



Write a flying insect poem with The Emma Press

We're going to write a poem about your favourite flying insect! If you need help deciding which insect you'd like to write about, you could look back at the poems in *The Bee Is Not Afraid of Me* for inspiration.

Below we have some lines in the shape of a flying insect. You can use this outline for your poem, or flip the page over to the other side if you'd like to make your own.

Write the name of your insect down the middle.

Think about your insect. What would it be like to be that insect? How does the insect make you feel? What interesting facts would you like to tell people about? Write these thoughts onto the lines.

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Read what you've written aloud to yourself. How does it sound? Is there anything about the writing you'd like to change after hearing it out loud? Make those changes.

Now you have your poem!

Why not draw around the lines to form the wings of your insect? Colour it in and draw the particular markings you see on its wings. Art and poetry go together beautifully, don't you think?

For more insect activities, check out pages 82-87 of *The Bee Is Not Afraid of Me*.





How to be an insect observer with The Emma Press

Where do I find insects?

An abundance of insects can be found in the garden, meadow, woodland and wetlands. They like flowers, long grasses and trees. Try exploring a variety of habitats to find different species. For example, you are likely to need to visit water to photograph dragonflies. Do you live near a botanic or National Trust Garden? They can be wonderful places to observe and photograph insects.

What time is best for insect observation?

Early morning is a good time to photograph insects as they may be more still in the cooler temperatures. However, are you a sleepy head in the mornings? No problem. You can still get fantastic insect photographs throughout the day.

What's the secret to being a great insect observer?

The key to photographing insects is patience. Be observant. Take your time. It is easy to walk past insects. Slowing down increases your chances of seeing something special.

Tools you'll need while insect observing:

While walking, take something with you to record what you see. This could be a notebook, pens and some coloured pencils, or a camera if you have access to one.

Next steps:

Sketch or photograph the insects you come across. Take notes – where did you find them? What were they doing? What were their markings, colours and size? What time of day was it and what was the weather like?

Collate (put together) your observations into a colourful illustrated and labelled poster and present them to your class!

To be part of an insect photography competition, and for more activities, visit @fran_long3 on

Instagram.