

Creative Writing ideas for The Wind in the Willows

Foundation Stage - Splish...Splash....Splosh

Work with a grown-up and see how many splashy sounds you can make by dropping different water toys in the water when you are having a bath.

Which sound is the one you think Mr Toad makes when he jumps in a pond?

Key Stage 1 - Sounds in the Willows

Make the sound of...

A duck
A mole
A toad
A badger
A water vole
A weasel

Put them together to make a sound poem e.g

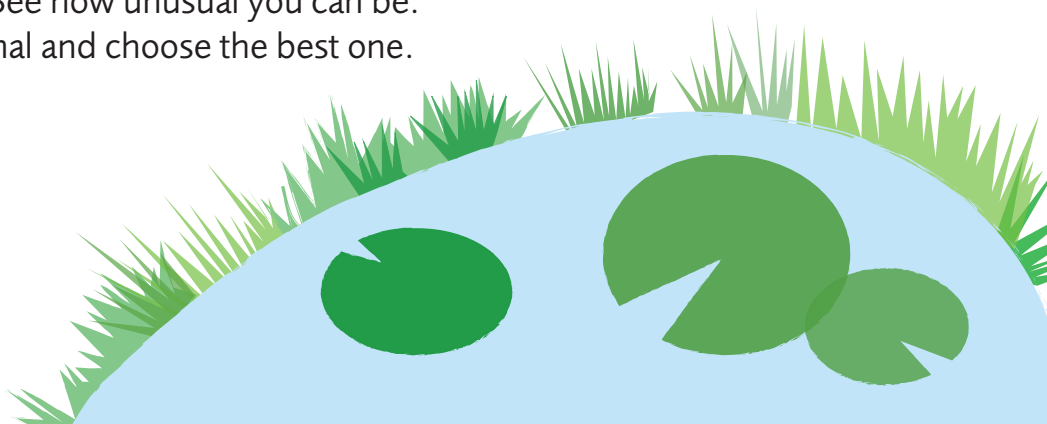
Quack Quack
Pitter patter
Boing boing
Grr Grr
Splish Splash
Rustle Rustle

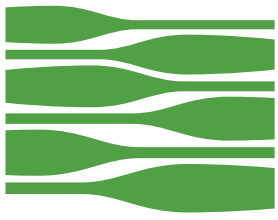


You could do some shared writing with a grown-up who could write the words down for you. You do not have to do the animal sounds in this order.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Sounds in the Willows

Make up a sound poem as above but use an online dictionary or actual dictionary to find some really amazing sound words. See how unusual you can be. Find two sounds for each animal and choose the best one.





Upper Key Stage 2 - Four Friends

Read this poem about the four main characters in the Wind in the Willows. You could make a drumbeat with your family for the chorus. Do a performance.

Four Friends

Toad is quick
Mole is slow
Badger is snoring in his set below
Ratty is boating row row row
Four friends
Four Friends
They stick together till the story ends
Toad steals cars
Mole is ace
Badger is angry you can see it in his face
Ratty is rowing and he wins the race
Four friends
Four friends
They stick together till the story ends.

Weasels are crafty
Stoats are sly
Four friends beat them watch them try
Four friends
Four friends
They stick together till the story ends
Toad stops boasting
Mole is brave
Badger comes out of his woodland cave
Ratty rows past with a victory wave
Four Friends
Four friends
They stick together till the story ends.

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Can you write a new rhyming couplet to make a chorus?

Upper Key Stage 2 – Non-fiction writing

Write a persuasive letter or film a video to one of the characters to see if they can change their ways.

Can you get Toad to stop boasting?

Can you persuade Mole to be brave in the Wild Wood?

Can old Badger get out more?

Suggest that Ratty tries some other sports rather than just rowing.

