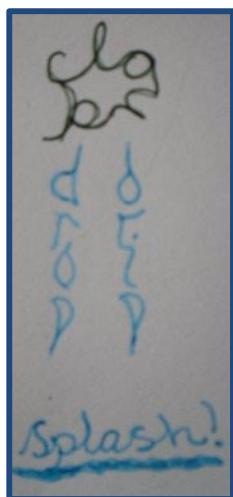


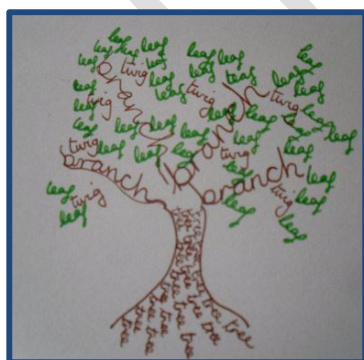
Calligrams

A calligram is a type of poem. It relies on creating a visual picture with words. The best thing about calligrams is that the children have to think of shapes as well as simple words rather than constructing a verse. Calligrams are visually effective, fun to make and lend themselves to display work.

It is helpful to have examples to show children before they start.



Rain Calligram – brainstorm words to do with rain. In this example the words clouds, drip, drop and splash were used. When you have thought of the words, think of how rain falls. It falls from a cloud so the word cloud has been written in fluffy joined writing in a circular shape to denote the cloud. Drip and drop are raindrops. When writing the words it is a good idea to try and make the writing represent the image so the ds at the beginning are written in raindrop shape and the elongated ps imply that it is falling. The word “splash” has been written in a wobbly style to indicate the moment a raindrop hits a puddle.

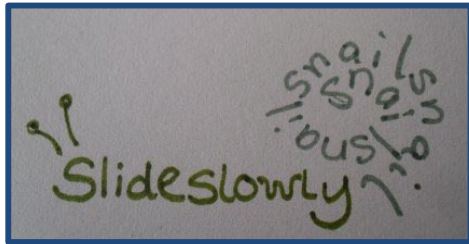


Tree Calligram – quite simply the word tree has been written over and over again to create a tree trunk effect. Where there are branches the word “branch” has been written. In order to get the visual effect the paper is turned

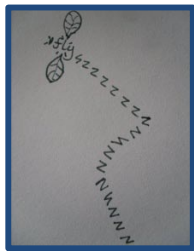


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and the writing angled. The smaller branches are written as “twig” and leaf has been written in green to denote the leaves.



Snail Calligram – the word “snail” has been written in spiral form for the pattern on the shell, the body of the snail says “slide slowly” and 2 little antennae complete it. Notice that snail, slide, slowly is also alliterative.



Fly Calligram – the word “fly” is the body of the fly bordered by a pair of wings, head and legs. The noise that the fly makes is written in a trail of zs.

Sun, Sea, Sand Calligram – try using computer programs to make calligrams. Word Art objects can be edited and changed, rotated and re-sized, grouped and overlaid.

