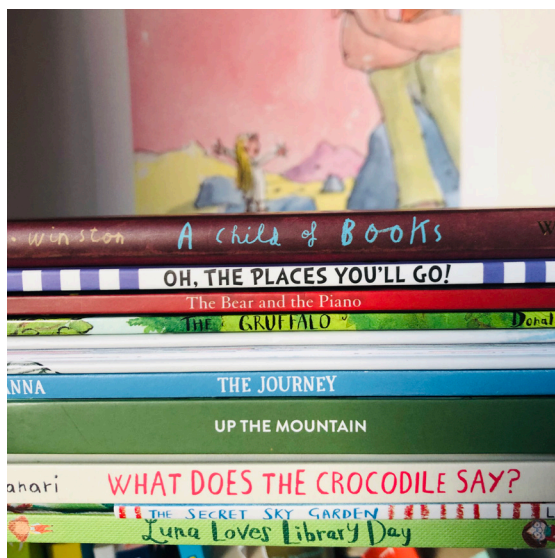




Book Spine Poetry

Task: Write your own Book Spine Poem (also called a cento) using your book collection at home.

Here's an example Miss Robson made using the books from her own bookshelf.
(This one was her favourite!)



An Ode to Picture Books

A child of books,
Oh, the places you'll go!
The bear and the piano,
The Gruffalo.

The journey
Up the mountain,
What does the crocodile say?
The secret sky garden.
Luna loves library day.

Instructions

- * Stand in front of your book collection.
- * Start looking at titles and see which ones stand out to you.
- * Have a pencil and paper with you to write down the most striking titles. Arrange and rearrange the titles on the page. The best part of this type of poetry is the fact that you don't know where you'll end up!
- * Gather the books needed to make your poem, stack them up and take a photo of your finished masterpiece!

Can you think of a title for your poem?
You could challenge yourself to make a poem based on a particular theme, make different types of poems, and even read them aloud to your family!

A **cento** is a piece of poetry completely composed of verses or passages taken from work by other authors.

Bonus points for rhyming poems of haikus!

(A haiku is three lines long, the first line has 5 syllables, the next has 7 syllables and the last line has 5 syllables.)

Turn the page to see more of Miss Robson's attempts at Book Spine Poetry!

Here are some examples Miss Robson made with books from her own bookshelf



A Painful Assignment

"The boy at the back of the class,
Show your work!"

The History of Bees.
"This is going to hurt".

An Almost-Rhyming Love Story

A monster calls,
Into the jungle,
Confessions of a bookseller,
Secrets of a sun king.

The girl with the lost smile,
The boy at the back of the class,
Rosie loves Jack,
Small great things.



A Library Haiku

Max and the millions,
the dragon in the library:
high-rise mystery!

Why You Should Read Children's Books Even Though You Are So Old and Wise

The child that books built,
The bookshop girl,
Great books to read aloud,
Bibliophile!

Tilly and the Bookwanderers,
The Dragon in the library,
The story cure.
Art matters.

