



HELLO TANZANIA

Jambo Uingereza

"There is magic in long-distance friendships..." Diana Cortes

We were so excited to set up this link in Year 1.

Bea's cousin Ya'ax was visiting from Tanzania, and wanted to know if we would like to link with his school,

The International School of Tanganyika.

We didn't hesitate to say yes! We wanted the children to experience each other's cultures and for our children to find out more about Tanzania. This linked to our Geography work on hot places! We were pleased to find out that Ya'ax was soon to be visiting England and would be spending a whole day with us at school!



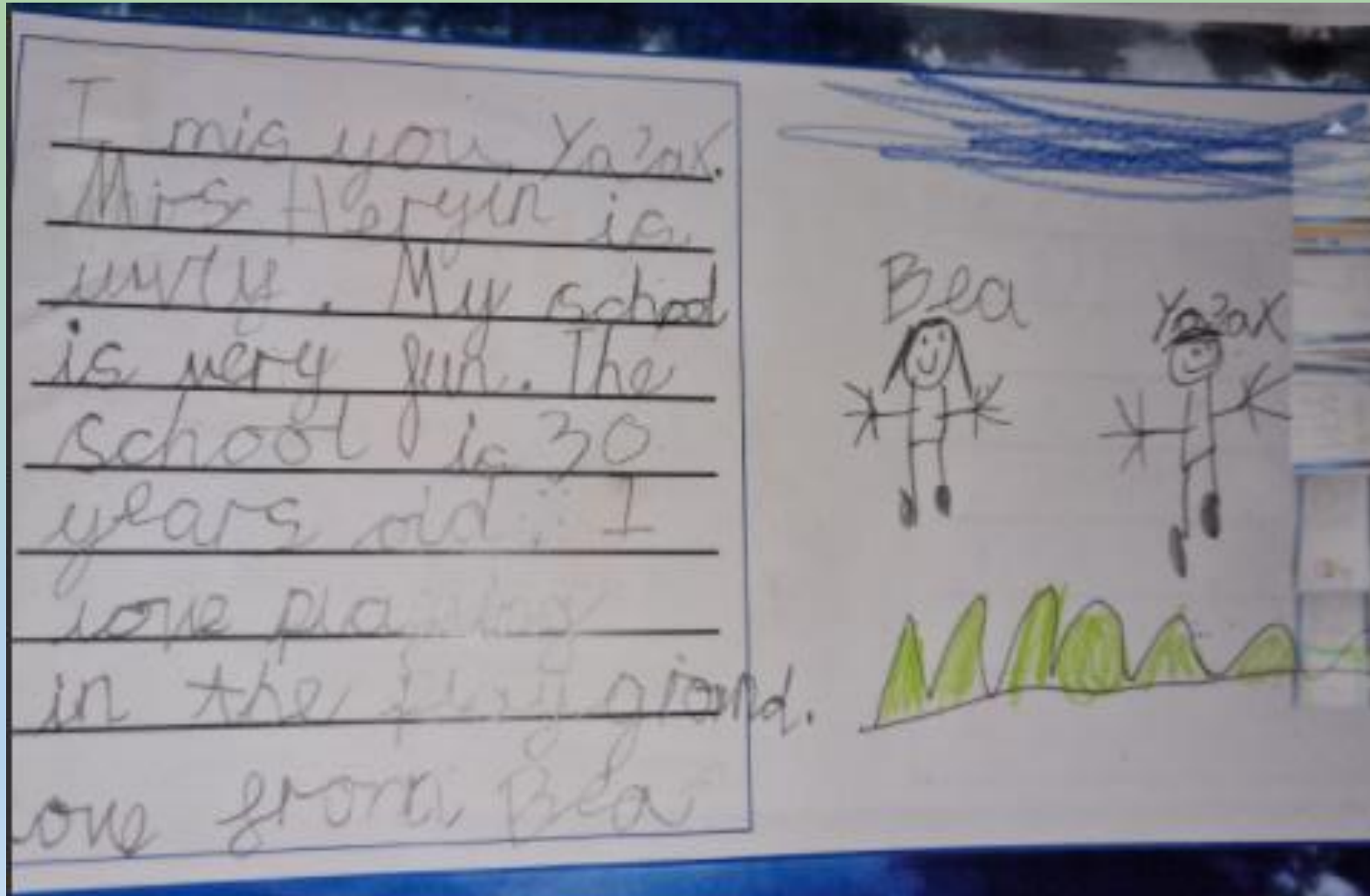
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We sent Ya'ax and his classmates
some messages and photos to
introduce ourselves.

Hello from the
Robins and Moles
at the Mead
Primary School!

This is what we sent...



"We are writing messages for you! We want to know how to count in Swahili and also whether it is hot where you live! Here are a small selection of our messages!"

Ya'ax might recognise the name on this message!

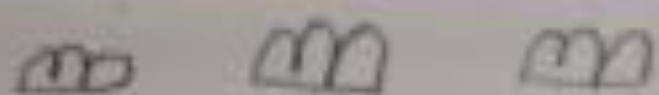


"The weather is either hot or rainy. Right now we are in summer. However, temperatures range from 20 -28 year round and rainfall is in November to April. Winter is in June/July/August - about 21 degrees. So weather is not a daily topic as it is elsewhere as it does not change much here." Marie Gill, Year 1 teacher Tanzania

Hello my name
is Charlotte. At
school I like
to play with
my friends.
how hot is
it? From
Charlotte



Hallo my name is
Ana-Maria. At school
I like doing Handwriting
What do you like
doing at school?
How do you count
in Africa? Teach me
Please! from Ana-Maria



Hello my name is
Milo. I'm in class
I like to be in
the kitchen.

Inside I like
playing football
in the playground.
How do you count?

I live from Milo



We had a snake in school!

Today was World
Book Day!
We all dressed up as
favourite characters
and had lots of fun
making bookmarks
and sharing stories. 😊



Ya'ax created a tour of his school with him as our guide! His teacher Marie Gill emailed the video to us.
He told us all about the different parts of the school and introduced us to his class.
Here are some pictures from his superb video.



"I'm now going to take you into my class...This is the schedule in my class."

7:20 - 7:40	Class Meeting
7:40 - 8:20	Library
8:20 - 9:00	Creative Development
9:00 - 9:20	Snack
9:20 - 9:40	Playtime
9:40 - 10:20	UOI
10:20 - 11:00	Writer's Workshop
11:00 - 11:40	Reading
11:40 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 12:20	Playtime



This is our plant we've been growing for six weeks!"



"We are learning about plants!"



"So this is our school cat Noodles, he's hiding under the table sleeping, having a nice nap rest!"

"This is our daily calendar maths! So we have been in school one hundred and sixteen days!"





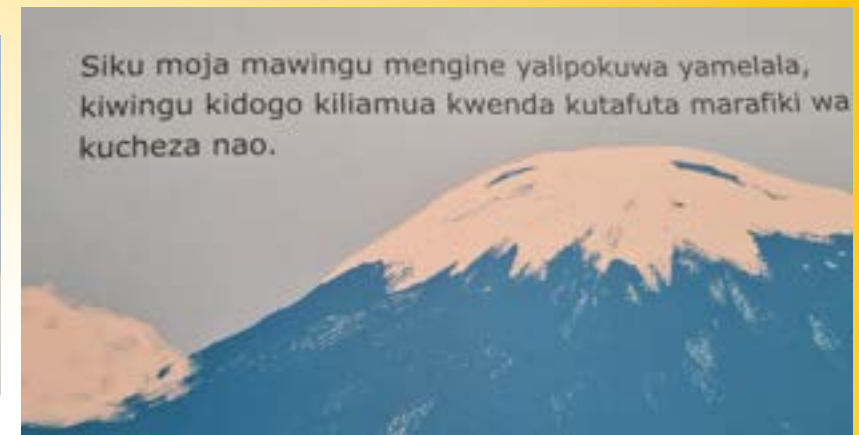
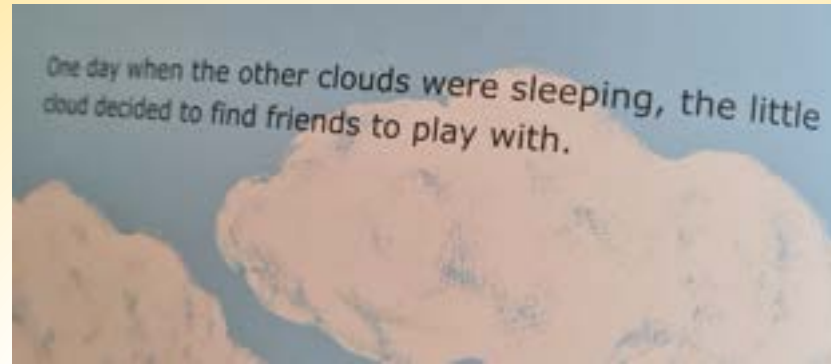
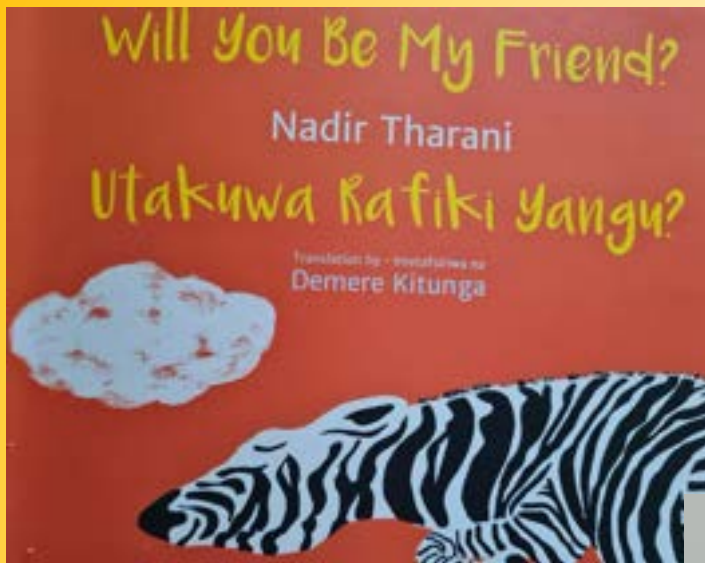
"This is the library. There are books and games in here."



Ya'ax's classmates taught us to count in Swahili!

Our exciting day!
Ya'ax visits our school for a day!
Here are Ya'ax and Bea in our school playground!



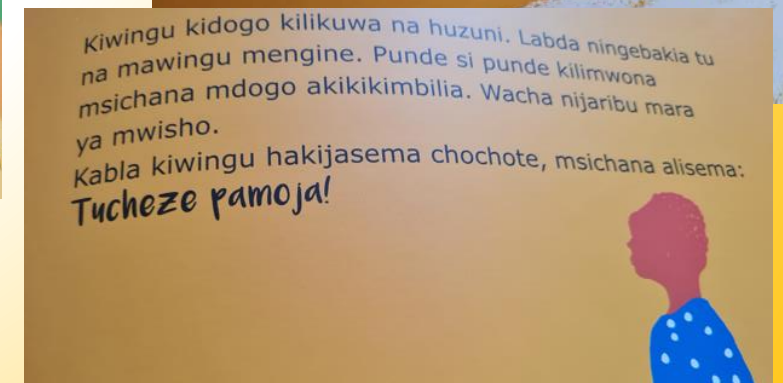
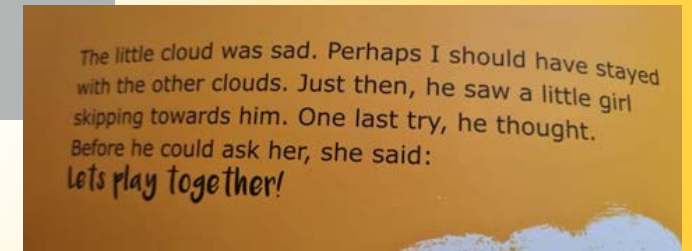
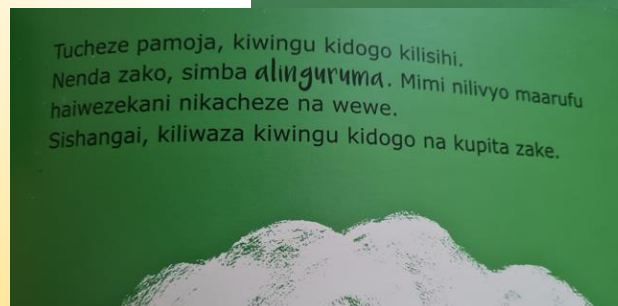
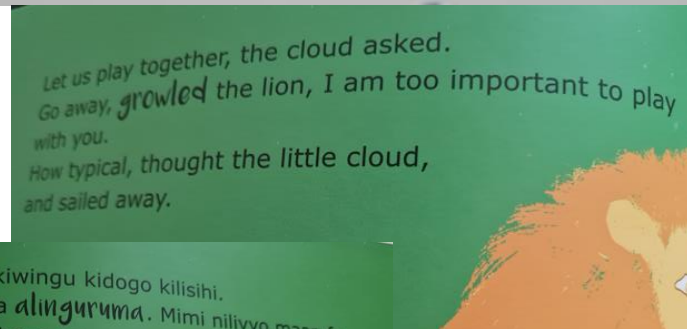


Ya'ax's teacher Ms Gill kindly sent over a present from her class! It was a book about friendship from Tanzania!

a little cloud	- kiwingu kidogo
zebra	- pundamilia
giraffe	- twiga
lion	- simba
elephant	- tembo
buffalo	- nyati
egret	- egret (no translation)
monkey	- nyani
impala	- swala
man	- mwanaume
woman	- mwanamke
doctor	- daktari
girl	- msichana
boy	- mvulana
friend	- rafiki

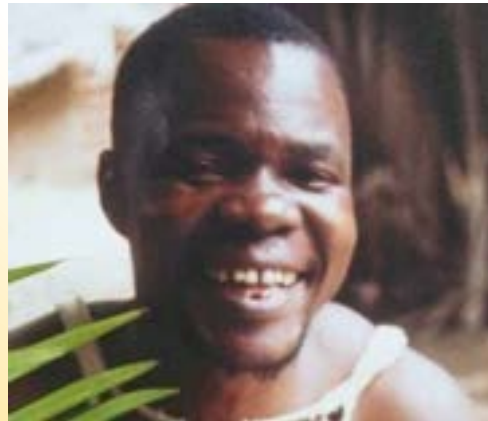
To: The Moles and Robins, Mead Primary School
From: IMG, International School of Tanganyika

We hope you enjoy this story as much as we did.





We learnt about Tinga Tinga art, which originated in Tanzania. The genre is named after its founder, Tanzanian painter [Edward Said Tingatinga](#). He painted animals with bright colours and patterns.





We all painted our own
Tinga Tinga art work!



We also made African animal masks!
For our masks, we chose colours of the animals, or else the
bright colours and patterns of Tinga Tinga art style!



Some of our 3D Tinga Tinga inspired pictures and African animal masks...







Lion Lion

Using animal names and actions, we created our own rhythms, inspired by the African rhythms we heard.

We played the rhythm of the words on our drums and combined different animals to make different rhythms!

The music sounded fantastic!



Hissing Snake



Snake Snake

Elephant Stomping







Hello everybody, my name's
Bea!

At the end of the day, Bea took Ya'ax on
a tour of our school and she made a
video for Ya'ax to take back to his class.

Hi everybody, this is
my cousin!





Pirate Ship



Signs of spring



Vegetable garden



Mosaic



Head Teacher office

Bea made a video for Ya'ax to show his class. She took us on a tour of the school and talked about all the different places!



Classroom



Library



Music Room

What the children thought...

"I liked meeting Ya'ax in school. We played football!"
Teddy

"Sometimes we don't see other people from other countries because they don't know us and we don't know them, so I was excited because it was our first cousin from another country!"
Fraser

"I liked meeting Ya'ax because he did Tinga Tinga art with my group. I talked with him a little bit! He did the masks and the drawing with us too!"
Maryan

"I liked it when we did the colouring together because we talked about lots of things, like our favourite colours!" Dylan

"I liked playing basketball with him!"
George

"I had lunch with Ya'ax in the classroom. He chose me! It made me happy! Outside we played football!"
Barnaby

"I liked it when he visited our school because the day was different and fun! I liked the Tinga Tinga art the best!"
Taya

"I had fun with him!" Bella

"I was excited to meet him because he comes from another country!"
Maddie

What the adults thought...

"We enjoyed watching the video tour of Ya'ax's school in Tanzania and seeing what was different and what was the same about our schools. We liked it that they ate their lunch outside and they had a pool at their school. The children had so much fun and were very excited to learn about a different culture in this very relevant way."

Hannah Johnstone Year 1 teacher.

"It was fantastic to see the children expanding their thinking about Africa and being so inquisitive when a real life visitor came into the class. Inter-cultural awareness, learning to count in a foreign language and most of all making new friends - what a lovely experience for them all. Hopefully this relationship will continue for many years to come"

Zoe Beauvoisin, Bea's mum

"This was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Tanzania in a way that was very real to the children. I liked the way the children also got the chance to talk and play with Ya'ax and to learn that children have the same interests all over the world.

They were very interested in finding places in Tanzania on Google Earth, and watching Ya'ax's video tour to find out more about his school there.

Thanks to Bea and Ya'ax's family and his teacher Marie Gill, who made this lovely exchange possible."

Gill Herrin, Year 1 teacher.