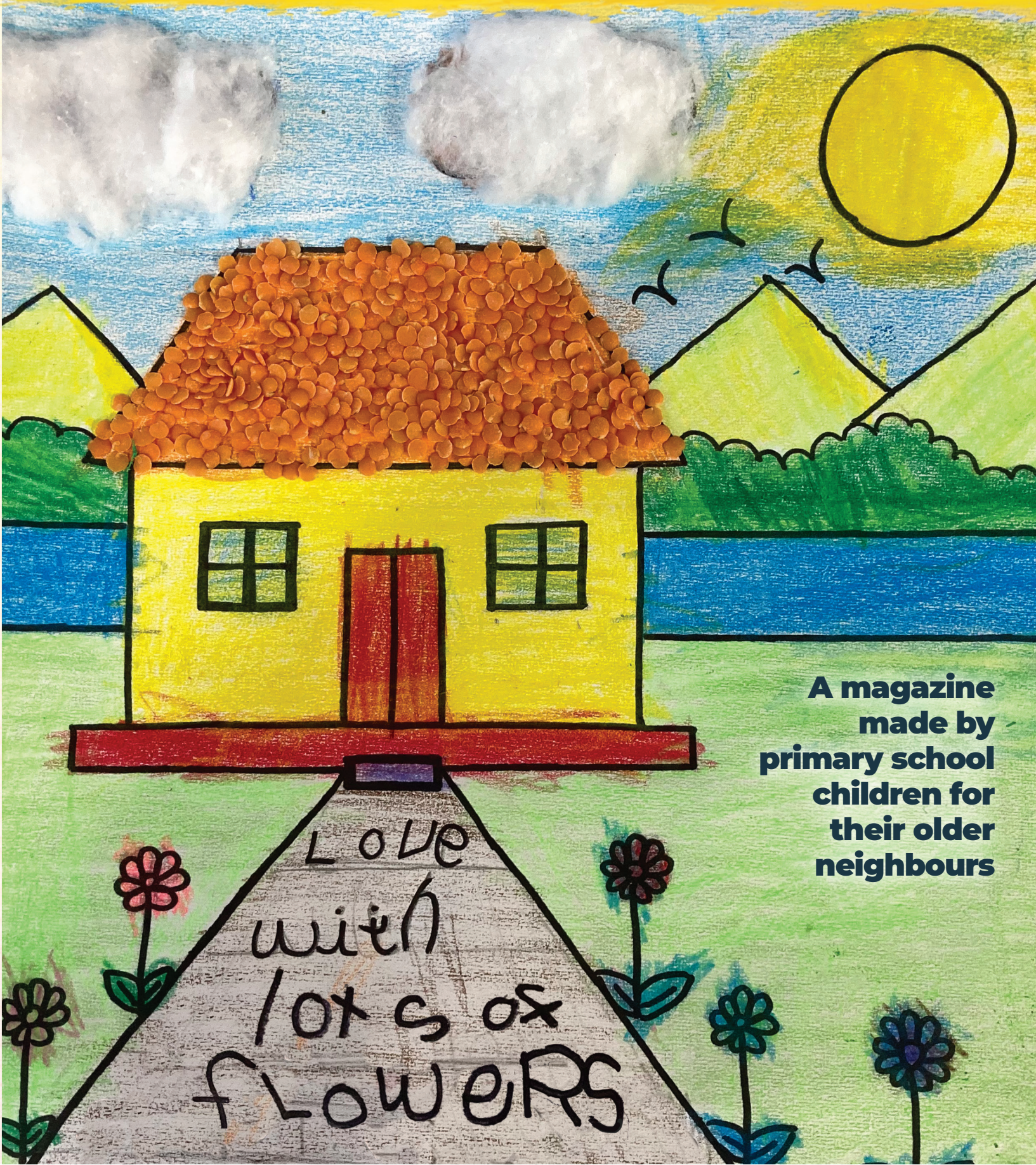


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# The Children's Press



**A magazine  
made by  
primary school  
children for  
their older  
neighbours**



# Editors' notes

This magazine has been made by the children who participate in InCommon's intergenerational projects. It is for the older people who live in the communities that we work with. Here are some messages from our young writers and artists.

Hello. What is your.....

name? Mine is Maya.....

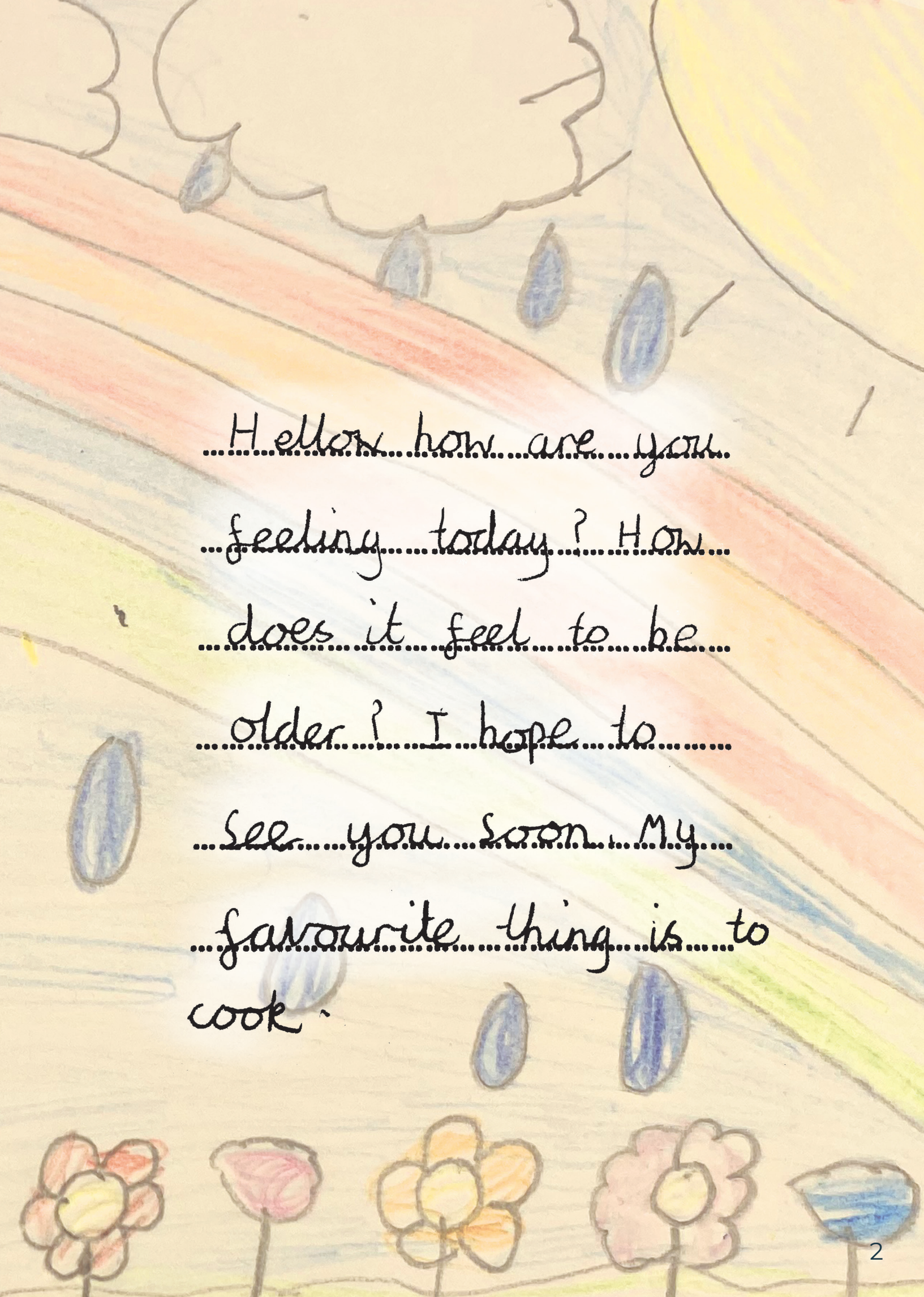
How are you feeling.....

today? I like going.....

to the beach. My.....

favourite toy is my dollhouse





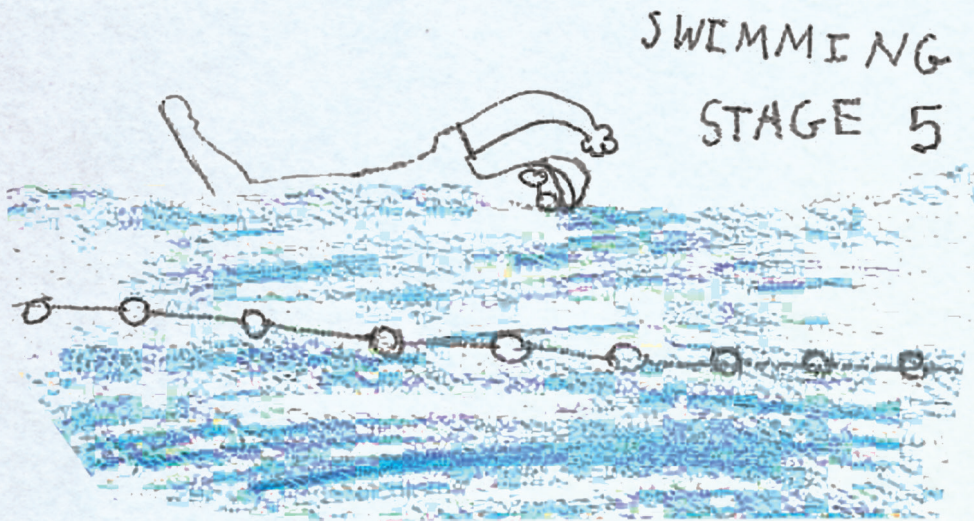
...Hellow how are you...  
...feeling today? How...  
...does it feel to be...  
...older? I hope to...  
...See you soon. My...  
...favourite thing is to  
cook.



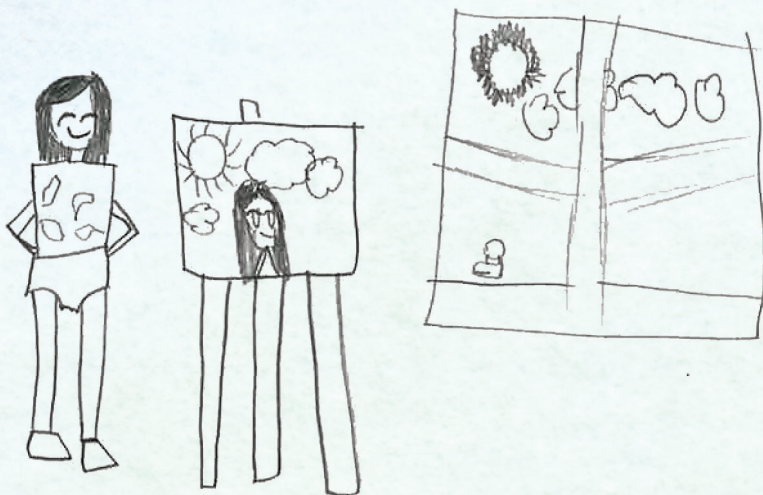
What I want to achieve is reading Harry Potter 8 because my parents say I'm too young.



I would like to make a new friend at my new school.



Being the best Athlete ever also improving my work.



getting closer to being an artist



# Our goals in 2022

Here, the children tell us about their personal goals for the upcoming year. Their ambitions range from rollerskating to reading, and we're crossing our fingers that they achieve their aims in 2022! What are some of your hopes for the year ahead?



getting roller skates

I want to learn about the chemicals and the periodic table.

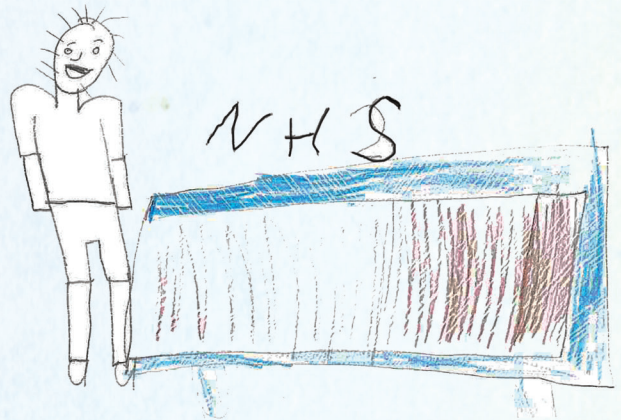
Winning a Football match



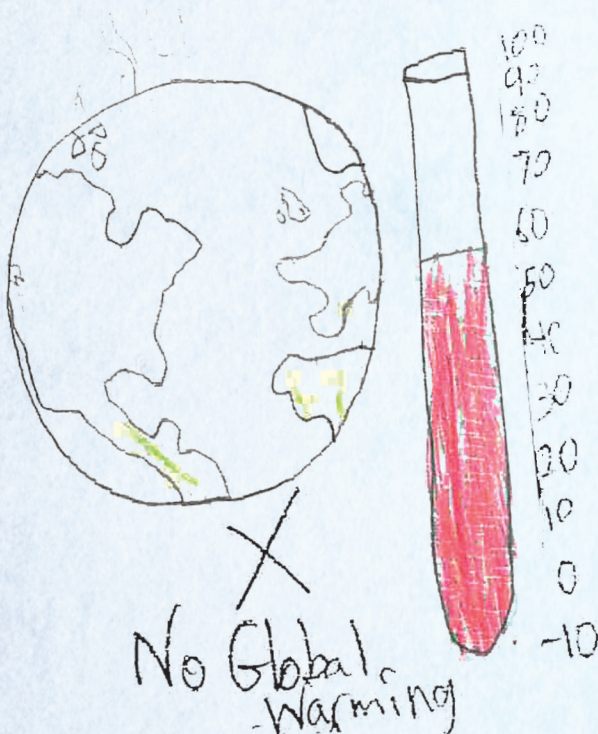


# Change we want to see in the

We asked the children to tell us about the big issues that we need to tackle in 2022. Their answers were thoughtful and inspiring. We feel confident that when younger and older generations come together, we can all work to make the world a better place for the future.



## Looking after the planet and the creatures who live on it



stop people from littering.



theyll be no more homeless animals in the streets of london.



# the world in 2022

## Being kind to each other



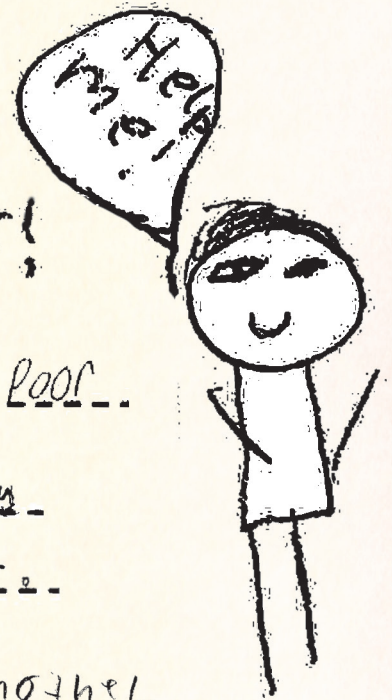
To end racism

Help the poor!

No world hunger for the poor

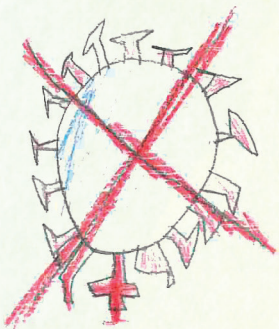
More donations to charity  
and more helping the poor.

people helping each other

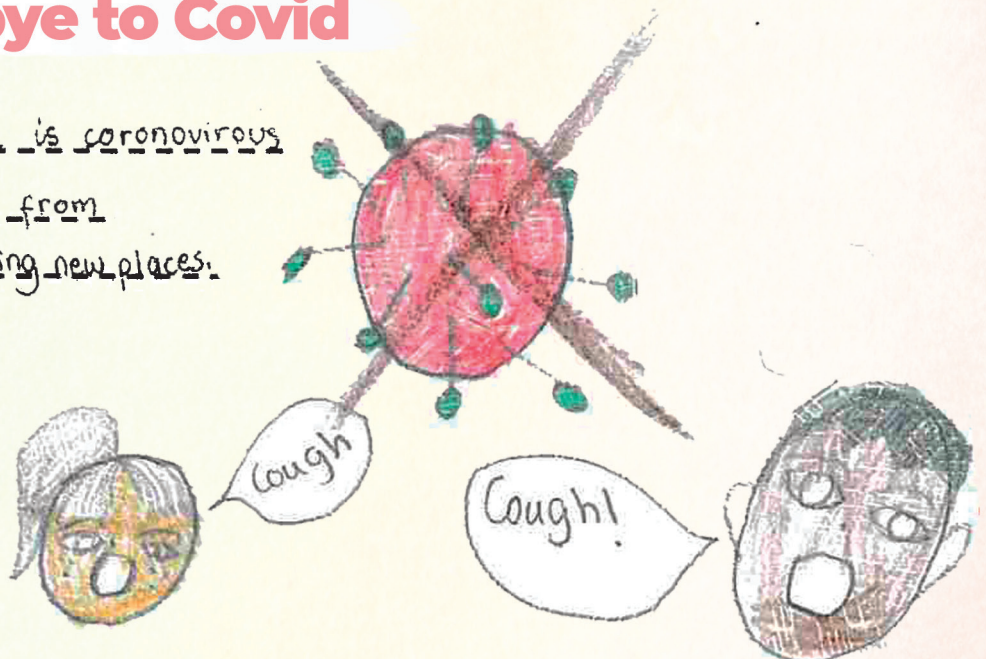


## Saying goodbye to Covid

A change I would like is coronavirus  
because it stops people from  
meeting each other and going new places.



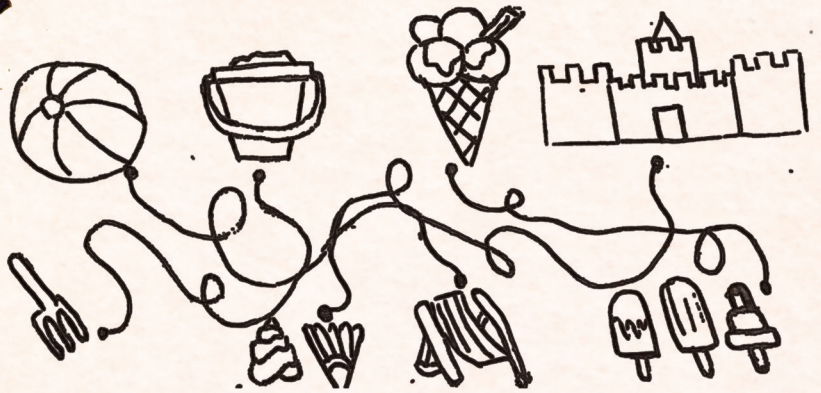
No Covid 19



I would like covid 19 to stop affecting our lives.



# Dreaming of summer



On these cold, cold winter days, we're imagining sunnier times! Can you complete these summer puzzles that the children have made?

S	J	C	A	M	P	M	X
W	Q	L	A	M	P	C	H
I	J	M	M	P	V	Y	Z
M	V	K	B	E	A	C	H
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M	H	O	T	E	G	H	U
K	O	I	G	U	F	U	N
W	A	T	E	R	O	Q	E

Beach  
camp  
fun  
hot  
Summer  
sun  
swim  
water





# Team Spotlight

*Rosy is InCommon's Programme Manager. Here, she shares some things she's learnt from talking to InCommon participants of all ages.*

***What's the most interesting thing you've learnt from an older person at InCommon?***

I was fascinated when a resident reminisced about the lamplighters of the 1940s. She described how every evening when she was a child, she would see the local lamplighter cycle down the street with a wooden ladder on his back. He stopped at each street lamp, climbed his ladder, and lit the gas inside. That way, people could see their way around after dark. It's amazing to hear about these jobs that don't really exist anymore.

***And what about the children – have you learnt anything new from them?***

I'm so impressed by how passionate the children are about the environment. They're all really clued up about global warming and brimming with ideas about how to stop it. The future is in good hands!

***What's your favourite activity that you facilitate as part of InCommon's workshops?***

I love 'A Day in the Life' – it's an activity where we compare a day in the children's lives today with a day in the older people's lives when they were 8 years old. A lot has changed! The older people tell us about blackboards, inkwells, and, sadly for many, harsh punishments from teachers. The children describe what classrooms look like now, complete with smartboards and recycling bins. But one thing that's stayed the same throughout the years seems to be timeless playground games!

***What would you say to someone who's thinking about getting involved with InCommon?***

I'd really encourage them to get in touch! There are lots of different ways to take part, and, in my experience, it's always a real joy to come together with people from different generations.





# Looking ahead

We've been offering intergenerational phone and video calls to children and older people while Covid rates have remained high. But we're hoping to get back to some in-person workshops in the spring, bringing generations together in the great outdoors as the days get warmer! We're thinking about doing some gardening projects, as part of which the children will get digging, planting and growing with older people in their communities.

Do you have any favourite gardening activities?  
Do get in touch and let us know!







## Get involved

We're always keen to speak to older people who might like to share some of their memories with a younger generation. We run intergenerational projects which bring older and younger people together over the phone, online, via post and in person. There are lots of ways to get involved, and you don't need a computer or the internet to take part. If you'd like to find out more, do give us a ring on **07718614427** or, if you have email, you can reach us at **hello@incommon.org.uk**. Alternatively, you can simply let your scheme manager or concierge know that you're interested in finding out more.

The InCommon Team



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Love	Trust	colourful	chip
Kindness	Forgiveness	Magic	
Hope	bright	amazing	
Respect	Shine	Nice	
Honest	golden	good	

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