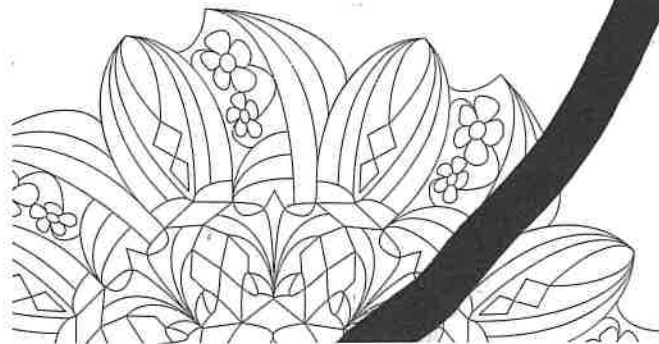


# MR RASMUS'S DIARY 2019/20

A DAILY RECORD TO NOTE DOWN WHAT HAS  
HAPPENED TO HIM IN ITALY

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MR. RASMUS'S  
ADVENTURES  
IN ITALY  
2019/20



Saturday 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2019

I landed in Malpensa airport - Italy - with the teachers Lidia, Silvia and Angela and my new Italian friends Francesco, Mattia, Shayan, Sara, Giada and the two Sofia! And, last but not least, Vittoria!

On Monday I'll go to Aldo Moro Primary School, which is placed in Ossago Seprio, a village in Lombardia, about 40 km from Milan.

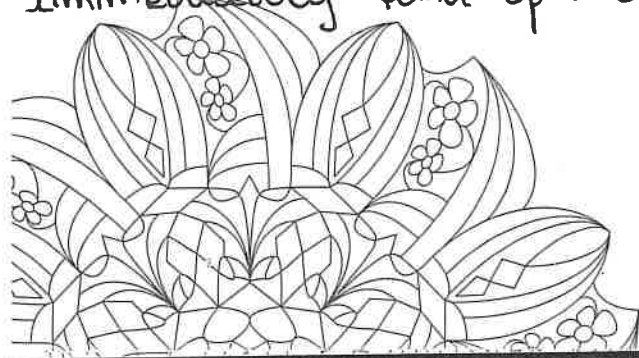


Monday 20<sup>TH</sup> May

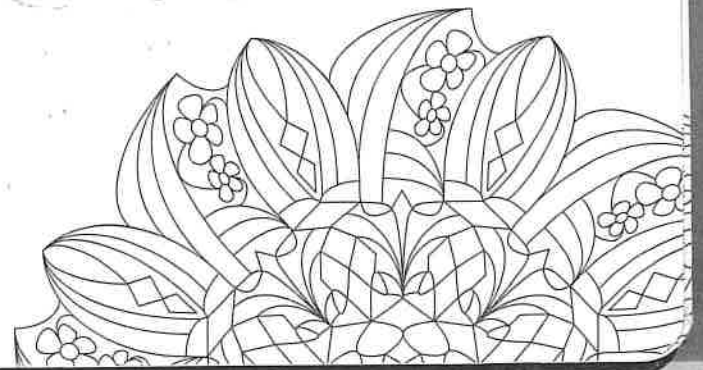
Today I went to school!

It was my first day in  
Aldo Moro primary school in  
Aronago Seprio - Italy...

I first met the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.  
Teacher Lidia introduced me  
to the kids and everyone was  
immediately fond of me!



They all wanted to hug me  
and we took pictures together.  
Then teachers Lidia and  
Silvia introduced me to all  
the other pupils and they were  
all so lovely that I felt like  
a real star!



Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

This morning I tasted Italian fresh milk for the first time. The kids are taking part to a school project about dairy products, so I was given a beautiful cup with my name on it and I took a photo with them while drinking!



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Today I'm on school trip with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders... We are visiting one of the most beautiful cities in Italy Venice!  
The first place we visited was Murano island, which is famous for glass blowing. It was amazing to see the glass-makers in their furnaces...

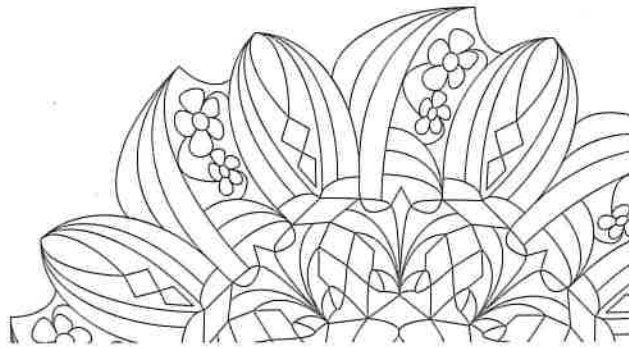
Then we visited Burano, which is famous for its lace and its coloured houses.

At the end we went to our hotel and I slept very well!

The following day we took a ferry-boat and we reached Saint Marcus square with its beautiful cathedral. The best place was the house of Goldoni, a comedy writer of the XVIII century.



There we visited a dressmaker lab where we saw how they produce the typical Carnival masks. It was an awesome experience...



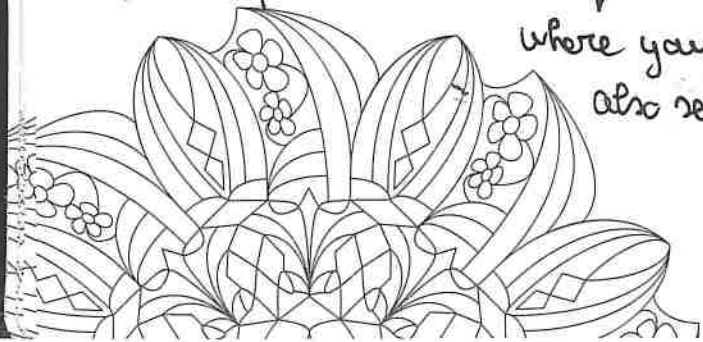
Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

I went to another amazing  
with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders.  
school trip. This time I visited  
Liguria, a Northern region on

the sea. First we visited  
TOIRANO CAVES, one of the major  
tourist attractions of the West  
Liguria inland. The caves

contain stalactites and stalagmites.  
You can follow a trail of 450 mt

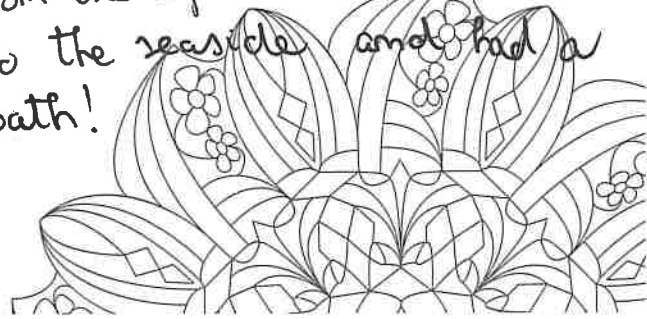
where you can  
also see



the witnesses left by prehistoric  
people, such as hand and knee  
prints, finger marks and traces of  
tools. There are also bear  
bones, because these animals used  
to live here in ancient times.  
In the caves, there is a Middle  
Ages sanctuary built in honour of  
Santa Lucia.

The caves looked like a magic  
world...

In the afternoon, we went  
to the seaside and had a  
bath!



June 7th

This is the last day of school before summer holidays.

This morning we had a wonderful time because we had two Skype calls. The first one was with Greece and the second one with Slovakia.

The 4th graders told their partner schools about the main

physical features of Italy and,

after talking about the landscape they explained which are the main Italian festivals, such as the Carnival of Venice and the Palio of Siena.

At the end they talked about the food, so I discovered that Italian food is not only pasta and pizza, but there are so many different delights, such

as polenta, pizzoccheri, casöla, lasagna, piadina...



At the end I was so hungry and I had a popsicle with the kids to celebrate the last school day! Now I'm a bit sad because I won't see my new Italian friends until September...



12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Hi dear!

Today the bell rang again because Italian kids came back to school after their summer holidays.

I felt a bit nervous because there were new kids I didn't know, yet.

Anyway, everybody looked

at me  
with

wonder

and



smiled.

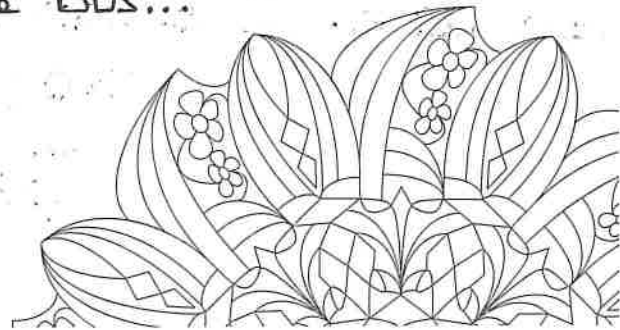
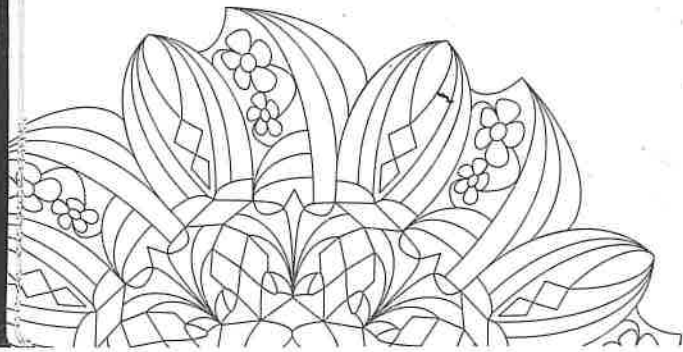
When the kids rushed in,  
everyone wanted to hug  
me and we immediately  
sympathised!

I'm sure I'll make a  
lot of new friends...

4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Hi... dear!

Today I had the pleasure  
to visit The Fossile Museum  
of BESANO near Varese,  
the county seat of Lombardy.  
We went on schooltrip, I  
mean the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and me!  
We were very excited on  
the bus...



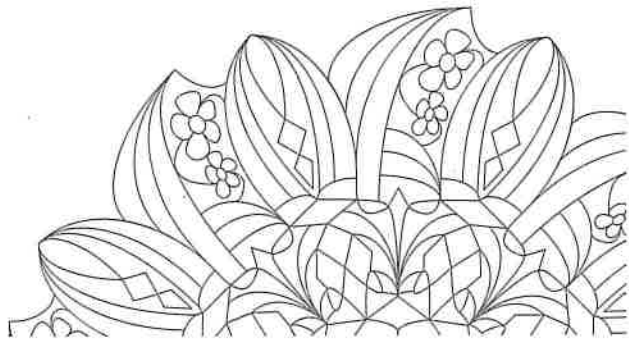


We came round 9:00 to a Museum which displays examples of the paleontological heritage from the UNESCO site. Fossils of dinosaurs and plants are accompanied with explanations. Yet, there was a museum guide with us who gave us a lot of information. I discovered

that you  
can  
find

shellfish fossils on the Italian mountains because many years ago there was the sea there! The fossil I liked most was the one with a very long neck, who was so clumsy but could swim anyway.

The biggest one was BESANOSAURUS, the meat-eater...



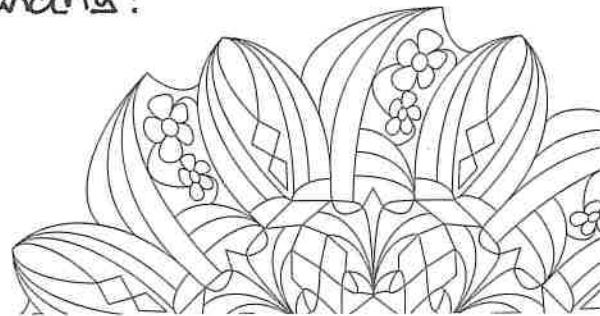
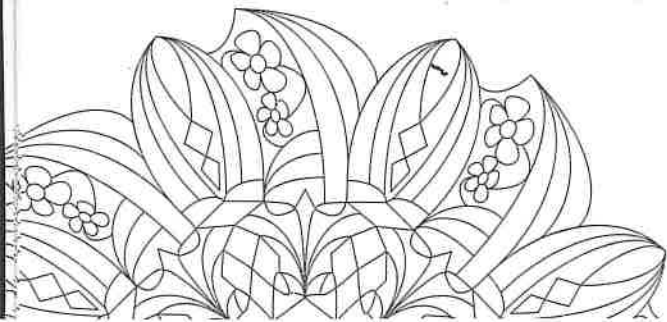
After that, we could make lovely crafts with paper and fabrics to reproduce the natural environment of the fossils who lived millions of years ago.

That was great fun!

15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

There's excitement in the air because the kids are practising for the welcome show of Tuesday 19<sup>TH</sup>...

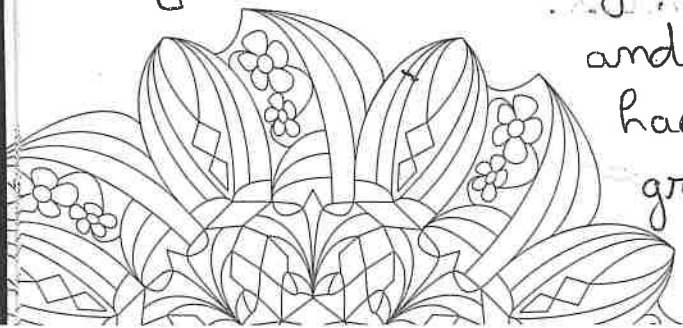
We are all looking forward to show our Erasmus partners how good we are at singing and dancing!



19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

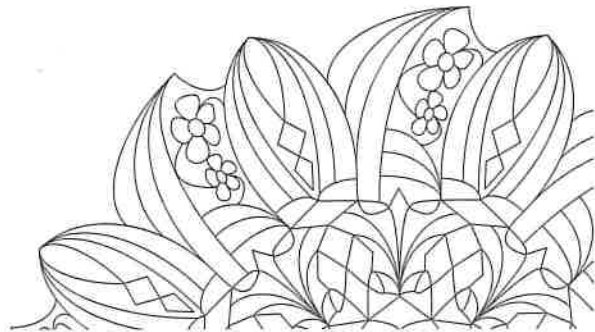
Welcome ceremony  
today: our Erasmus  
partner teachers finally  
came to Italy for the  
TPM and our kids  
prepared a show to welcome  
them. They danced and  
sang Italian songs

and  
had  
great  
fun!



In the afternoon we  
went to visit Milan: the  
gallery, the Dome, "La  
Rinascente" shopping mall...

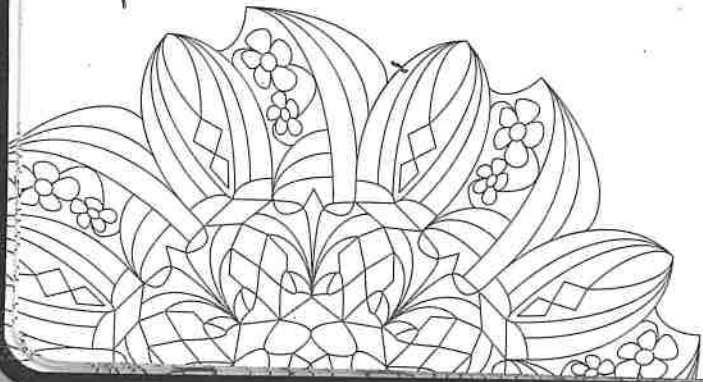
It rained cats and  
dogs but it was beautiful  
anyway, especially the  
big Swarovski Christmas  
tree...



20<sup>th</sup> November

Today we began the job shadowing, the TPM meetings and the Erasmus teachers talked about their countries, traditions and heres.

In the afternoon, we went to Varese and climbed up the Sacred Mount.



Lidia and Luca explained us the historical and cultural features of this UNESCO site. Its 14 chapels with terracotta statues depict the most important events in the life of Christ.

The weather was sunny, so we enjoyed our walk and in the evening we



had dinner together in  
a typical restaurant where  
we could taste POLENTA  
with cheese and meat, a  
typical dish of Lombardy.  
When we came back, we  
could enjoy the Sacred Mount  
at night with its Christmas  
lights. It was really  
charming...



21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

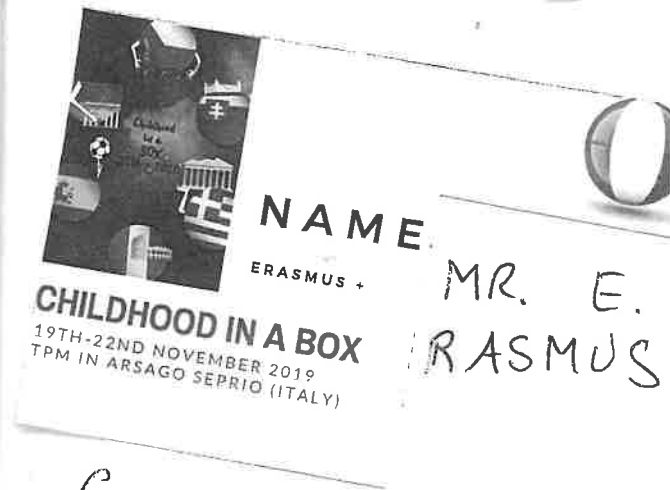
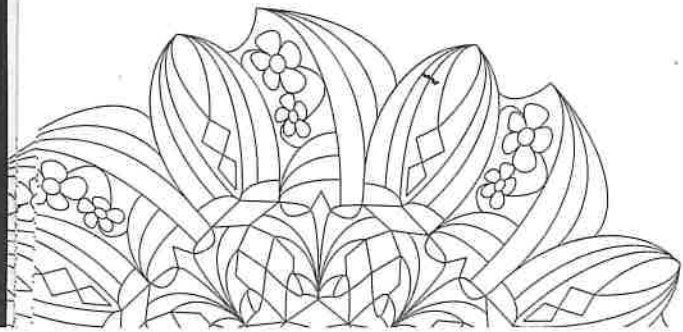
Today our teachers matched  
the Spasak families with  
the kids from the other  
countries.

In the afternoon we  
visited a Renaissance villa  
in CASALZUCANO with  
beautiful frescoes and  
furniture from the 16<sup>TH</sup>  
century.



22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

My last day in Italy!  
I'm a bit sad because I  
must leave my Italian  
friends, but I'm glad to  
meet new people in Slavica.



Good-bye Italy

