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Teachers at Long Knowle Primary School showed the children an area of a grass where a pile of wreckage had mysteriously appeared overnight.

Local police had sealed off the perimeter of the site. The debris, which included metal shards and pipes and emitted an orange glow in places, also appeared to be giving off smoke.

The children were then encouraged to write about what they were seeing on clipboards in an effort to boost creative writing skills.

Karen Elliot

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Word quickly spread amongst the youngsters that an alien craft had crashed on the field. "I think it's a UFO because it has an oil tank and a pipe!" said one.

Others though were more sceptical: "It could be a prank and a set-up. I actually saw some figures walking across the field. They looked like they were carrying something but they did look human."

The children would have to wait until the end of the day before their teachers would reveal the truth.

The 'UFO landing' was the idea of teacher Karen Elliot.

"Some of the children looked puzzled, some looked excited and one or two looked slightly concerned," she said. "The main aim was to get them writing - I've got six and seven year olds conducting the investigation."

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Headteacher Martin Bidgood said: "We've had a fantastic response from the children," he said. "There has been so much enthusiasm - they've been going around with clipboards wanting to write down all the details. Children from three to eleven years have enjoyed it."

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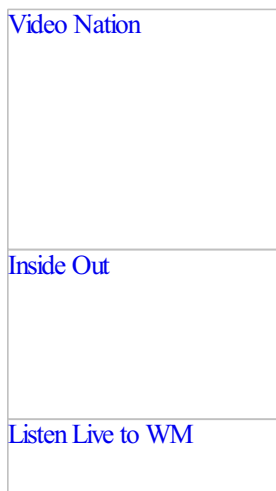
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