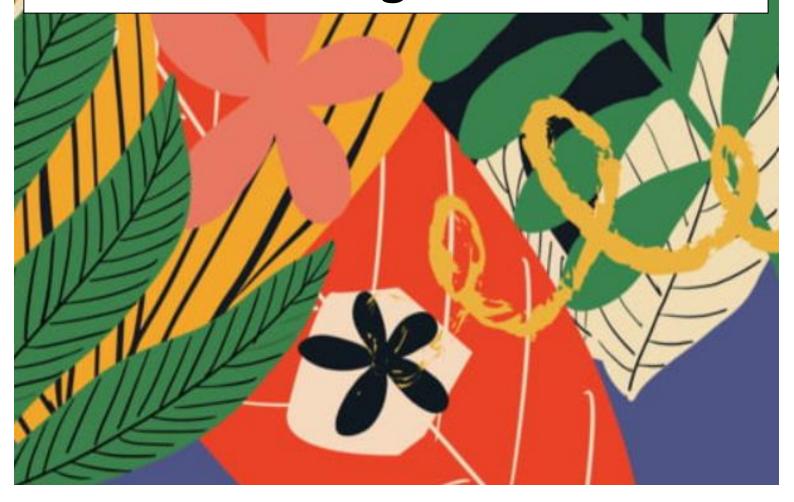
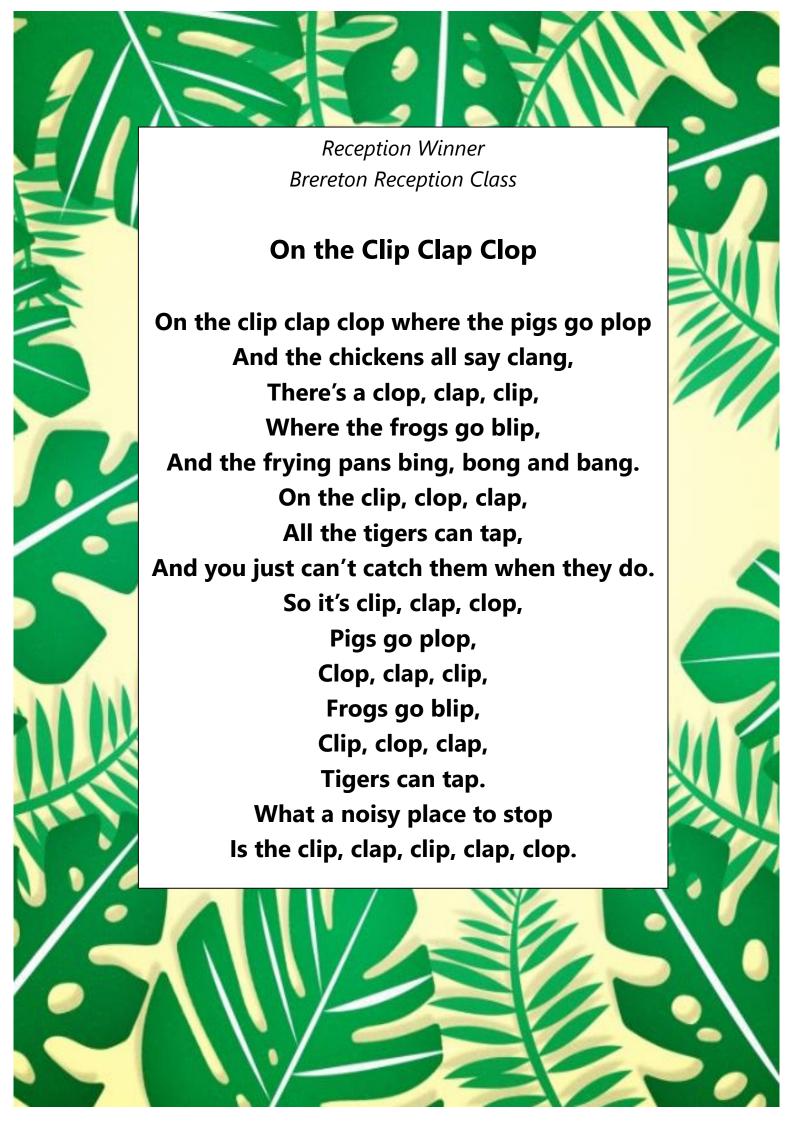
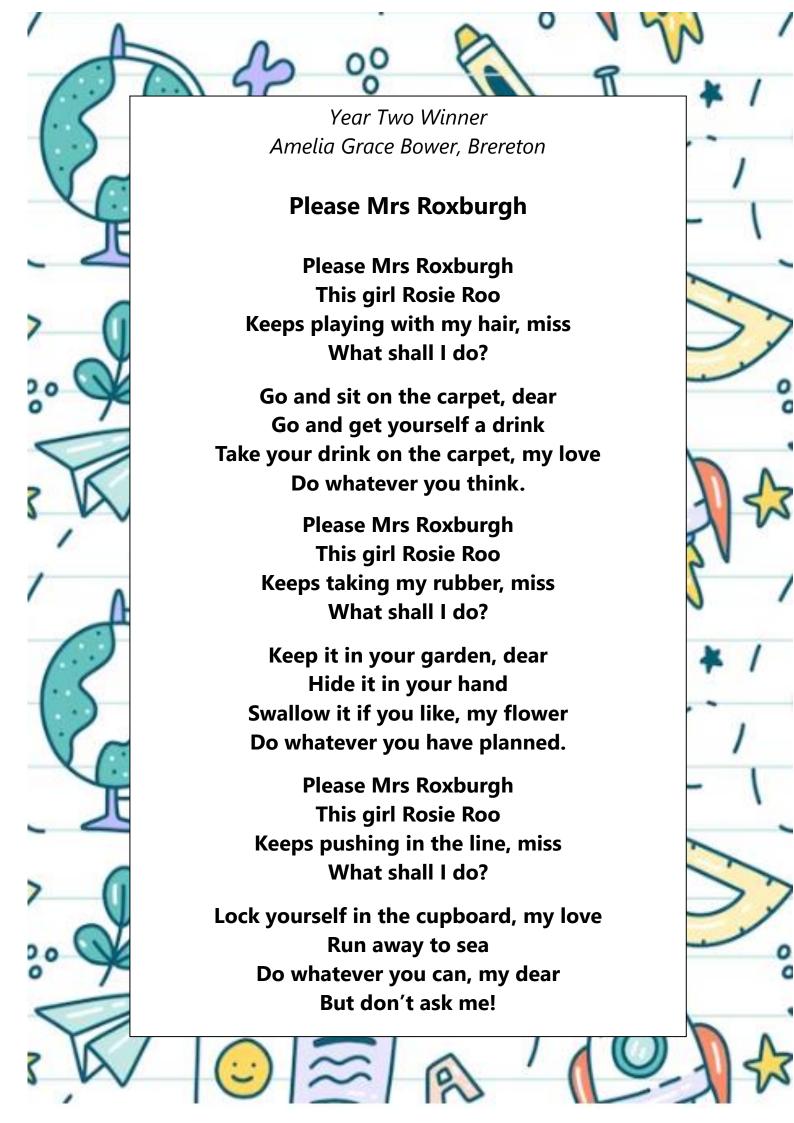
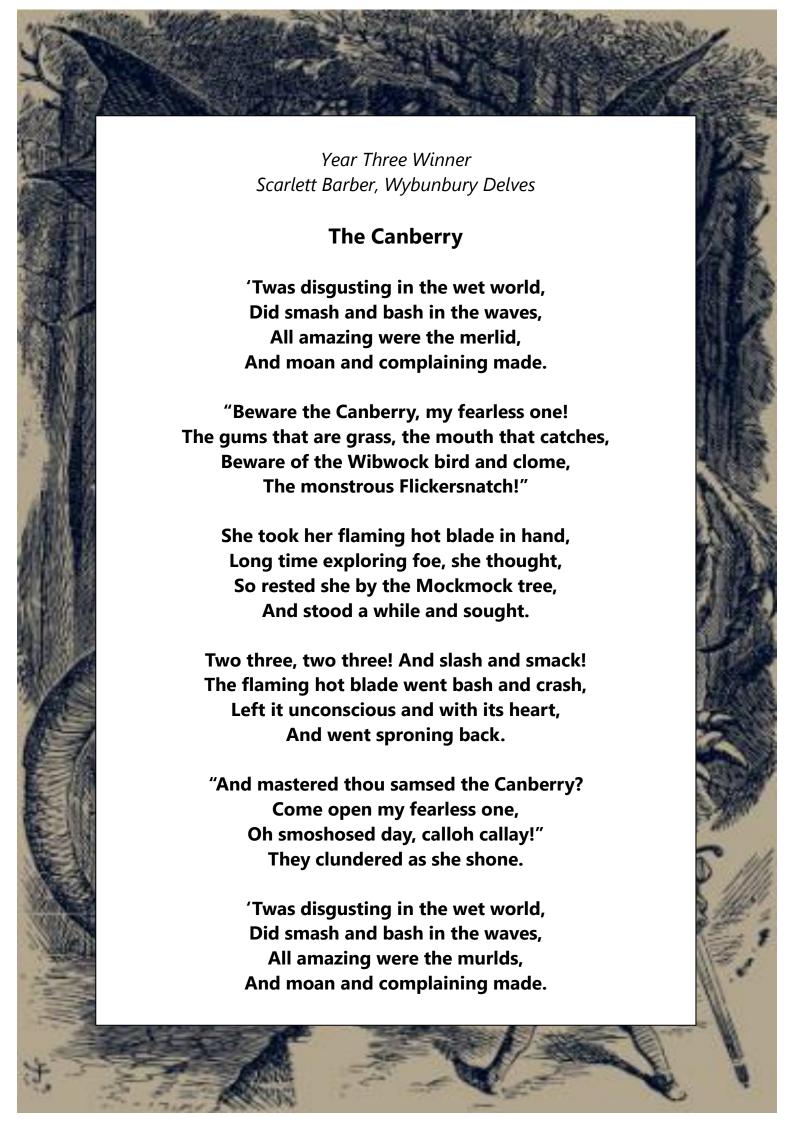


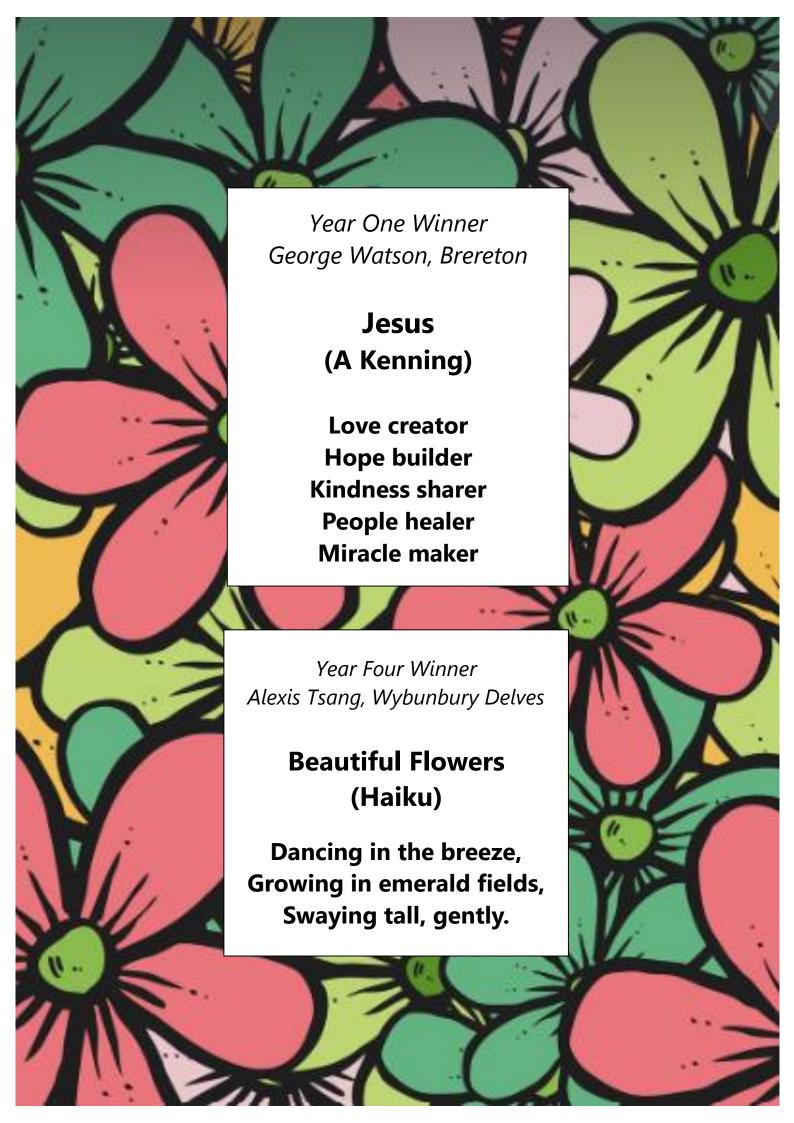
## CDAT Poetry Competition 2023 Winning Entries











## 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.

