

At the beginning of Term 4, Matt Hanlon showed his class 'My Octopus Teacher', which is a new movie on Netflix. After viewing the documentary everyone completed a journal entry based on what amazed them and also how they thought the movie linked to the Big Picture program.

The following journal entry is from Lily J.

"We started off the term by watching a documentary called 'My Octopus Teacher'. This documentary was absolutely amazing in many ways. Craig Foster, the guy who made the film had incredible footage. Every topic Craig talked about he had video evidence to show. I thoroughly enjoyed watching this as it was so inspiring the way he dedicated time out of his day to visit this octopus every day for almost a year. I have many takeaways from this documentary starting off with the way this relates to the Big Picture program. I am in utter awe that he was dedicated to visit the octopus, no matter the weather or how he was feeling on that particular day and every morning he woke in a good mood and was excited to go into the sea to visit his newfound friend. Before he started doing this he was lacking knowledge on octopus' and by the end of the year, he knew pretty much everything about octopus' as he did a whole lot of research and read various articles and papers on this particular creature. I found it remarkable that this octopus showed its vulnerability and trusted a human and this human was able to reciprocate these feelings.

I think this documentary relates to the Big Picture program because the Big Picture program is based on your passions and in this documentary it shows how his head, heart and hands are in the process. This documentary shows that when you are passionate about something you are willing to research and invest time into this passion. It's very inspiring that someone can feel so deeply passionate about something and it makes me want to feel the same way about my own passion. It makes me deeply appreciate the Big Picture program as I have the opportunity to find a passion that I never fail to enjoy and helps me continue to learn and grow.

As I was watching the documentary the octopus continued to amaze me with all of the different things that she was able to do, like change her colour and texture to match her surroundings, she was able to walk on her legs, she was a nocturnal creature so she had to be very aware of her surroundings and she was able to propel herself on land. I also found it pretty amazing how she risked her life to have children. But my favourite thing about the octopus was how she trusted, followed and interacted with this man. I cannot get over the fact that the relationship was so strong between animal and human and that this relationship will forever impact him."

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