

Calligrams

Teaching objectives

NLS

Year 3 Term 1 TI4

NC for English

En3 / Writing / Composition / Ia

NC for ICT

Developing ideas and making things happen / 2c

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Writing

Purpose: write for a variety of purposes, including ... their own amusement and enjoyment ... to express their thoughts, feelings and imaginings

Range: write in different forms ... including creative and imaginative writing

Scotland: 5-14 Guidelines English Language

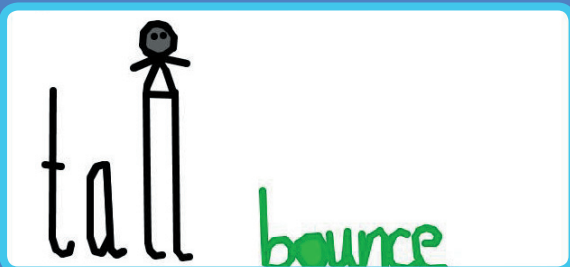
Writing

Level B: write a brief imaginative ... poem with discernible organisation and using adequate vocabulary

Level C: write a brief imaginative ... poem using appropriate organisation and vocabulary

Learning outcome

- The children will understand what a calligram is.



Moovl I

Summary

Calligrams are words that have been written in a certain way so that their meanings are echoed in a design, or enhanced by a design. They can be quite artistic; therefore Moovl lends itself perfectly to their creation.

The children design their own calligrams in Moovl.

Calligram ideas

stairs	lollipop	tree	rain	slide
tall	explode	hot	wave	jelly
bubble	squash	stairs	small	square

Moovl is used:

- to design each individual calligram.

Introduction

Whole class

- Before the children open up the Moovl application, ensure that they have some idea of what a calligram is.
- Using Moovl I, show the children examples of how calligrams can be created in Moovl. Using the hand tool, drag the word *bounce* up to the top of the screen and let go.
- Ask the children if they have any ideas for suitable words. If they find this difficult, give them ideas from the list above for words that lend themselves to the creation of calligrams.
- Once they have chosen a word, they can open up a new Moovl screen and create their own calligram.

Development

In pairs or individually

- Everyone should have a go at creating a calligram in Moovl. They can be drawn simply, using the pen tool. The text tool could also be used.
- If they wish, the children can use the animation tool to further enhance their designs.

Plenary

Whole class

- Share the work that each individual or pair has produced.