

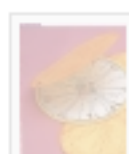
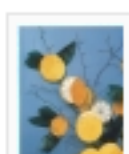
Crafty Ideas: Citrus Poems

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An orange tree display of citrus poems



You will need:

- Paper for drafting
- Round templates which show the cross section of an orange, with six or eight segments
- Circular folders made from yellow card
- Brass fasteners
- Pens and pencils
- Orange paints or crayons
- A tree branch for display



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This activity is a variation on the idea of the story wheel, adapting the format for poetry. It requires children to think about the form and structure of their work, and the relationship between form and content.

Use

You might ask your class to write juicy poems as part of a Harvest Festival display, or work on healthy eating, or as part of an exploration of an orange producing country, such as Spain. Alternatively, other fruit motifs and related themes can be developed using this approach.

Make

- ➔ Introduce the format and brainstorm the subject of the poems.
- ➔ Ask children to compose their poems, writing them out as rough drafts.
- ➔ Fix the templates into the circular folders with a central brass fastener so that the poem can be turned as it is read.
- ➔ When children are happy with their work, ask them to write their poems onto the template, putting a line in each section.
- ➔ Children can then decorate their poems by adding colour to the outside.

Display

Hang the poems from the branches of a tree fastened to a wall or anchored in a container. Children can then explore each other's work by lifting the covers to reveal the poem inside. You could also add papier mâché fruit or real fruit to the display to add colour.



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