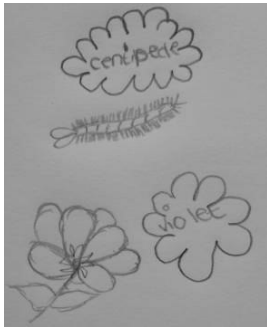
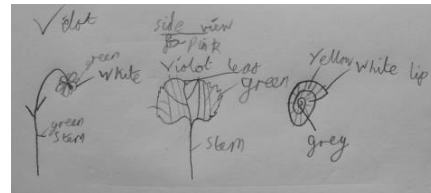


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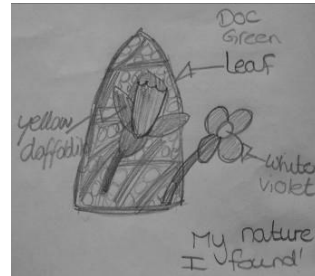


On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March we played host to the school. The focus of the day was “The Victorians”. The day was divided in half with half of the children visiting various places of interest in the village during the morning and the other half spending their time

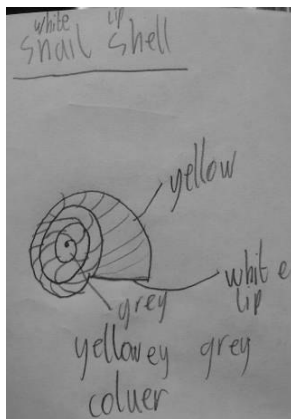


at the watercress beds. They started by watching the 1964 film showing the watercress business and were interested in seeing Gerald

Smith, the grandson of the founder of the beds in action. After watching the film half stayed in the centre for a demonstration of spinning wool – but not sheep’s wool it was alpaca wool. The



other half had a brief guided tour of the top half of the watercress beds before taking on the role of a Victorian naturalist by hunting for examples of wildlife to sketch. For the second half of the morning the two groups at the watercress beds swapped over and after lunch, at the centre, the two groups swapped over so everyone had a chance to take part in all the activities.



All the volunteers involved (Marian, Margaret, Christine and Tom) would like to thank all the children and their teachers for a really enjoyable and rewarding day. The children were extremely well behaved, polite and inquisitive and a pleasure to be with. They can also write very well and, perhaps if they visit again, they could give me some writing lessons.

