

**LO:** To recognise the features of calligrams.

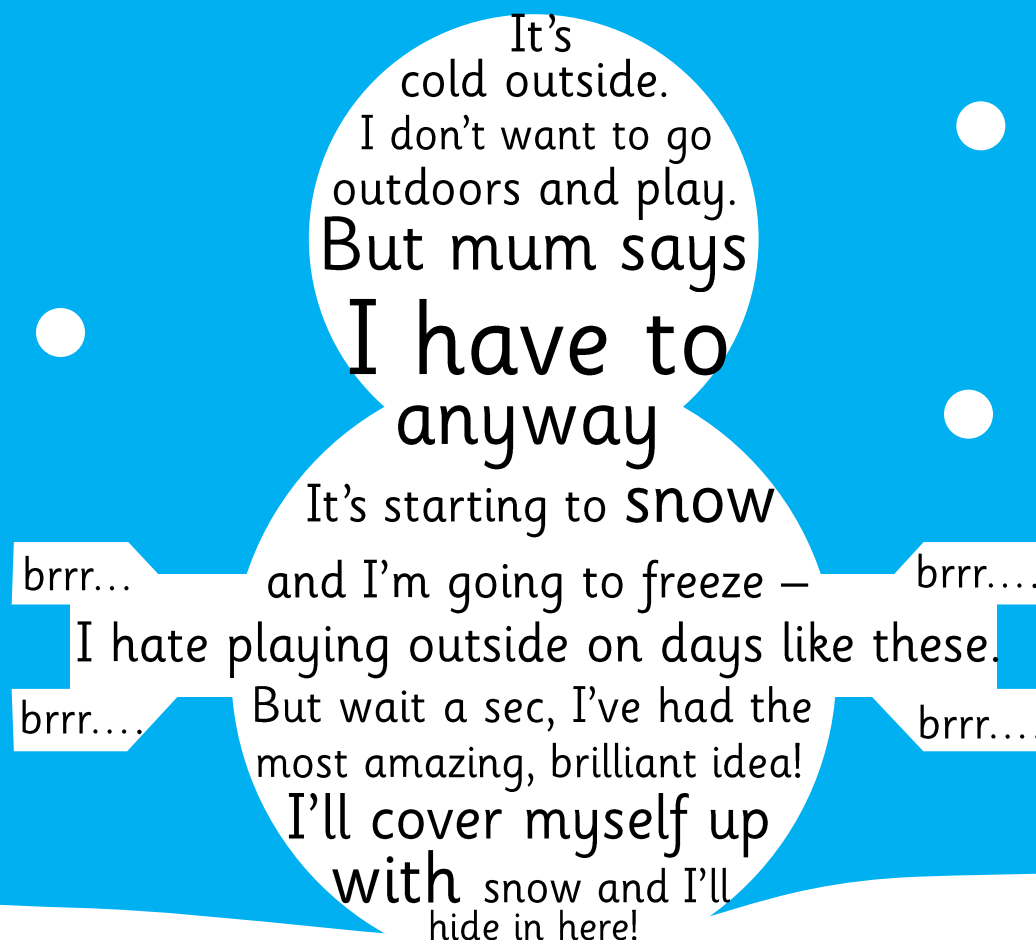
**Success Criteria:**

- I know that calligrams are poems which create a shape.
- I know the shape of a calligram usually represents the topic of the poem.
- I know that calligrams are also known as shape poems or concrete poems.

# Calligram Examples

Calligrams, or shape poems, represent the topic of the poem in their shape.

Have a look at this calligram.



# Calligram Features

What did you notice?

Think about:

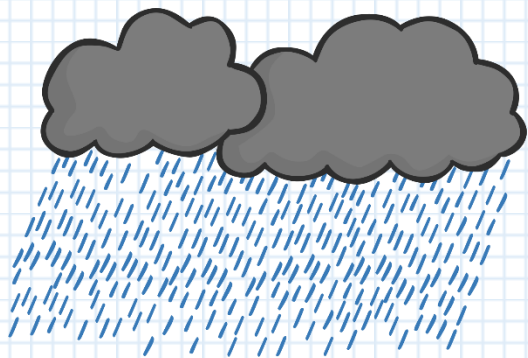
- the position of the words or phrases
- any colours the poet has used
- the shape the poem makes
- Calligrams are often written as 'free' verse
  - they don't have to rhyme!

Some shape poems (like 'The Snowman') are written inside a very light outline of a shape. The words have to be different sizes to fill the shape up just right!

# Your Turn!

Have a look at these poems. How could you make one into a brilliant calligram?

Standing under the bridge  
The river ripples beside me  
I shiver and look out  
At the pouring rain.



My teddy is my best friend  
His fat tummy is made  
For hugging when I 'm happy  
or sad.  
His big ears listen to my secrets  
Soft paws, fluffy fur, bright eyes  
I think he knows  
Everything about me!



Falling leaves  
Swaying, fluttering  
Rustling under foot  
Drifting into piles  
Like autumnal snow  
I miss the green leaves  
When will it be spring  
again?

