write about fashion, focusing mainly on the fashion industry.

## Fast fashion

### What Is Fast Fashion?

Fast fashion is cheap, trendy clothing that joins and represents ideas from catwalk models, celebrities and culture. The name tells us that the process in which these garments are made is quick.

### When Did Fast Fashion Start?

Fast fashion all started when we had the **industrial revolution**. The Industrial Revolution was the introduction to new manufacturing processes and technology in Europe and the US, in the period from about 1760 to sometime between 1820 and 1840.

### What impact does fast fashion and fashion itself have?

Fast fashion and fashion itself impact our world in many different ways; socially, environmentally, and even economically. However, I'm going to be writing about the social and environmental impact, as they are the most known, severe and common impacts.

### Socially:

The main effect fast fashion has on society is how people follow fashion slavishly; **Fashion victims**. Why do we follow fashion? The answer is once again complicated and complex, the international fashion industry plays and takes advantages with our negative feelings, they make people feel they must keep up with new trends and keep shopping. They take advantage of our desire and anxiety about not fitting in, not being up-to-date, and being an outsider. I think that the fashion industry dictates to society what to wear. Fashion doesn't promote self expression, personal character expression or originality. In my opinion, style is far more important. Fashion is universal, style is personal. Fashion is normal, style is unique. Fashion is copied, style is awed.

### Environmentally:

The fashion industry is the second largest polluter in the world.

- **Water Pollution and use:** 200,000 tons of dyes are thrown in the ocean every year. It takes 2,700 litres of water to make one cotton shirt, enough to meet the average person's drinking needs for two-and-a-half years.
- **Ocean pollution:** Every time we wash a synthetic garment, about 1,900 individual microfibers are released into the water, making their way into our oceans. These are then eaten by fish, introducing plastic in our food chain.
- **Fashion waste and accumulation:** Only 15% of the clothing in this world is recycled or donated, the rest goes directly to the landfill or is incinerated. Synthetic fibres, such as polyester, are plastic fibres, can take up to 200 years to decompose. Making a pair of jeans produces as much greenhouse gas as driving a car more than 80 miles.

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# Who is Amelia Earhart?

Conspiracy Theory  
By Sara Bellmunt

Amelia was the first woman to be a pilot, she flew across the Atlantic in 1927.

She wanted to travel around the world, but she had an accident in 1937, on the Pacific Ocean. She had a navigator who helped her and they both died.

## Her life

Amelia Mary Earhart was an American. She was born on July 24th 1897 and she disappeared on July 2nd 1937. When she was a child, she showed she had an independent character and adventurous nature.

She left junior school to be a nurse in Toronto, then she completed high school in Chicago. In 1920 she got her licence to be a pilot, then in 1921 she bought her first airplane "Kinner Airster."

On May 20–21, 1932 she flew from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, to Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and did it in a record time of 14 hours and 56 minutes.



This is Amelia Mary Earhart's childhood house    These are some belongings of Amelia Mary

## Death theory

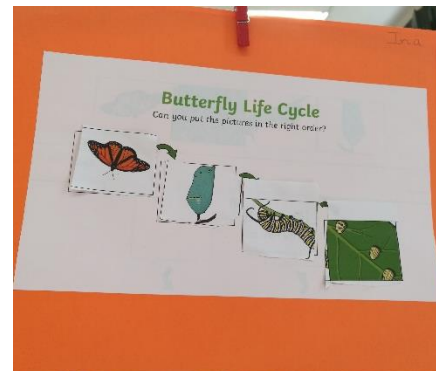
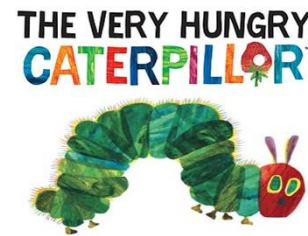
She and her navigator, Fred Noonan, were never seen again. However, a group of researchers said that the aviator died as a castaway on the island of Nikumaroro, halfway between Hawaii and the Solomon Islands, where the bones were found in 1940.

Now there are no bones they have disintegrated. The only things left are her belongings.

# We are very Hungry

Written by Jenni Aitkin, early years class teacher


We have been enjoying listening to, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. This is a fantastic story which allows children to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. Moreover, it teaches about healthy foods and it is a fun way for little ones to practise number sequencing and counting. We have followed the story in book and video form. We have roleplayed the story with masks and puppets. We have also looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and we did a fun activity which involved cutting the various steps and sticking them in the correct order. Of course, everyone loved creating butterfly wings in Art using paper collage!



## Personal writing in Primary

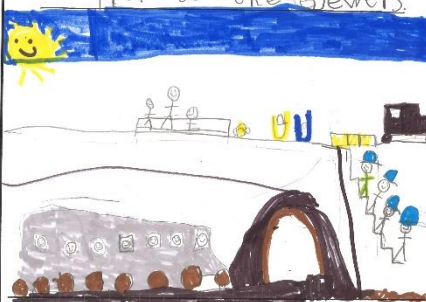
Written by primary students

Name EMMA Date Monday 13th May 2019  
My weekend




I lost a tooth and it bled.  
 I watched a film and it was called Mary Poppins it was Sun. I went to the park with Moll and Vincent it was very Sun. we played with a ball. I went to the library and we returned some books I was running a race with VINCENT I ate PIZZA it was yummy. It was swinging on a swing.

Name Sergi Date Friday 17 May 2019  
Trip to the sewers




Last Thursday we went to the Jn. First we went down into the cr. I had a helmet. I liked the tunnels.

Name SENIA Date Friday 17 May 2019



Last Thursday we went to Barcelona on the train. First we visited the sewer. It was smelly and dirty.

Name AMRIT Date FRIDAY 17th MAY 2019  
TRIP to the SEWERS:



LAST THURSDAY we went to BARCELONA in the VAN with DAD. FIRST we went down INTO the SEWERS. I SAW WATER AND POO in the sewer. I SAW TUNNELS in the sewer. I ATE A SANDWICH. I PLAYED in the park. IT WAS A GOOD TRIP.

## Animal exploitation

Who are we to decide to kill, mistreat and eat an animal? Who are we?

Written by Amara Forcada

There are so many people in the world that think that to kill, eat and mistreat an animal is normal, and it is legal! I cannot say that's illegal, but I can say that I think that's a cruel and horrible crime, why? Because I think it's cruel to say: "Hey I'm going to buy some meat from a pig because I want to eat it." Who are the humans to think that they can decide to abuse an animal?

An animal is a living being too, like us, are we better than the animals?

Vegan people are vegan because they think that this isn't ethical.

In this magazine I will talk about all that I have mentioned now, and more.

People are abusing animals in many ways like: circus. There are so many animals that would be in the field but they are doing circus shows trained. Zoos have plenty of animals that are being used as shows for people. Animals are also mistreated on farms. For example, the cow, when you drink cow milk before this milk arrive to you the farmers forced the cow to get pregnant to make milk. The bullfights: this happens in the Iberian Peninsula there are shows of it, but the people don't pay now it is the government who pay it. Equestrians: there are so many horses that want to be in the field, but they are in the equestrian for human service. Popular parties exist, where the people take animals and throw them to the water or mistreat them. Dogfights where the people pay money to see them fighting.

Most of the vegan and vegetarian people don't eat meat and cheese and eggs because of all the exploitation on the factories of the animals, the factory workers mistreat the animals in various ways; they hit them and kill them if the animal has any problem when it is born. And there are many groups of people who don't want these things to happen such as Animal Equality, ASF, PACMA, Greenpeace, and many more.

These and more crimes like these ones are happening now, so you are reading or sleeping or playing, while these animals are killed by humans like you, like the dogs or the cats, making carpets with them. And so many barbarities like this one are happening now. These are unethical and are immoral.

Here are some links of video evidence:

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[https://youtu.be/lIN\\_ar4vPv7c](https://youtu.be/lIN_ar4vPv7c)



**Friends**



**not food**

But if you want you can change this immoral and horrible things that are happening now, you can do it by stopping including meat, fish, eggs and cheese in your diet.

# Smoking

Written by Paris Sánchez Ramentol

What is smoking?

Smoke is when you inhale the smoke of tobacco and the tobacco is like a drug but softer.

What purpose does smoking serve?

It is useful for when you are very stressed or very hungry or for things that worry you at work. Most people usually smoke more modern things, such as the vape that is an electronic cigarette. For example, my father vaped to stop smoking tobacco. People also smoke other things such as hookah, or cigarettes that means that you make your own cigarettes that can help you quit smoking and people who make you tired. What I do not recommend smoking are the drugs, because they make you hallucinate. A few drugs are marijuana, cocaine, heroine etc.



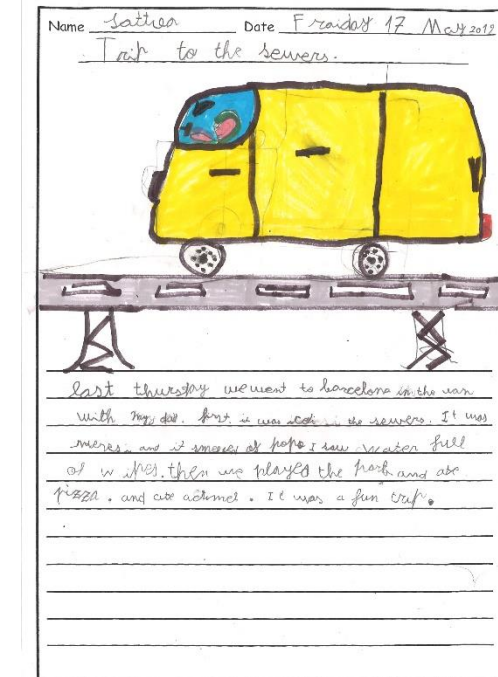
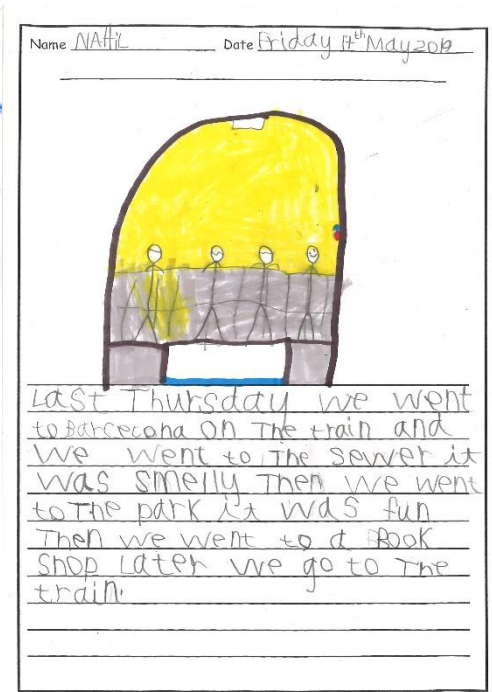
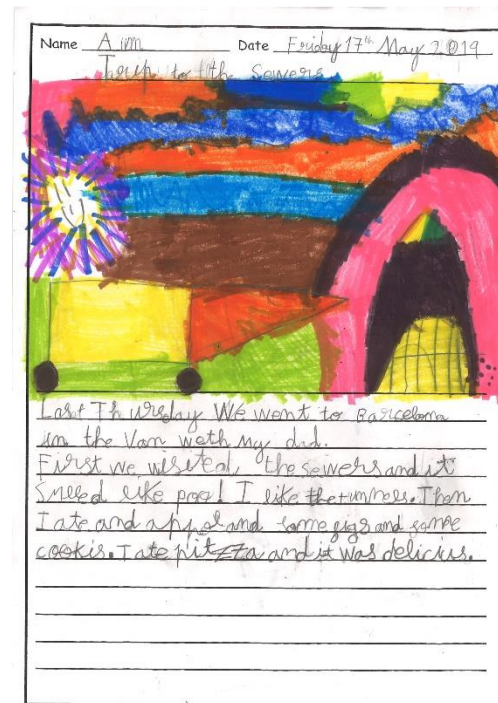
When was smoking invented and for what was invented?

It was invented in the year 1885 and it was used or the same thing as now the same.

What are the bad things of smoking?

When you start smoking, you become addicted to smoke and you can't stop until one day when you want to stop. It costs more than most people think, because there are people who later think that reading a book on how to quit smoking.

Also, like those who take drugs it's something similar but it affects more and it is harder to quit. Smoking is one of the most well-known addictions internationally. There are people who traffic drugs, which is also illegal, even more illegal than just taking drugs. Those who read this article and are adults or teenagers, do not drink or smoke.



Carla

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### The trip to the sewers



We took the train in the morning.

Elvira and me were playing a game.

Elvira had the color purple and I had the color blue car.

But I bet Elvira.

Don Elvira and me went to the toilet.

We walked and walked but we couldn't look for the toilet.

We went three parts of the train.

Then we came back and we found the toilet!

Mico

It was day 11 of our trip

The smelliest trip ever in our group



Primary and Secondary went to a double decker train. We were Sam and Sergio. Jodi King and I were playing a game and it was fun. We talked a bit and then we arrived at the sewers. We put on a hair band, gloves and a hat. We went in the tunnel and we saw a lot of rats. We ate pizza and we played Pirates. We played Hide and Seek.

We ate chocolate biscuits. We went to a book shop. I chose a book and I chose a comic.

We came out from the train we walked and walked on next again.

I felt that it was a long way.

We were already to go to the sewers.

We put on a helmet and gloves.

Then we went down stairs to go dark.

There were lots of spider webs and it was very dirty.

Monta was the girl who took us in the sewer she was explaining the tunnels the rats and everything.

There we went to a book shop.

I had a book about horses.

It was really fun.

I had fun on Thursday.

We went back to the train station.

Me and Elvira ate pizza.

The End

Nea

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### The stinky sewers!



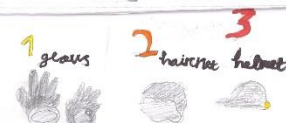
We met on the train and we ran on the train because we are noisy. We found a key and a coin. Maria told us to put the key back. Sergio, Jodi and I found a light and we got it with a paperclip.

We went to the sewers and it was disgusting on the walls it was very stinky and watery and with a lot of spider webs and it was the cables and very disgusting and dark and stinky and very very disgusting and it was very stinky and in a tunnel with a lot of rats and there it was that a lot of rats. We went to the park and we ate the lunch in a bench and after we played in the park and we play a lot of being the treasure. We went to the book shop and we took books for everyone!

Elvira

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### The stinky sewers!



We took the train to Barcelona and the train was a double-deck. We went to find the toilet so we walked three parts of the train. Then Carla and me played a game. It was fun! and Carla win.

Then we found the toilet in a restaurant and it was scary because sometimes the light goes off then we walk down in the sewers we had gloves, hairnet and a helmet. It was cool and a little scary. And it was lots of tunnels. We saw lots of roach poo.

Then we visited Palm Maraya. And then we went to a park and we ate pizza to lunch. We played in the park. Then we ate biscuits and it was yummy.

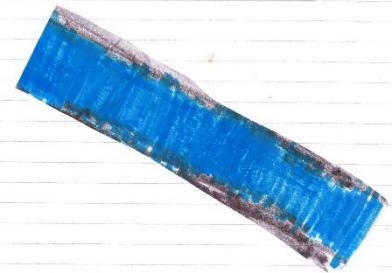
And we went to a bookshop it was lots of books and I found a book about Stockholm but I took a rather one.

Then we took the train back and Carla and me ate pizza! and it was a very fun day! and I like to go.

Jordi

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Stinky Sewers!



Sam was eating breakfast on the train. It was his dinner. We were running around the train and it was so fun. We found a key and a coin.

We went to the stinky sewer. Primary and secondary were needed to wear a helmet and gloves and a hairnet. It was so stinky. It was horrible and there were hundreds of cobwebs. We walked and we saw lots of wires. There was a lot of light and some holes. We all took a picture. We couldn't touch the walls as there were

When it was the up the sewer it was so up. There are internet cables in the sewers.

