



the lost words

NATIONAL POETRY DAY COMPETITION

Inspired by 5 years of *The Lost Words* book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris we're inviting you to **write acrostic poems about your favourite plants and animals**. Take a look outside what can you see? What would you like to protect for the future?

WHO: The Competition is open to children in two age categories:
7 – 9 (years 2 – 4); and 10 – 12 (years 5 – 7)

PRIZE: First prize in each category – a certificate, a signed copy of *The Lost Words*, a *The Lost Words* poster plus £100 of PRH books.

Runner up in each category – a certificate, a *The Lost Words* poster and £50 of PRH books

DEADLINE: 5pm on Friday 4 November 2022

JUDGE: Robert Macfarlane

HOW TO ENTER: Teachers and librarians must submit entries at this link:



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Dazzle me, little sun-of-the-grass!
And spin me, tiny time-machine!
(Tick-tock, sun clock, thistle & dock)

Now no longer known as
Dent-de-Lion, Lion's Tooth or Windblow,
(Tick-tock, sun clock, nettle & dock)

Evening Glow, Milkwitch or Parachute, so
Let new names take and root, thrive and grow,
(Tick-tock, sun clock, rattle & dock)

I would make you some, such as
Bane of Lawn Perfectionists
Or Fallen Star of the Football Pitch
or Scatterseed, but
Never would I call you only, merely, simply, 'weed'.
(Tick-tock, sun clock, clover & dock)



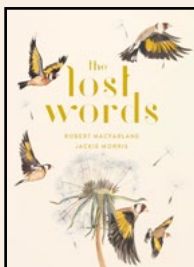
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Magpie Manifesto:
Argue Every Toss!
Gossip, Bicker, Yak and Snicker All Day Long!
Pick a Fight in an Empty Room!
Interrupt, Interject, Intercept, Intervene!
Every Magpie for Every Magpie against
Every Other Walking Flying Swimming
Creeping Creature on the Earth!



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The Lost Words is a very special book, a joyful celebration of nature words and the natural world they invoke. With acrostic spell-poems by award-winning writer Robert Macfarlane and hand-painted illustrations by Jackie Morris, it captures the irreplaceable magic of language and nature for all ages and fascinates children.