

**The Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award 2012/2013**  
**Rebecca Ridley Thomas**

Rebecca is keen to ensure that all nature is looked after. She cares avidly about the environment and her own natural surroundings. Rebecca, throughout her primary school years, has exhibited much interest in our world, whether it is on land or in water.

Rebecca was keen to help out her uncle who is part of the world known, Earth Hour. She instigated an idea for her class, asking her peers for their participation in Earth Hour, as well as producing a very informative poster.

Along with her family, Rebecca regularly uses the facilities the Woodland Walk has to offer. Out and about at the weekends, she enjoys leisurely bike rides around the village and scenic walks along the Woodland Walk. Here, Rebecca's love of nature becomes apparent whilst she is intrigued by the flowers and animals that she comes across when enjoying the great outdoors. Rebecca uses her insect view finder frequently whilst exploring nature, and recently examined a butterfly before setting it free.

Rebecca's knowledge and understanding of fauna and flora has increased during her time at Tarvin, especially when she recently completed a topic on flowering plants. Although Rebecca had a clear understanding of the basics surrounding plants, she was motivated to learn more.

She was competent at researching the seven life processes, which she confidently explained in her own words. She also excelled when discussing the parts of a flower in detail; she very quickly picked up new features and was able to explain their function.

Furthermore, Rebecca was able to both explain and draw the stages of a plant's life cycle, thus recognising how a seed is made. She furthered her understanding by completing the specifics of pollination and later transferred the scientific phenomena into an enjoyable story for all to understand.

Rebecca's knowledge of nature has increased immensely and her interest continues to grow.