



# Poetry

I LOVE words. And one of my favourite ways to enjoy them is woven into POETRY! Here are my tips for writing some different types of poems.

**Haikus** are very special Japanese poems, which are written in three lines that each have a certain number of beats. Try to clap the rhythm of a haiku, if you can.

It goes like this:

1-2-3-4-5

1-2-3-4-5-6-7

1-2-3-4-5

Here is my first haiku:

A cat in Japan

(that's five beats)

Is a very happy chap

(that's seven)

So much lovely fish!

(that's five again)

**Acrostic poems** are ones in which you write a word vertically on your page and then start each line with the letter at the start. Here's mine:

Sunshine, swing sets,  
Umbrellas in our drinks,  
Making sandcastles,  
Making memories,  
Eating ice cream,  
Ready, steady, SUMMER!

**Shape poems** are shaped like the thing they are about. Like this one:

## MY SUN HAT

I like it under here.  
It's cool and calm and quiet,  
A secret shady spot to visit when I'm tired.  
I love the summer and I love it when it's warm,  
But I love it most of all when I've got my sunhat on.

