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# Preface

**The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.**

**Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.**

**To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future.**

**The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these-books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.**

**I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.**

**Ms Shashikala Senadheera  
Principal  
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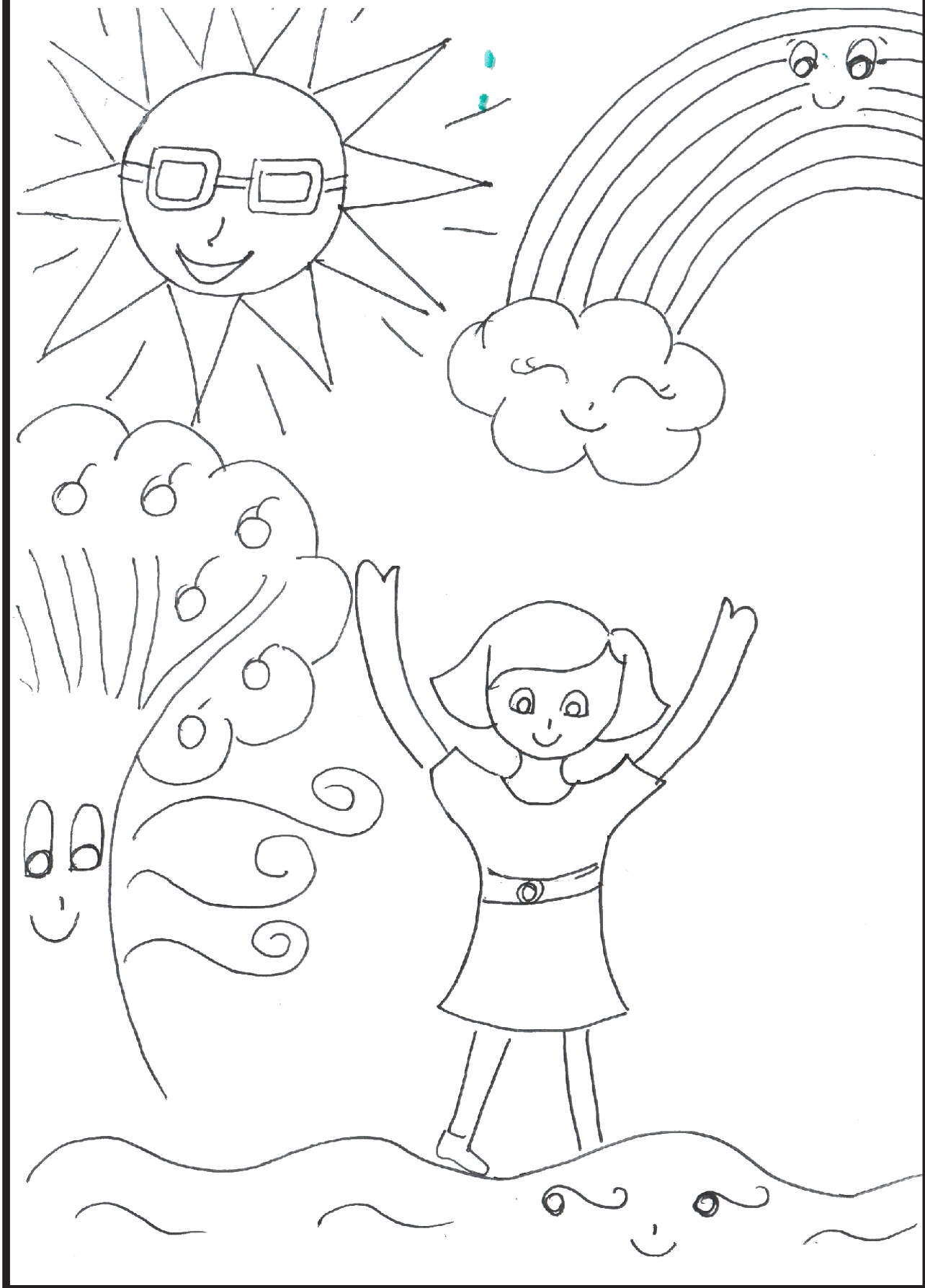
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# Poem 01



# Our world

Oh Sun, Oh Sun  
How bright you are  
I know you are a fireball  
Called a star

You look so pretty  
Like a ball of snow  
Is it going to rain Mr cloud?  
Oh no!

With seven colours  
From head to toe  
You are really beautiful  
Dear rainbow

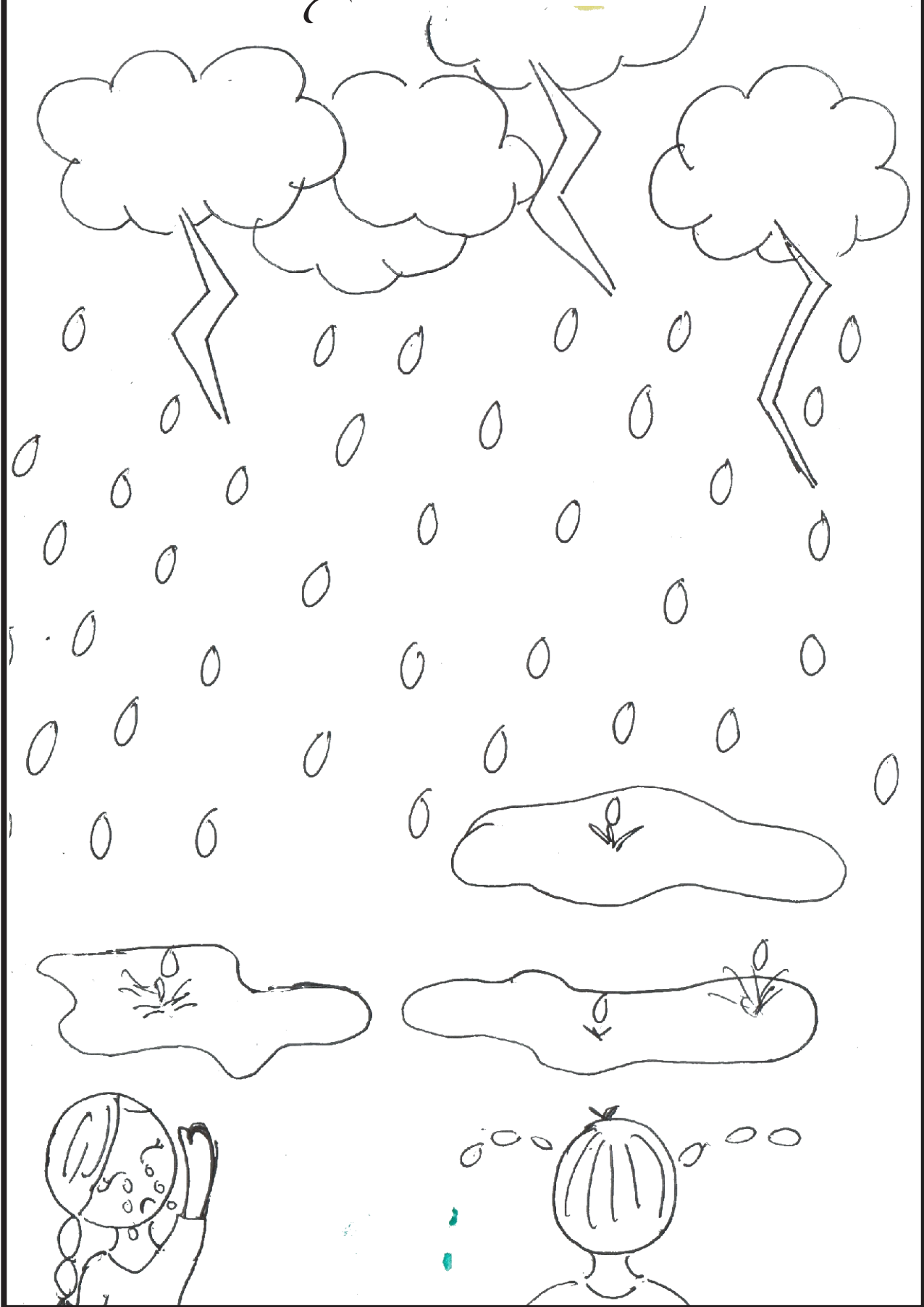
Tree, you give us air  
To breathe  
And wood for our beds  
And food that we eat

We can't live without you  
Dear water, It's true  
Since we drink you for thirst  
And have a bath from you

Animals in forests  
And flowers on trees  
Sun in the sky  
And water in streams

Makes the world pretty  
And nice as can be  
For all of us  
To live happily

# Poem 02



# Rain

The sky goes dark  
And rainclouds come  
Hiding the sun  
It's going to rain now

Pitter, patter, pitter, patter  
Raindrops are falling  
And in our little garden  
Puddles are forming

The wind is blowing  
There's thunder and lightning  
Little boys and girls  
From fright they are crying



# Poem 03





# Fairies

**Twinkling in the bright blue sky  
And sprinkling fairy dust  
These are the fairies  
Working very hard**

**Sprinkling flowers with magic  
And helping them to bloom  
These are the fairies  
Working morning, night and noon**

**Flying to the sky  
And painting rainbows  
These are the fairies  
Working fast not slow!**

# Poem 04



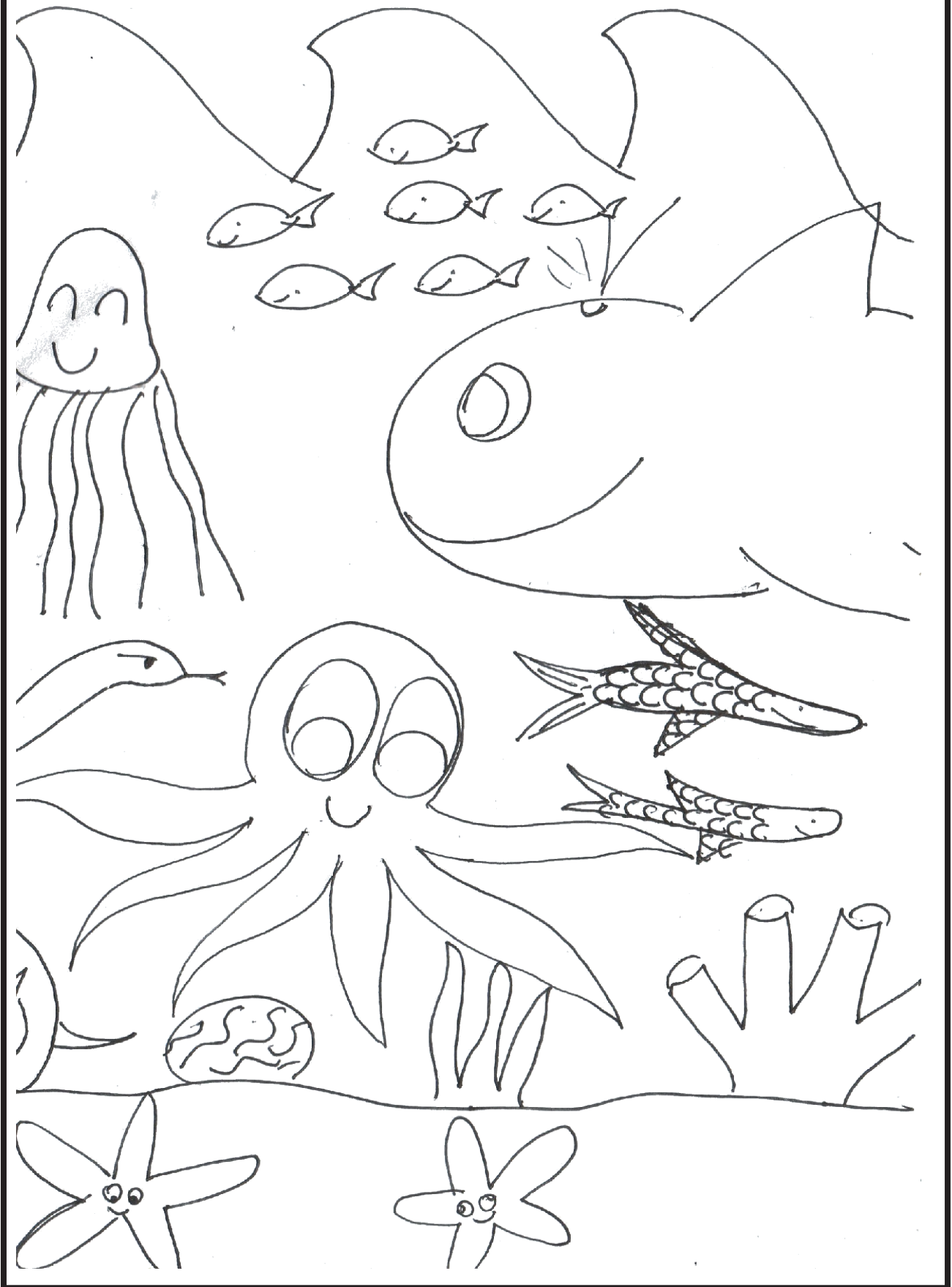


# Winter

As the first snowflake falls to the ground  
As Santa Clause comes to our town  
Bringing joy and happiness  
And spreading Christmas through town

It's the day when Jesus was born  
It's the day when we have lots of fun  
It's the day when snow sparkles and glitters  
In the bright winter sun

# Poem 05



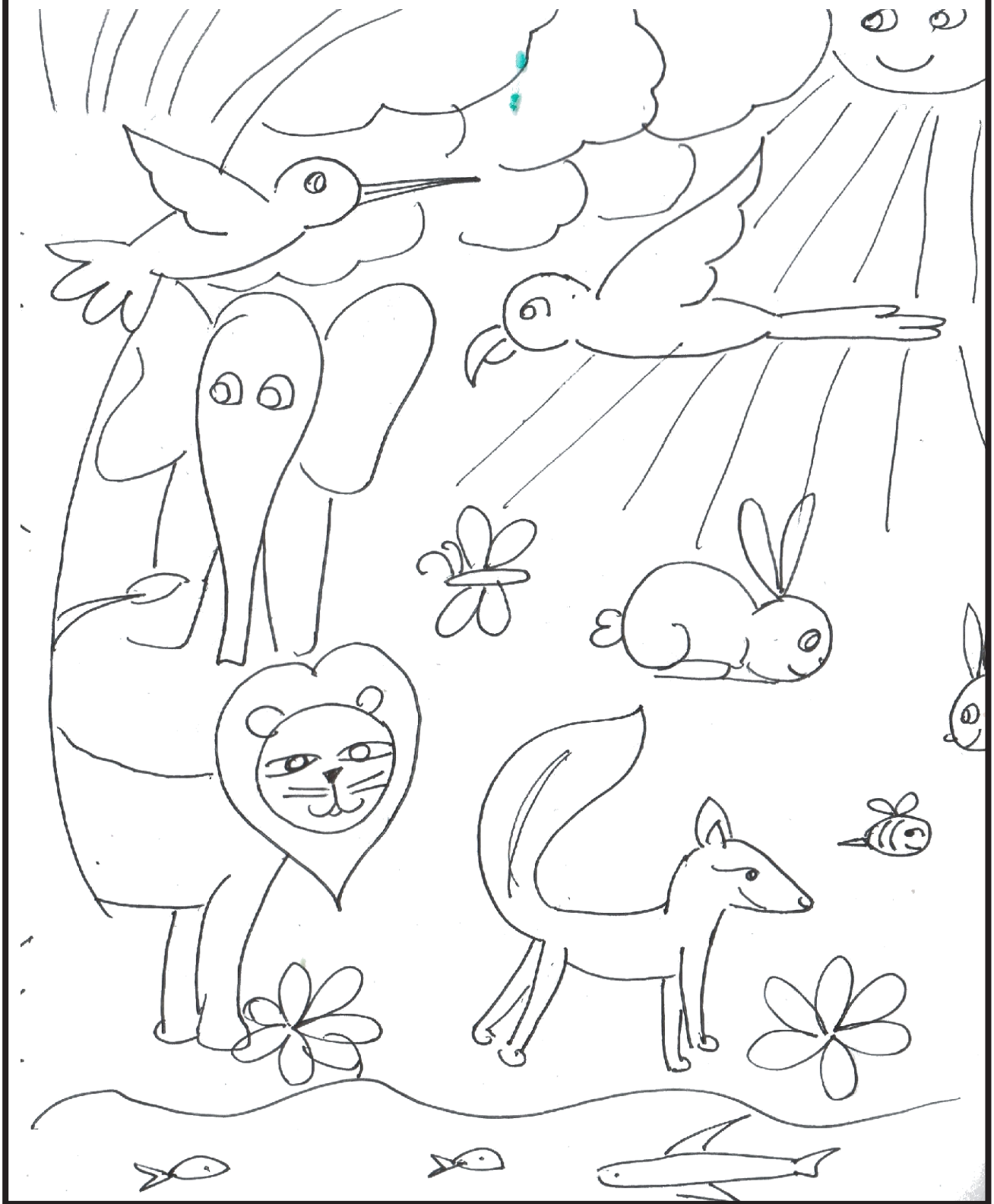
# Under the sea

Under the blue coloured sparkling waves  
Is a world for the fish with shimmering scales  
Creatures roam this beautiful place  
Called jellyfish, octopus, sharks and whales

Turtles, dolphins and poisonous sea snakes  
Swim through the navy blue water  
Whilst corals, plants and colourful starfish  
Fill the golden seabed just below the water

This amazing world is called the sea  
It's a place for all of us to see  
A place we have to protect and keep safe  
For the future world to see

# Poem 06



## The paradise behind the big trees

Have you ever stopped to wonder what's beyond the trees  
Of the forests of Sri Lanka, the pearl of the Indian seas

If you've never stopped to wonder  
My little sister dear  
Let me tell you now  
But there is no reason to fear

The forests full of animals  
With different size and shape  
Some meat eaters some plant eaters  
All with different bones and nails

The tropical birds that fly from tree to tree  
In the forest are the prettiest  
But the shape and colour of the fish in the streams  
Are most amazingly the strangest

But this paradise behind the big trees  
Is in danger of vanishing  
From our country at an alarming rate  
To where there is no chance of finding

**THE END**



## Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation. The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve. I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavours

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