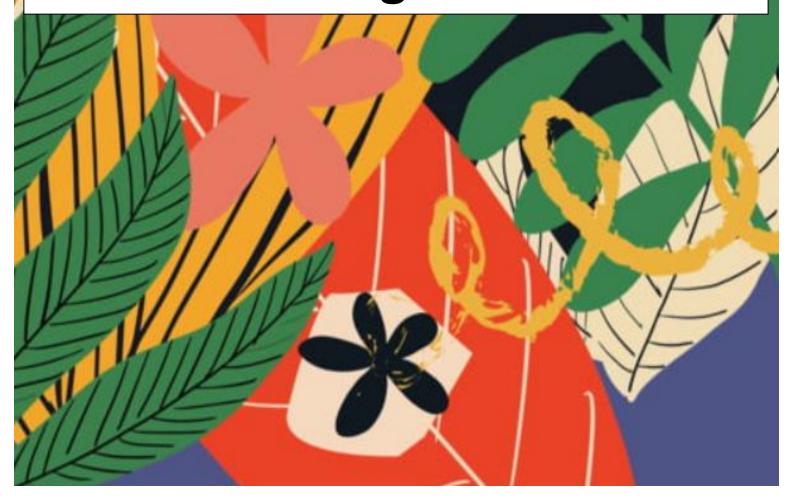
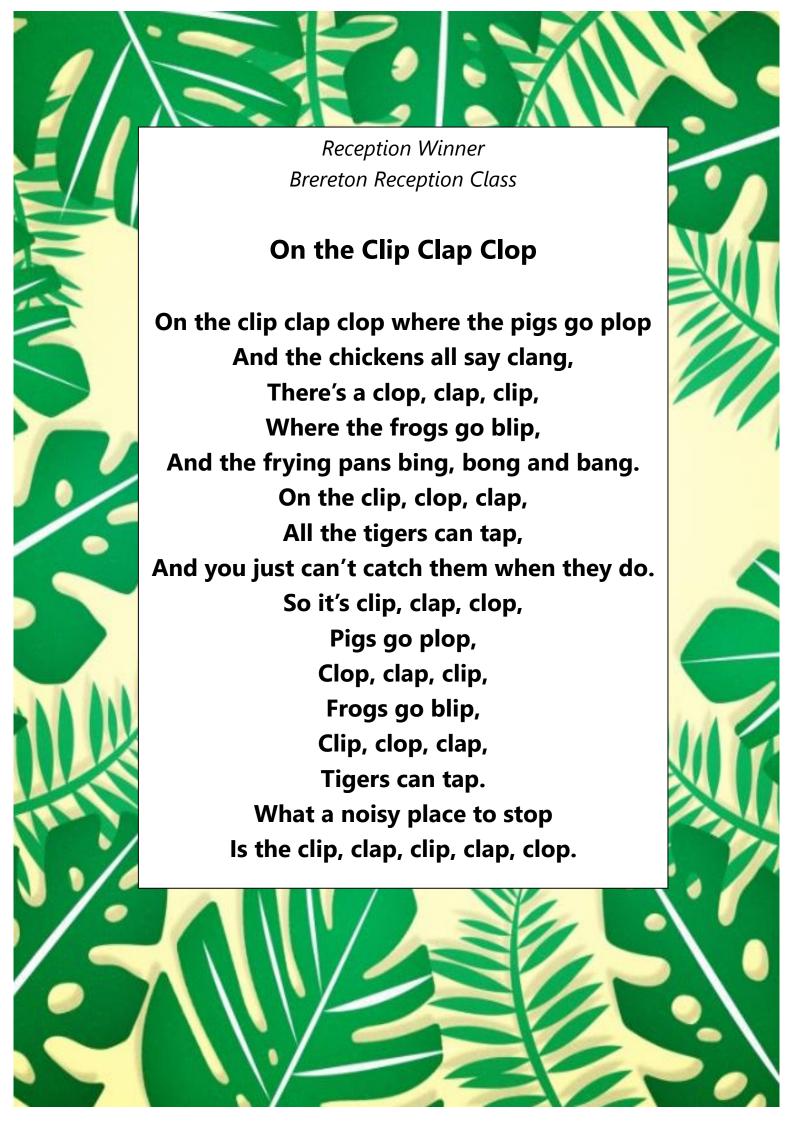
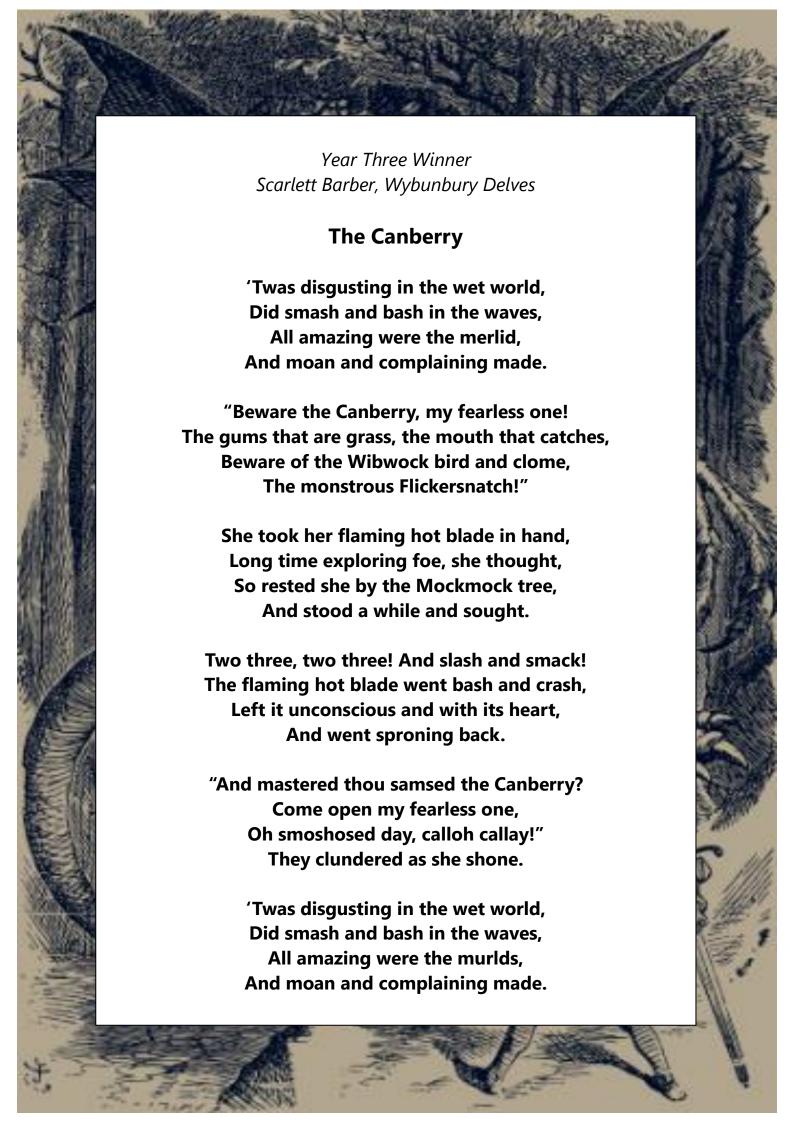


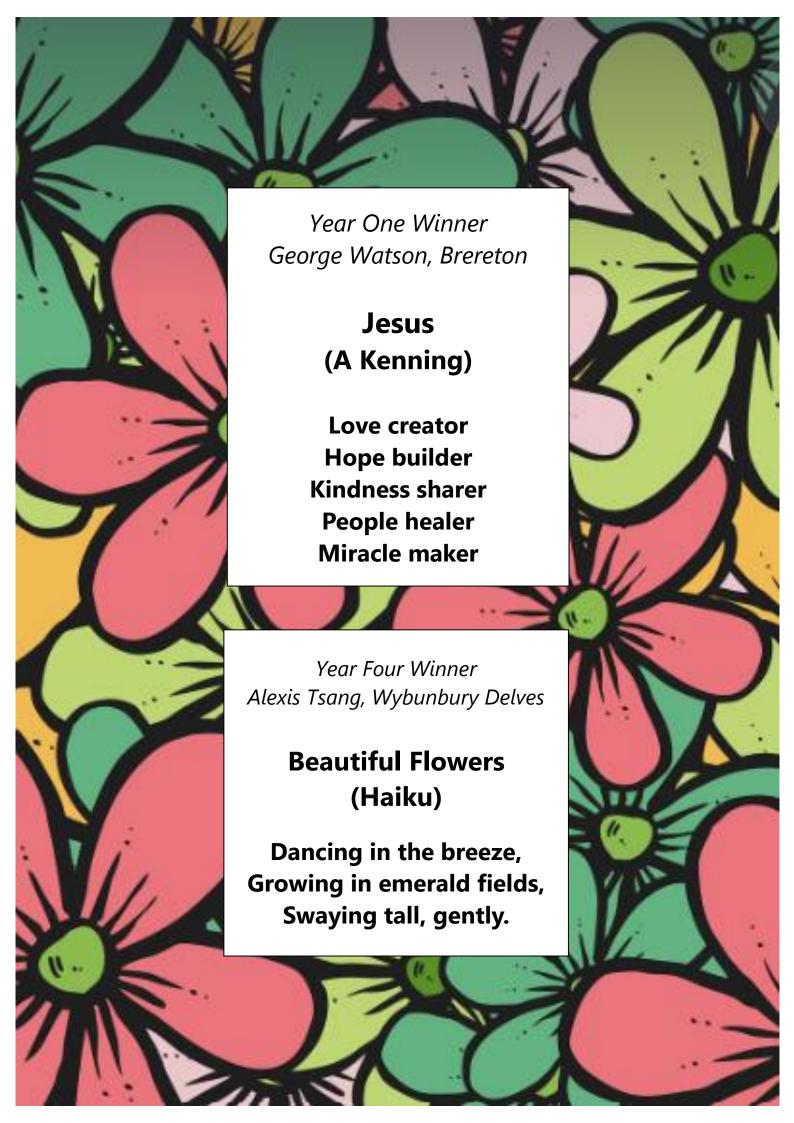
CDAT Poetry Competition 2023 Winning Entries











Year Five Winner Mehreen Mowler, St George's

In the Shadows

"Is there anybody there?" said the traveller, Tapping on the damaged metal gate, His motorbike engine screeching in the silence, The isolated, secure prison Cloudy, gloomy pitch-black night. The traveller smote upon the gate a second time, "Is there anybody there?" he said, Not a soul in sight and still nobody came, Still and noiseless, everybody unseen, Protected, menacing territory. He stood perplexed and still, Only a lone assassin listening to his knock Secretive, unknown, sneaky killer, The drizzling night, The soundless stillness shattered into pieces, The traveller felt in his heart he was not alone. Just a feeling of an unexpected presence. "Tell them I came, and no one answered." That I kept my word," he said. Mute invading the darkness. The assassin heard the motorbike roar into life. Bone-shaking noises, Slowly the chaos fades away, Quiet has returned. Once more alone, hidden from the world.

