

## Poetree



As you may have guessed the focus of this activity is a tree or trees. If you have one in your garden then hopefully you can use that – if not then maybe you can find one on a walk or ride – you could take photographs to use at home – remember to check with an adult before you touch anything outside.

If possible spend some time looking at the tree – collect a leaf (if you are allowed to) think about its different aspects such as shape, texture, smell and the sound it might make.

Chalk the shape of the leaf onto the tarmac, or draw onto paper, and write inside the leaf outline the words for each of the aspects of the leaf to make a simple calligram poem.

Return to the tree and see if you can look at it in different ways:

- Lying on the ground looking at the branches
- Kneeling with your nose to the bark
- Sitting with your back to the trunk
- Standing looking at the canopy

You could then write a line of poetry inspired by each different view and then put them together. Alternatively ask each member of your family to write a line about the tree. They can write their line on a piece of paper and hang it from the tree or do a collective, spontaneous performance to witness the organic poem formed from their four individual lines.