<u>Harroway Community College Ceramic Projects</u> Summer Terms 2009 and 2010

Working with the children at Harroway Community College was a real privilege and such fun. The first project we worked on was entitled 'All Creatures Great and Small', and was to be exhibited in the local Church. Our ceramic installation was shown alongside paintings and video art made by children from other local schools.

We had a wonderful time creating insects of every shape and size. It was a great problem solving exercise as initially their legs and heads kept falling off! As the weeks went by we were overwhelmed at how well the children had done. Insects of all shapes, sizes, colours, and textures eventually emerged from the kiln, about one hundred in all.



Our installation was a great success, and the open evening was attended by many parents, children as well as other members of the local community.

This summer our project was a shorter one and involved primary school children. The theme this time was 'Sheep', and was entitled 'Ewe and I'. For this project we concentrated primarily on creating texture in clay.

We drew sheep on paper to begin with and adding textured materials and colour which was great fun. The children made their own sheep sculptures and then explored methods of applying textures onto the surfaces, with wonderful results. This work was for exhibition in a local gallery.