

# Portraits and Poetry

A close-up photograph of a bee on a yellow flower, positioned on the right side of the image. The bee is facing left, with its wings and body clearly visible. The flower is in bloom, with several yellow petals and stamens. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of blue and yellow.

A tribute to the Grandparents



# Celebrating our grandparents

- For the final week of our remote learning experience for 2020 we would like you to honour your grandparents.
- Covid 19 has been a difficult time for older people. Many of you have not seen your grandparents for some time, so now we are asking you to write a poem to celebrate their role in your life.

# Brainstorm



Write down all the things that come into mind when you think about your grandparent



Consider all the things they do for you. Don't forget the presents!



Write a list of their hobbies.



Include their favourite foods.



Think about their personality traits-perhaps they are very kind, or forgetful or brave or silly.



Consider all the knowledge they have passed onto you.

# Write a first draft of your poem



Use your ideas in your brainstorm to write your poem



Include adjectives, 'My Grandad Mick is tall and strong.'



Include similes -remember a simile is a comparison of two things and contains the words 'as' or 'like' –e. g ' My granny is as fit as a gazelle.'



Poems do not have to rhyme.



Each line of the poem starts with a capital letter.  
Use the fewest words in the best possible order.  
For example, 'Tall with purple glasses,  
She peers out the window'

# Editing



READ THE POEM  
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YOURSELF.



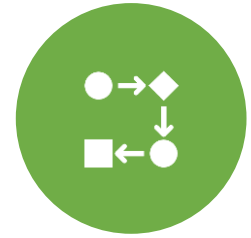
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READ THE POEM  
ALOUD TO AN  
ADULT AT HOME.



CHECK FOR  
SPELLINGS



MAKE CHANGES.

# Final Draft and Picture



Use a sharp pencil.



Use your cursive writing for final draft



Draw a picture of your grandparent on a separate page



Send the poem and picture to your teacher.



The Mermaid Arts Theatre is holding a competition entitled 'Portraits and Poetry'



They would like you to send the poem and the picture to [gallery@mermaidartscentre.ie](mailto:gallery@mermaidartscentre.ie)

# Mermaid Arts Centre Competition Details



[gallery@mermaidartscentre.ie](mailto:gallery@mermaidartscentre.ie)



Send entries to the address above.



Make sure you include title of poem, your name, age and the town you are from.



For the picture make sure you include a title and describe the materials you have used-eg markers, crayons, pastels etc.