

# We Are Lewisham Creative Challenge KS2

A National Poetry Day resource by the teachers and children of Dalmain Primary School, from creative workshops with Francesca Beard and support from National Poetry Day.

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## Swan

The tickle of soft waves  
strokes my white feathers  
as I swing my feet back and forth,  
the force of water  
pressing against them.

The sound of my bevy  
quietly calling.

The sound of human children  
laughing on the bank in excitement.

Cool grass on my feet  
and another sound;  
a fox ever cornering.

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Read Swan out loud and talk about it together.

- How does it make you feel?
- Is there anything surprising about the Swan's experience?
- What do you think the fox's poem might be like?

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Go outdoors into nature, with pen and paper. Spend some time as poetry detectives.

Choose something from nature that you see.

Look closely and finish the sentence stems – 'I see / I notice / I wonder'.

Now imagine that you are the natural thing that you have seen (like in the swan poem).

Include in the poem everything that you can see / hear / feel / smell / taste.

Alternatively, try writing a praise poem for an aspect of nature. This [Zulu women's praise poem](#) is a good example of this.

Write a list of things that you feel proud of in yourself. Or compare yourself to something in nature. Are you tall and enduring like a tree or obstinate and determined like a donkey? How could you write about an aspect of nature in this way?



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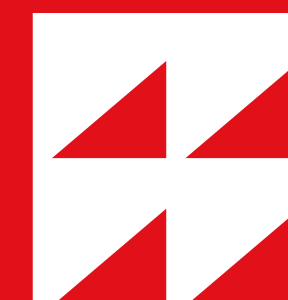
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