

Competition – Rhyme them Lines!

To celebrate all things literacy we're launching a cool competition getting pupils excited about writing! Get writing and rhyming with our schools autumn literacy competition and win a prize money can't buy - an artists interpretation of the winning poem, printed, framed and signed!

Brief: Write a form of poetry about anything you wish!

It could be a Haiku of your favourite EducationCity.com character, an ode to your pet parrot or a sonnet about socks - the canvas is blank and waiting for your rhymes and prose to fill EducationCity.com. All poems are welcome, both silly and serious, so get your imagination ticking and put pen to paper!

Top tips to get started...

- Decide on a subject and list some descriptive words
- Your poem can be as simple or as complicated as you wish
- What's your style? Fun and entertaining or serious and thoughtful?
- Use the poem to express your ideas and feelings by making good use of rhythm, rhyme, repetition, tone and language
- Use language to create a picture in the readers head
- Use your imagination and have fun!

Things to explore:

- Research different poets and have a go at their style of writing
- Take a look at different forms of poetry for inspiration: ballads, sonnets, odes, epitaphs, elegies, Haiku, limericks to name a few
- Practice rhyming skills or limericks and or find out how patterns of sounds are used in poetry and give them a go: alliteration, assonance and onomatopoeia

Entry Submission Deadline: 14th October 2011 (Everybody Writes Day)

To enter please email your pupils' entries to marketing@educationcity.com. Please include the following with the entry and as the document name:

- Poem title
- Your school's name
- School year
- Pupil's name.

E.g. mypoem_springfieldschool_year4_stigsten.doc

Terms and Conditions

- This competition is open to subscribers and trialists of EducationCity.com's school product.
- Open to children from foundation, KS1, KS2 and KS3 transition level.
- We will accept all entries up to 400 words.
- The winning entry will be chosen by our Literacy Producer at EducationCity.com on Friday 28th October and notified soon after.
- The prize will be supplied in PDF format with the winning entry's story.
- Competition winner will agree to be featured in EducationCity.com's City News, City Today and social media (first name, region and year group required).
- No alternative for the stated prize.