



A project to create a 'river of names' of importance to the local community, to be etched into the canal towpath, designed by artist Anoushka Havinden.

Part of Scottish Canals' Stockingfield Bridge project.

Acrostic Poems

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Do you know the letters in your name? Can you write them in a

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Can you think of words to describe yourself? (ADJECTIVES) Can you think of words that start with each letter of your name?

Like this one, about my dog Freya:

Fluffy as a cloud

Rough as a rug

Everyone loves her, and when she

Yawns like a crocodile, she

Always makes us smile a while.

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Your turn!

Making a poem.

Poems can be like little puzzles, that catch our attention, make us think and maybe help us understand how the poet was feeling when they wrote the poem.

We can use lots of tricks to make a poem sound good.

- Using words that share the same first letter is called ALLITERATION. (**R**ough as a **R**ug)
- Repeating similar sounds in words ('**rOU**gh as a **rU**g') is called ASSONANCE.
- Comparing one thing to another thing ('Fluffy as a cloud') is METAPHOR.

Can you think of examples of alliteration?

Try and think of words that rhyme with your name letters, and put them into your poem, or look for words that repeat the same letters or sounds. Play around and try different words out to see how they sound.

Think of METAPHORS that make sense – if you love singing, is your smile as wide as a song? If you feel sad, are your eyes as wet as a rainy day? Metaphors are a way of painting a picture in a poem, and help make the poem vivid and connect with the reader.

Finding the patterns in words is a big part of poetry, and helps poems to sound good, gives a poem a rhythm (like a song) and helps us to remember them. Rhyme, and repeating sounds are how we make patterns.

You can think of words and images that are funny, silly, or sad, angry or beautiful. You can write an acrostic poem that spells your name, or spells out a hidden message.

Could you write a poem about the place where you live? Can you fill it with things that you see around you? Can you express how you feel about your city, area, or street? What have you noticed that nobody else has seen?

Great, roaring roads
Loop around the rainy city
As busy as a beehive.
Streets make me feel alive,
Green parks by the Clyde.
Our home is smiles better, even
When the weather's wetter.

NOMINATE A NAME!

Can you think of a name you'd like to see written in the towpath next to the canal?

It can be a place, person, event, thing, wildlife, song title, poem, book title, venue, shop, the name of a dance or even a short phrase that you think is important to the local community. It could be contemporary or from some time in the past.

Please write the name/s here:

And tell me why you would like to see it/them in the River of Names:

THANK YOU!

Find out more about the project on the website:

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