



## Bessie Millar's story behind Creating the Moon Creature



During the first workshop we read “Moon Zoo” by Carol Ann Duffy and “The Other Ark” by Lynley Dodd to imagine what sort of creatures and animals might live in space.

Inspired by the mixed up creatures in “The Other Ark” we looked at lots of pictures of animals and encouraged the children to make four drawings of different animals.

The next stage was to make a collage of a moon creature by sticking different animal heads onto the different animal bodies and legs creating our own really strange moon creature.

I took the drawings home and worked directly from them to come up with a series of different moon creatures. I tried to use different children’s artwork in each creature and attempted to reproduce their own artwork and colours as much as possible.

The school were presented with eight different creatures that were narrowed down to the three the teachers liked the best.

Pictures of the three creatures were put up at school and the children took part in a sticker vote to decide which creature they wanted to make.

The creature that was chosen was a combination of Millie’s Mouse head, Theo’s Cat body, Gracie’s Giraffe legs and Thea’s Butterfly wings.

