**CAN YOU DO HAIKU TOO?**

Find out about the type of poetry called haiku and write your own.

What should I do?

Learn what haiku poetry is with an adult or someone else who can help to read the slides, watch the short YouTube video Haiku Poetry by The Quiet Creative: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/ZZ7M>.

Haiku Poems from Becky Moore at https://safeYouTube.net/w/va8M is also helpful and worth a watch.

Practise counting and clapping the syllables in your name: Re- be- cca (3), Ja- mal (2), Jake (1).

In short, a haiku…

• is a type of Japanese poem;

• has 3 lines;

• uses a strict number of syllables in each line: 5-7-5;

• doesn’t rhyme;

• is traditionally about nature (but nowadays can be about whatever you like).

Read/listen to examples of haiku.

There are quite a few books and poems you can listen to online for some examples of haiku.

I like these two in particular that have lots of haikus, one after another, to tell a story: − A Cat Named Haiku\_Short a lovely animated short for kids by Arcana Studio (based on the Arcana graphic novel A Cat Named Haiku by Mark Poulton and Dexter Weeks): https://safeYouTube.net/w/Be8M − Boo! Haiku by Deanna Caswell, illustrated by Bob Shea, from Clinton Public Library, Indiana: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RyCEClpLCg

Here are a few more examples: Summer has arrived: in England, it brings the rain amongst hotter days.

Poppy field in June – vibrant scarlet petticoats dance among the wheat.

I love my puppy though he chews my socks, discards them, holey Now you do haiku too!

You’re going to write a haiku poem about something you can see or imagine here. With an adult to help you, try making a mind map or word web first to collect some good vocabulary choices for your poem, like the example on the right. When you have written your haiku, write some more! You could use the same picture, a different picture this time, or you may like to write them on a topic of your choice. Remember to read your haikus back out loud to check and correct your spellings.